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### President's Welcome Message

iBienvenidos!

The HNBA sends its wishes for a very Happy New Year to you and yours. The organization ended 2009 with a great deal of activity on the part of regions and affiliates, HNBA advocated before legislators on legal issues pertaining to the Census and Immigration Reform, and highlighted candidates endorsed by the HNBA for judicial posts and positions in the Administration.

In 2010, we look forward to seeing you at our major National events - the Mid-year Corporate Counsel Conference and National Moot Court Competition, Legislative Day, and Annual Convention. I also look forward to working with members as they join the HNBA's unique Committee's and Law Sections and organize regional events. The HNBA continues to educate its members on the most pressing issues affecting Hispanic lawyers and the Hispanic community at large. And don't forget, now is the time to renew your membership or become a member!

Saludos,

Román D. Hernández  
HNBA National President

### HNBA Comments on Disturbing Findings on Law School Diversity

January 11, 2010

The HNBA recently commented on a joint project of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) and the Lawyering in the Digital Age Clinic at the Columbia University School of Law that resulted in data that shows a disturbing trend in law

### Upcoming Events

#### HBA-DC General Meeting

January 21, 2010  
Washington, DC

Beacon Hotel  
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#### HNBA-Region V "The 2010 Census and Its Potential Impact on Voting Rights and the Hispanic Community"

January 21, 2010  
Washington, DC

Beveridge & Diamond, PC  
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#### 18th Annual Latina/o Bar Association Association Awards Fundraiser Dinner

January 29, 2010  
Seattle, WA

Seattle Waterfront Marriott

school diversity that could have serious implications for the future. See <http://blogs.law.columbia.edu/salt>.

The project underscores that efforts to enhance diversity in law school enrollment have not been effective. Until such time as the trend is reversed, the quality of legal education in the U.S. will remain impaired, as will access to the U.S. legal and justice system for many Americans.

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## Avanzando Nuestra Gente



**Judge Gloria M. Navarro**

*(Pictured: Gloria Navarro speaks to Senator Harry Reid during a Spanish Media Press Conference that took place Monday, January 11, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada.)*

On December 24, 2009, President Barack H. Obama nominated HNBA member Gloria M. Navarro for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Ms. Navarro currently serves as Chief Deputy District Attorney for Clark County, Nevada - a position she has held since 2005.

Ms. Navarro is a former president of the Latino Bar Association, a recipient of the Louis Wiener Pro Bono Service Award, and was named "Public Lawyer of the Year" by the Nevada state Bar Association in 2002.

She received her law degree from Arizona State University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



**Justice Eva Guzman**

On January 11, 2010, Eva Guzman was sworn in as Texas Supreme Court Justice. Justice Guzman was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry on October 8, 2009 to replace Justice Scott Brister. She is the first Latina to serve on the state high court.

Justice Guzman received her law degree from South Texas College of Law.

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### CHBA 2010 Annual Banquet & Membership Meeting

January 30, 2010  
Thornton, CO

Stonebrook Manor Event  
Center & Gardens

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## U.S. Representative Luis V. Gutierrez Unveils Comprehensive Immigration Reform Legislation

December 15, 2009

Washington, D.C. - The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) commends **Representative Luis V. Gutierrez** for introducing comprehensive immigration reform legislation and providing a platform to begin debate in the 111th Congress on this issue.

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[Click Here to Read the Bill](#)



## HNBA National President Speaks at Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Event and Membership Drive

December 7, 2009

On November 20, 2009, the **HNBA** and affiliate bar association **Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (LBAW)** held a Meet and Greet with HNBA President **Román D. Hernández**. HNBA and LBAW were hosted by the law firm of **Perkins Coie LLP**.



*(Pictured on the Left from L to R: Jesse Valdez, HNBA Region XVI President; Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President; Javier Garcia, Region XVI Deputy*

*President, Associate, Perkins Coie LLP)*



The event was attended by more than sixty judges, professors, attorneys, paralegals and law students. Among the many notable attendees were: retired Justice **Charles Z. Smith**, Federal Court Judge **Ricardo Martinez**, Superior Court Judge **Mary Yu**, Washington State Attorney General **Rob McKenna**, and Superior Court Judge **Steven Gonzalez**, who was the recipient of the HNBA 2009 Judge of the Year Award. LBAW highlighted the HNBA's recent achievements and provided detailed information regarding the work of **La Promesa en el Derecho** and the 2009 Report from the **HNBA Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession**.

*(Pictured Above from L to R: Justice Charles Z. Smith and Jesse Valdez.)*

## It's That Time of the Year...

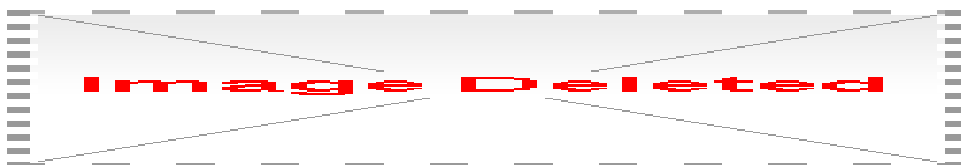
### *Renew Your HNBA Membership Today!*

HNBA membership runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year. If you haven't already, renew your membership today. It's fast and easy. Simply login to our website at [www.hnba.com](http://www.hnba.com). Membership allows you to receive discounts on our upcoming [HNBA Mid-Year Conference](#) and other events. If you have questions, call our National Office at (202) 223-4777.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Annual HNBA Mid-Year Conference Inaugural Corporate Counsel Conference & 15th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition

March 4-6, 2010  
Westin Hotel Gaslamp Quarter San Diego, CA



### HNBA Legislative Day and Capital Awards Ceremony

May 11-13, 2010  
Washington, DC

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## Opportunities

### National Association of Women Lawyers 5th Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition

The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)® has established the annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning women and the law. The rules for the competition are as follows.

[Click Here for Rules and Eligibility](#)

**SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE**

Entries must be received by April 30, 2010. Entries received after the deadline will be considered only at the discretion of NAWL. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to [jsart@uoregon.edu](mailto:jsart@uoregon.edu); and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by April 30, 2010, four paper copies of the essay to:

Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition  
National Association of Women Lawyers  
American Bar Center, MS 15.2  
321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654

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