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June 21, 2010

HNBA Joins as Amicus Curiae to Challenge Arizona Senate Bill 1070

Washington, D.C. - The Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA"), the national voice of the Hispanic legal community, announces that it has joined the **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**, **Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association of Arizona**, and the **U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** as amici curiae in support of a motion for a preliminary injunction against **Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 (SB 1070)** filed by plaintiffs in that matter. The amici brief was prepared by **LatinoJustice PRLDEF** and the law firm of **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP**.

On May 17, 2010, the plaintiffs, including the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**, **Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC)**, **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)**, **National Day Labor Organizing Network (NDLON)**, and **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**, filed a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief in the **U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona** challenging the Arizona law.

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The HNBA Legal Education Fund Launch Reception a Success



(Pictured L to R: Benny Agosto, Jr., The Fund Board of Directors; Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President; Professor Lupe Salinas, Chair of the HNBA Civil Rights Section.)

The Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA") and The HNBA Legal Education Fund ("The Fund") are pleased to announce that the first reception commemorating the launch of The Fund was a success, with The Fund receiving its first donations that total over \$10,000.00. The HNBA recently created The Fund to assist it with its educational and charitable mission, and by all indications, The Fund is off to a great start.

The Fund's reception in Houston, Texas was held at the law firm of **Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend**, and had nearly 70 people in attendance, including HNBA Board members, HNBA attorneys, members from the judiciary, law students, and representatives of various corporations. The event featured brief remarks by **HNBA National President Román D. Hernández** who stated, "The fact that The Fund was created by the HNBA just a month and half ago, yet we were able to have nearly 70 people present to learn about the work of The Fund in supporting the HNBA's charitable and educational mission is a great thing. Receiving over \$10,000.00 from donors during the reception was even better because it shows the commitment of HNBA members and partners."

Mr. Benny Agosto, Jr., a member of The Fund's Board of Directors, commented, "I was very pleased and honored to have been the first donor to The Fund. The Fund's support of the HNBA's charitable and educational mission will undoubtedly lead to other donations, which is exactly what occurred during The Fund's initial launch reception."

The next national launch reception for The Fund will be held in **Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 pm**, more information below.

About The HNBA Legal Education Fund:

The HNBA Legal Education Fund ("The Fund"), incorporated in April 2010, is a not-for-profit, charitable and educational organization dedicated to promoting and facilitating educational programs, exposing underrepresented students and professional to the benefits and opportunities in the legal profession, providing scholarship and financial support to individuals from underrepresented communities to pursue legal careers, and supporting the charitable and educational mission of the Hispanic National Bar Association. The Fund is based in Washington, DC, and is the only foundation affiliated with the Hispanic National Bar Association. To learn more about The Fund please visit the Fund's website: www.hnbafund.com

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The HNBA Legal Education Fund Reception Washington, DC

Event Details:

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Host:

PepsiCo
325 7th Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC

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This is a widely attended event in compliance with House/Senate ethics rules

HNBA Presents at LWV National Convention

HNBA Executive Director, **Zuraya Tapia-Hadley**, presented at the **2010 National Convention of the League of Women Voters (LWV)**, celebrating the organization's 90th anniversary. Ms. Tapia was joined on the panel, entitled "The Quest for a More Diverse Judiciary: Is it Attainable?," by **Ciara Torres-Spelliscy** of **The Brennan Center for Justice**, and **Carol W. Hunstein**, **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia**. Zuraya's presentation explained the process by which the HNBA works with White House Counsel and the U.S. Congress to advance qualified and diverse candidates in the Judiciary, and highlighted the findings of the Report by the **HNBA Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession**, "Few and Far Between: The Reality of Latina Lawyers."



Regional News

Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia

On June 8, 2010, the **Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC)** held a **Trade in the Americas Panel. The World Cup Kick-off Celebration** raised over \$2,000 for Haiti United, which delivers gear, equipment and soccer uniforms to Haiti to help provide quality recreation opportunities for youth displaced by January's earthquake. The event was also co-sponsored by the Washington International Trade Association, the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, UNICA, and the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center. The reception hostess was Regina Vargo, Senior Director, Greenberg Traurig.

The panel, moderated by Jimmie V. Reyna, HNBA Past President, discussed how Trade in the Western Hemisphere has undergone a sea change in the past 15-20 years, with trade flows growing exponentially as markets mature, economies expand, and barriers shrink or fall. Implementation of several US bilateral FTAs has generated positive mutual trade flows with the US, but this is far from the full story. Other regional trade blocs have been created, two-way trade has grown considerably in many cases, and international agencies such as the IDB have provided critical funding and expertise to lay the groundwork for continued expansion. Our panel of experts and insiders will give us extremely divergent snapshots of trade topics in the Americas, each compelling in their own way, each contributing to a mosaic picture of Trade in the Americas as it stands today, and where it is headed.

HNBA Region II-New York

On Wednesday, June 16, 2010 **The New York Region of the HNBA** held a networking event and general membership meeting in New York City. **White & Case LLP** sponsored the meeting and members discussed activities of the HNBA over the past few months and planned future events for the region.

Upcoming Events



DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER FOR THE 2010 HNBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT WILL END SOON!

The **HNBA 35th Annual Convention** "El Futuro Sin Límite/Future Without Limits" will be held September 8-11, 2010 at the elegant downtown **Hilton Minneapolis**.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are a vibrant, multicultural, metropolitan area with a wide array of Fortune 500 companies, numerous recreational and cultural activities, and nationally recognized legal institutions.

Don't miss out on:

Continuing Legal Education programs for lawyers, judges and law students, with accreditation in all states, including the **Second Annual HNBA Judicial Summit**

The nation's largest Hispanic Career Fair for law students and legal professionals

Numerous networking opportunities including:

- Opening Reception at Orchestra Hall, with a performance by the internationally acclaimed Minnesota Orchestra
- Fine dining and entertainment at the Science Museum of Minnesota
- The Gala Dinner at the Hilton

For more details and to register, [click here](#).

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ya es hora ¡Ciudadania! National Citizenship Month Workshops

During the month of July national and local ya es hora partners will be hosting citizenship workshops throughout the nation as part of the ya es hora ¡Ciudadania! National Citizenship Month. Each workshop will need volunteers, attorneys, and local community support.

ya es hora and the **American Immigration Lawyers Association, AILA**, are committed to supporting your local efforts. For this reason, the **NALEO Educational Fund, Mi Familia Vota Education Fund, SEIU**, and the **National Council of La Raza** have partnered with AILA to host national webinar trainings for volunteers who will be participating in ya es hora ¡Ciudadania! events around the country. Each of the local partnering organizations will have the opportunity to offer this training via webinar to their volunteers. This FREE webinar training will cover the basics of filing out an N-400 application, red flags to watch out for while filling out the application, eligibility requirements, and legal insight into the naturalization process. Below you will find webinar date and time information and attached you will find registration information along with a calendar of workshops scheduled for July.

Monday, July 5th @ 10:00 am PDT / 1:00 pm EDT

Presented by: Sheila Starkey Hahn, Law Offices of Sheila Starkey Hahn, AILA

Tuesday, July 6th @ 11:00 am PDT / 2:00 pm EDT

Presented by: Nicolette Glazer Esq. Law Offices of Larry R Glazer, AILA

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 students at Houston-based law schools. Contact **Benny Agosto, Jr.** for more information at bagosto@abrahamwatkins.com.

Reminders!

You're Half Way There...

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. If you have questions, call our National Office at (202) 223-4777.

Opportunities

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HNBA's Membership Publication

Noticias is the official publication of the **Hispanic National Bar Association** (HNBA). **Noticias** is published bi-annually and is provided as a benefit to its members.

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