

Ricardo Aponte-Parsi

For HNBA Vice President of Regions

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Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from Puerto Rico, la Isla del Encanto! My name is Ricardo Aponte Parsi, and I am running for HNBA National Vice President of Regions. I had the good fortune of meeting many of you at the 2007 HNBA Annual Convention in San Juan. I co-chaired that Convention, which was one of the best attended HNBA Convention to date and among the most financially successful. Over 800 Latino lawyers gathered in San Juan to learn, network, celebrate and form lasting friendships.

I have been a member of the HNBA since 2000, and a Benjamin Aranda Lifetime Member since 2003. I am a strong believer in the goals and mission of our Association. For that reason, I have volunteered my time to the HNBA for many years. For example, I have served on the Board of Governors continuously since 2002, when I was elected Regional President for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2008 I was elected VP of Sections and Committees. My vision is one of **Leadership through Teamwork**.

About Me

I am an attorney in private practice and a Business and Government Affairs consultant based in Puerto Rico. I obtained a B.A. from Syracuse University (1991) with a major in International Relations and my Juris Doctor from the Inter American University School of Law of Puerto Rico ("Facultad de Derecho Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico") in 2000. I served for two years as Assistant for Federal Affairs to the President of the State Senate of Puerto Rico (1997-1999), the Honorable Charles A. Rodriguez.

My areas of practice include Civil Law, Contracts, Corporate Law and Real Estate, Mergers & Acquisitions, Non Profits, Eminent Domain issues and Notary work. Furthermore, I am also a Senior Associate with Amelia Consulting Group, LLC, a strategic consulting firm with offices in Washington, DC, Mexico City and San Juan. The firm specializes in Fundraising and Non Profit Management.

As noted above, I served as the HNBA's Regional President for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and served as the Co-Chair of the 2007 HNBA Convention Committee. In addition, I am a member of a number of professional and civic organizations such as Pro-Bono, Inc, the Santurce Rotary Club, the American Association of Grant Professionals (AAGP), the Puerto Rico Bar Association and the American Bar Association (ABA). My wife, Waleska Rodriguez (LD/MHSN), and I are the proud parents of a daughter named Monica.

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The 2007 HNBA Annual Convention

Along with my friend and colleague, Andres W. López, I co-chaired the Host Committee for the 2007 HNBA Annual Convention “Lawyering in the Americas” which was held at the Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 3-6, 2007. I was part of a **Team** of remarkable individuals, who worked countless hours to organize and host what by all accounts was one of the best conventions in HNBA history. We had record numbers for the convention, including revenue in the amount of \$907,496.99 and an attendance of 817 people.

The 2007 Convention was a success because we all worked as a **Team**, putting the benefit of the HNBA above anything else. Our effort was one of transparency and accountability, with a constant flow of information to the Board of Governors. Every effort was made to accommodate the requests and needs of all HNBA members in order to ensure that everyone’s participation in the Convention was a memorable experience.

I believed so strongly in the work of the HNBA and in our Convention that I became a Sponsor, making a contribution from my office. Furthermore, for the first time in many years, our region neither requested nor received any share of the Convention’s considerable profits: the full amount of the monies raised went directly to the HNBA to support its programs and benefit all of its members. Once again, this was achieved not by one person’s role, but as the result of **Leadership through Teamwork!**

My Vision for the HNBA Regions

I decided to run for Vice President of Regions because for the last two years, HNBA regions have maintained continuity and consistency in their work, and I want to build upon that success. I am confident that I can work with the incoming President and the rest of the Board of Governors who will take office in September to continue and enhance the work done so far.

To strengthen and empower the HNBA’s Regions and Affiliates we must recognize its leaders as a major governance engine of our Association and essential contributors in the formulation of our policy positions. Our members are extremely busy people whose time is a valuable. We need strong Regional leadership, **Leadership through Teamwork**. Our Regions and Affiliates serve as the training grounds for future HNBA leaders, as strong sources of professional enrichment for our members, and as the foundation for the HNBA programming. If you give me the chance, I will foster their active work by establishing clear and precise performance management mechanisms. In this way, we can guarantee that they will fulfill expectations and their members will see the rewards of their work being adopted by the HNBA.

I am Ready to Serve

I have served the HNBA for many years, and my commitment is strong. I am committed and dedicated to ensuring that the HNBA grows, that our voices are heard, and that the Association moves forward. Only through **Leadership through Teamwork** can the HNBA

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provide its members an effective vehicle for advocacy and professional growth. I ask for your support and your vote, and offer you my commitment to serve.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions. You can e-mail me at Ricardo@aponte-parsi.com or raparsi@gmail.com. Or call me at 787- 777-0610.

Un abrazo Boricua, relegate

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