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Dear HNBA Members,

We want to thank our participants and sponsors for making the **2010 HNBA Legislative Day & Capital Awards Dinner** a huge success! A special thank you to our distinguished awardees, **Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)**, **Senator Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC)**, and **Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (IL-4)**; and distinguished guests, **Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)**, **Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-18)** and **Congressman Ben Ray Luján (NM-3)**.

HNBA members from **20 states**, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico met with **84 U.S. Senate and U.S. House offices** to advocate for (1) an HNBA model for an earned and secure path to citizenship - a key component of comprehensive immigration reform legislation; and (2) greater diversity and increased compensation in the federal judiciary.

The HNBA kicked off its Legislative Day with a Welcome Reception hosted by **Jones Day**. Congressman Ben Ray Luján (NM-3) served as keynote speaker, where he welcomed our members to the capital.



U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Luján (NM-3)

The next day, HNBA members gathered for a Congressional Breakfast & Policy Briefing, where Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) served as keynote speaker and inspired our members to charge ahead for their Congressional meetings. In addition, distinguished panelists discussed the most salient issues in Congress, and the Latino community in particular. **Leslie Sanchez**, CEO, Impacto Group, served as moderator, and **Andres Ramirez**, Senior Vice President, NDN, and **Estuardo V. Rodriguez, Jr.**, Director, Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary, served as panelists.



U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

Following a full day on the Hill, HNBA members, sponsors and friends convened at the Newseum for the Capital

Awards Reception & Dinner. Senator Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC) and Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (IL-4) accepted their Capital Awards and shared inspiring remarks.



(Pictured on the Left from L to R: Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President; U.S. Senator Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC); Benny Agosto, Jr., Co-Editor of HNBA Journal of Law & Policy)

(Pictured on the Right from L to R: Uvaldo Herrera, HNBA General Counsel; U.S. Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (IL-4); Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President)

Legislative Day was once again a very successful event where our HNBA members had the opportunity to have their voices heard throughout the halls of Congress on issues of importance to our community. Pictures of the event will be available on our web site on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.



(Liz Lopez, HNBA Vice President of External Affairs & Event Co-Chair; Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President; Alejandra Y. Castillo, Event Co-Chair)

We already miss Washington, DC, but find ourselves looking forward to Minneapolis! So put it on your calendar now: the **HNBA 35th Annual Convention** in Minneapolis, MN, September 8-11, 2010. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Román D. Hernández
HNBA National President

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