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The HNBA Announces the Creation of The HNBA Legal Education Fund

Washington, D.C. - The **Hispanic National Bar Association** ("HNBA"), the national voice of the Hispanic legal community, announces the creation of **The HNBA Legal Education Fund** ("the Fund"), a nonprofit foundation that will support the educational and charitable mission of the HNBA. The Fund's creation is a significant milestone for the HNBA because it is the only foundation that is dedicated to assisting the HNBA with accomplishing its charitable and educational mission.

"The HNBA Board of Governors joins me in acknowledging this important occasion for our bar association, as we now have a foundation dedicated to raising funds to support the charitable and educational outreach contemplated by the HNBA," said Mr. **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA National President. "This outreach includes programs that enhance education about the law within the U.S. Hispanic community and the legal profession. The Fund's creation demonstrates the HNBA's commitment in this regard," continued Mr. Hernández.

The Fund's programming will facilitate the education of Hispanics, underrepresented students, and youth about the legal profession and areas of the law generally. It will provide programs designed to expose youth to the legal profession in an effort to break down barriers and stereotypes so that disadvantaged and underrepresented youth may realize that a legal education is within their grasp. The Fund will provide scholarships and other financial support to Hispanics and other individuals from underrepresented communities to pursue legal careers.

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The Hispanic National Bar Association Joins Other National Latino Organizations And Calls for An Economic Boycott of Arizona

Washington, D.C. - Following the **Hispanic National Bar Association's** (HNBA) identification of several grave constitutional issues present within Arizona Senate Bill 1070 ("**SB 1070**"), and in the wake of Arizona Governor **Jan Brewer's** decision to sign SB 1070 into law, HNBA joins other national Latino organizations that call upon organizations and individuals to take five major steps to protest the inherent injustice that this law will perpetrate until it is repealed.

"This law will likely lead to unconstitutional abuses of authority and to racial profiling as accepted police practice," said **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA National President. "The HNBA remains committed to the principles of fundamental fairness, due process, and equal justice under the law for all people, regardless of immigration status. That is why the HNBA continues to speak out

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against this law, and supports economic pressure intended to help repeal it because, regrettably, the seeds of hate, racism and discrimination spread like wildfire unless promptly addressed. The HNBA has learned that at least one other state legislature currently has pending legislation that resembles the Arizona law. We must exert economic pressure when necessary, such as in this instance," he added.

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HNBA and ABA Declare Parallel Views Against Arizona SB 1070

Like the HNBA, the **American Bar Association** (ABA) has spoken out against Arizona Senate Bill **SB1070** on April 30, 2010, and addressed the need for comprehensive immigration reform. "The recently signed immigration law in Arizona runs contrary to the fundamental tenets of our Constitution relative to equal protection and due process. This draconian, and likely unconstitutional, law threatens to reverse nearly 50 years of civil rights advancements in our nation. It is, quite simply put, a law based on prejudice and fear, one whose purpose is to be divisive," stated **Carolyn B. Lamm**, President of the ABA.

"As the ABA's landmark study in our March 2010 report on the immigration adjudication system demonstrates, the U.S. immigration system is fundamentally broken. **Indeed, the ABA is aggressively urging Congress to enact immigration reform as a top priority.** The Arizona law gives the authority of state and local police to engage in a broad range of immigration enforcement activities, enforcement that is - and should remain - a federal responsibility," Lamm noted.

The ABA and HNBA position are aligned on this important issue, as well as on the need to enact comprehensive immigration reform. Both national organizations have stressed that only through a comprehensive national approach can we truly have rule of law and enhance our border and national security; such a national approach will ultimately benefit Arizona and all states. The HNBA commends the ABA for similarly calling for a humane, realistic and comprehensive approach to address the issue of immigration in such a way that preserves our American traditions of fairness and due process under the law.

Click [here](#) for the full statement by Carolyn B. Lamm.

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

HNBA Former Region XVIII President Joins the U.S. Department of Education



Gabriel Sandoval, originally from Los Angeles, California, joins the **U.S. Department of Education** as Senior Counsel in the Office for Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, Mr. Sandoval will serve to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through the enforcement of civil rights.

A graduate of **Columbia Law School**, Mr. Sandoval has a distinguished record in the private, public interest, and government sectors. Most recently, Mr. Sandoval was Deputy Counsel to The Honorable **Antonio Villaraigosa**, the Mayor of Los Angeles, where he advised the Mayor on local, state, federal, and international policy and legal matters. In addition to his other accomplishments in this position, Mr. Sandoval spearheaded the Mayor's initiatives on immigrant affairs and served as the Mayor's point person on issues relevant to disenfranchised communities.

HNBA National President Elected to the Board of Directors of The Oregon Community Foundation

Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President, has been elected to the Board of Directors of **The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF)**, a prestigious not-for-profit foundation whose mission is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. The OCF was created in 1973, and works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support various community causes. Through these funds, The OCF awards more than \$60 million annually in grants and scholarships. The assets of The OCF exceed \$1 Billion making it the sixth largest community foundation in the country. Mr. Hernández joins 13 other Board members who represent a cross-section of influential Oregonians from throughout the state. He is the youngest member of the Board in its history, and is the Board's first Latino member. Congratulations!

For more information on The OCF, visit www.oregoncf.org.

The HNBA Commends the Confirmation of the Honorable Gloria M. Navarro to the U.S. District Court for the District Court of Nevada

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, the **Honorable Gloria M. Navarro** was confirmed to the **U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada** with a vote of 98 to 0 with 2 Senators not voting. Presently, there are no Latino jurists on the District of Nevada bench, making the Cuban-American Judge the first Hispanic to serve in the District of Nevada. Judge Navarro has been confirmed to fill the vacancy left by the **Honorable Brian Sandoval** in late 2009. She was nominated by **President Barack H. Obama** on December 24, 2009. Judge Navarro previously served as Chief Deputy District Attorney for Clark County, Nevada - a position she has held since 2005.

Judge 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.

Regional News

The New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association Hosts Mentorship Panel and Second Annual Law Day Celebration

Through the **HNBA/NMHBA** pipeline mentorship program, **Region XV** reached out to law students and high school students in substantive mentorship settings, and hosted panel discussions or mentorship events throughout the school year. The discussions ranged from "The Keys to Success" to "The Positive Effects of Mentorship." Region XV concluded the 2009-2010 school year with two mentorship celebrations for the law students and the high school students.

The NMHBA hosted its annual scholarship reception on April 27th for the law students, and awarded over \$11,000 to deserving students who will be taking the bar exam this summer. HNBA member, **Benny Agosto**, served as the keynote speaker and delivered an inspiring speech to the students regarding the importance of giving back to younger generations. Mr. Agosto's appearance provided students and attorneys with the opportunity to learn more about HNBA.

Subsequently, on May 3rd, Region XV hosted its **Second Annual Law Day Celebration** in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The public school where the celebration was held incorporates a law academy into its school curriculum, and the community officially dedicated the facilities in honor of **Professor Margaret Montoya** and New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge, the **Honorable Joseph Alarid**. The New Mexico Secretary of State, **Mary Herrera**, was also in attendance and recognized

HNBA and NMHBA's innovate mentorship work with **Atrisco Heritage Academy**. **New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge Michael Bustamante** provided the keynote address.



Ramona E. Romero, HNBA Immediate Past-President

Upcoming Events

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May 11, 2010

HNBA Legislative Day & Capital Awards Dinner

May 12, 2010

Registration Now **CLOSED**

Hispanic Bar Association of DC

PASOS 2010 Graduation

Friday, May 21st, 2010 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Foundation encourages you to attend PASOS 2010, the annual graduation celebration for Latino law students and their families. A suggested donation of \$25.00 will go towards the Foundation's scholarships for law students.

Networking Series Happy Hour Featuring Ayuda

May 27th, 2010 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Current Lounge
1215 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036

All proceeds from this HBA-DC happy hour will go to *Ayuda*, a non-profit working to protect the rights of low-income immigrants in the DC metropolitan area. *Ayuda* is the District's leading source of multi-lingual legal and social assistance for low-income immigrants in the areas of immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault.

5th Annual Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

This event will be held on **Wednesday, August 18, 2010** at the **Doubletree Hotel** in downtown Houston, Texas from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is an important event as it is our opportunity to raise money for the benefit of granting scholarships to the Houston-based law schools.

The HNBA Legal Education Fund Launch Reception

The HNBA will host a series of launch receptions for **The HNBA Legal Education Fund** in cities across the United States. The first reception will take place on **Tuesday, June 8, 2010 in Houston, TX**. All HNBA members, community leaders, corporate representatives, and others are welcome to attend and learn about the important work of The HNBA Legal Education Fund, and its support of the HNBA's charitable and educational outreach efforts.

Date & Time:

Tuesday, June 8th from 5:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Location:

Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend
800 Commerce St.
Houston, Texas 77002

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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 have not done so already, renew your membership today. It's fast and easy. Simply login to our website at www.hnba.com. Membership allows you to receive discounts on HNBA 2010 upcoming events.

As a reminder, you must be a member to vote in our upcoming HNBA Elections. The deadline to become a member to vote in the elections is no later than Monday, May 31, 2010. If you have questions, call our National Office at (202) 223-4777.

Opportunities

HNBA Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession 2nd Annual Awards Nominations

The **HNBA Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession** (Commission) is currently accepting nominations for its **2nd Annual Awards**. The Commission's Annual Award and Special Recognition of local **Latina Primeras** will be presented at the **35th Annual HNBA Annual Convention and 2nd Judicial Summit on September 8-11, 2010** in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the Commission's Annual Luncheon, HNBA awards also will be presented to the **Latina Attorney of the Year and Latina Judge of the Year**. In 1996 at the San Francisco Annual HNBA Convention, the HNBA premiered *Las Primeras*, a visual history of 21 of the first Latinas licensed in the United States. The purpose of the Award is to continue the tradition of recognizing and honoring Latina lawyer pioneers who left her own unique mark on the legal profession, by actively paving the road to success for the Latino community or other Latina lawyers. The Award also will recognize Latina lawyers who demonstrate excellence in a variety of professional settings and personify excellence on either the national, regional, or local level.

We encourage all HNBA members to nominate a Latina attorney who has made significant contributions to the Latino legal community. For more information on the criteria and nomination requirements, [click here](#) to access the nomination form.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **June 1, 2010**.

Each year, this award will honor outstanding Latina lawyers nominated by the membership and selected by the Commission.

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Visit the HNBA's Career Center!

For more information on HNBA Job Postings for HNBA Members, [click here](#).

The National Association for Hispanic Federal Executives (NAHFE) Seeks General Counsel

The **National Association for Hispanic Federal Executives** (NAHFE) is looking for a volunteer to fill the General Counsel vacant position.

NAHFE's mission is to help identify, encourage, prepare and promote the advancement of Hispanics into the Senior Executive Service (SES) ranks. For more information about NAHFE, please visit: <http://www.nahfe.org/>.

For further questions, please contact **Dolores Padgett** at 202-482-4174 or 703-338-7943.

The Social Security Administration has Multiple Vacancies for Attorney Adviser/Law Clerk Positions

Applicants must provide a current resume and official college transcript. Attorney adviser candidates also must provide proof of bar membership.

The Attorney Adviser and Law Clerk positions with the **Social Security Administration's** Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Office of Appellate Operations (OAO) will be located in Arlington (Crystal City) or Falls Church, VA. The Law Clerk position has a starting salary at a GS-9 level. The Attorney Adviser position has a starting salary at the GS-9 or GS-11 level, dependent on education and experience, with promotional potential to the GS-12 level. Successful completion of the

certification process allows noncompetitive promotion to the GS-13 level. For more information about the salary and benefit structure, please go to the website of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management at www.opm.gov.

For more information about the **Appeals Council and the Social Security** appeals process, visit the website:

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/appeals/appeals_process.html

This job is sedentary and performed in an office setting with extensive computer usage.

Please send your application materials to: Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Office of Appellate Operations, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1400, Falls Church, VA 22041, Attn: Dee Ann Shuff, Legal Hiring Team or electronically to: ODAR.OAO.Recruitment@ssa.gov. Phone contact: Dee Ann Shuff, 703-605-8256.

The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute Seeks Candidates to Serve as General Counsel on Its Board of Directors

The **Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute** (CHLI) seeks the services of a General Counsel to provide its board of directors and staff with pro bono legal counsel on matters relating to its operations as a non-profit organization. CHLI is one of the nation's leading Hispanic non-profit organizations based in Washington, D.C.

The General Counsel will work directly with the Executive Director and provide the Board of Directors with strategic advice and assistance, as well as attend all board and committee meetings. Interested candidates may not be registered lobbyists.

For more information, please contact **Octavio Hinojosa**, Executive Director at (202) 347-8280, ext. 301 or via email at ohinojosa@chli.org.

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