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**HNBA ATTENDS INSTALLATION OF THOMAS E. PEREZ AS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AT  
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) will be represented by Zuraya Tapia, Executive Director, and Liz Lopez, Vice President of External Affairs, at the installation ceremony of Mr. Thomas Perez as the new U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice.

“In addition to his expertise in this area of the law, the HNBA endorsed Mr. Perez’s nomination because he is an individual with a passion and commitment to public service. Under his leadership, this Division will be at the forefront of enforcing laws that ensure all individuals in the United States are treated equally and fairly,” said Román D. Hernández, the HNBA National President.

Thomas Perez litigated some of the most high profile civil rights cases during his time as a U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor and U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General. He also served as special counsel to Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and in the Clinton Administration.

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