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June 7, 2010

The HNBA Hosts CBAC Annual Meeting

On May 25-26, 2010, the **Hispanic National Bar Association** hosted the Annual Meeting of the **Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC)**. Established in 1992, CBAC acts as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations and is comprised of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), **National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)**, the **National Bar Association (NBA)**, and the **National Native American Bar Association (NNABA)**. The Presidents and Presidents-Elect of each organization convened in Washington, DC to discuss and present resolutions of support for legislative priorities such as comprehensive immigration reform, an increase in federal judicial compensation, the **Tribal Law and Order Act**, among others.

The CBAC members met with **Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)**, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary; **Susan Davies**, Associate White House Counsel, and **Christina Tchen**, Director of White House Office of Public Engagement. At the Department of Justice, CBAC met with **Thomas E. Perez**, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, and **Lanny Breuer**, Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. "The CBAC meeting is a unique opportunity that allows its members to demonstrate that we are a united front on important issues that affect our respective communities," stated **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA National President. "We look forward to continuing to work with our CBAC partners."



The HNBA Legal Education Fund

Receptions

HNBA partners will host a series of receptions to celebrate the launch of The HNBA Legal Education Fund. The Fund supports the Hispanic National Bar Association's (HNBA) educational and charitable missions, including identifying and providing financial assistance to worthy programs that address education and the law within the U.S. Hispanic community and legal profession. The HNBA Legal Education Fund is the only non-profit corporation that is affiliated with the HNBA.

Please join the Board of Directors of **The HNBA Legal Education Fund (The Fund)**, HNBA members, community leaders, corporate representatives, and others to learn about the important work of The HNBA Legal Education Fund, and its support of the HNBA's charitable and educational outreach efforts. The first reception will be held in Houston, TX, the second in Washington, D.C. Stay tuned for subsequent events.

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 Houston, TX

Event Details:

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

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Host:

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

RSVP to:

Benny Agosto, Jr.
bagosto@abrahamwatkins.com
(713) 222-7211

Click [here](#) to view the invitation.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 **Washington, DC**

Event Details:

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

Host:

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

RSVP:

Kyle Cormney
cormney@thec2group.com
No later than June 18, 2010

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

Regional News

Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia

On May 27, 2010, members of the **Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia** (HBA-DC) enjoyed meeting friends and colleagues at a second series of Happy Hour networking socials designed to showcase the city's non-profit legal service providers that work with the Hispanic community. HBA-DC featured **Ayuda**, a legal service provider that has been serving the Hispanic community for over thirty years. The event was co-sponsored with the D.C. chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and succeeded in raising substantial funds for Ayuda through contributions at the event and by raising awareness of Ayuda's activities.

Hispanic Bar Association of Houston

On May 27, 2010, the **Hispanic Bar Association of Houston** (HisBA) had its **Annual President's Day Banquet**, which serves as the primary revenue source for **HisBA's Bar Review Scholarship**, **James DeAnda Scholarship Program**, and **HisBA's First-year Law Student Scholarship Program**. Each year award scholarships are distributed to law students at each of the three Houston-area law schools.

The day began with Texas Supreme Court **Justice David Medina** as the guest speaker during the Judicial Luncheon. In the evening, **Thomas A. Saenz**, President and General Counsel of the **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund** (MALDEF) served as the Keynote Speaker. **Daniel Guzmán**, KPRC Local 2 Reporter, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The Hispanic Bar Association proudly awarded its Lifetime Achievement Award to **Mr. Roland Garcia**. Mr. Garcia is a shareholder at **Greenberg Traurig, LLP.**, an international firm has been named No. 1 for most minority partners and USA Law Firm of the Year.

Maryland Hispanic Bar Association

The Maryland Hispanic Bar Association held a "Meet and Greet" reception in Baltimore on June 2, 2010 for Baltimore area judges. Approximately 15 judges from Baltimore City and three of the surrounding counties attended along with **Alexander Sanchez**, Maryland's Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Secretary Sanchez will be the Keynote Speaker at the MHBA's Gala on September 16, 2010.

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Bar Association of DC

Event Name:

Trade in the Americas panel and World Cup Kickoff Celebration

Brought to you by HBA-DC, the Washington International Trade Association (WITA), Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, UNICA, Office of Trade Promotion at the Ronald Reagan Building

Where:

**Pavilion, Ronald Reagan Building
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-312-1600**

When:

**June 08, 2010
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Cost:

\$75.00

Event Description:

Speaker panel on "Trade in the Americas": 4:00PM - 5:30 PM

Panel speakers: Brigid BENITEZ, Chief, Office of Institutional Integrity, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Sally YEARWOOD, Executive Director, Caribbean-Central American Action; Joel VELASCO, Chief Representative, North America, Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA); and Ryan HILL, Director, Global Policy, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

Moderator: Jimmie Reyna, Partner, Williams Mullen

World Cup Kickoff Celebration includes open bar and Latin-style food: 6-9 PM
Reception Hostess: Regina Vargo, Senior Director, Greenberg Traurig.

The World Cup Kickoff Celebration will include a silent auction of national soccer jerseys donated by embassies in DC to benefit the charity Haiti United, which delivers gear, equipment and soccer uniforms to Haiti to help provide quality recreation opportunities for youth displaced by January's earthquake.

Click [here](#) for more information

Contact:

**202-312-1600
events@wita.org**

Event 2:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia will be hosting a reception for area summer associates, clerks, and interns. Students and graduates can network with Hispanic attorneys in the Washington, D.C. area.

The reception will be held on **Wednesday, June 23, 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the firm of **Williams Mullen**, 1666 K Street, N.W., Suite 1200. The closest metro stations are Farragut North and Farragut West. For details, contact **Marisol Rojo** at mentoring@hbadc.org.

Mexican American Bar Association

2nd Annual Community Legal Fair: Plaza México 2001

MABA is looking for attorneys to provide free legal advice during this event and also needs additional professionals (non-attorneys) to volunteer.

When:

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Location:

Plaza México, City of Lynwood
300 East Imperial Hwy
Lynwood, CA 90262

Contact:

Maria Torres
(213) 749-2889
mabalaco@sbclgobal.net

Click [here](#) for more information

Unity for Justice at the World Famous Conga Room

Come have a good time and help raise funds to fight Arizona SB 1070

When:

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Location:

Conga Room
800 West Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact:

Mario Trujillo
(562) 500-5384
MarioLTrujillo@aol.com

Click [here](#) for more information

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!

HNBA Commission on Latinas in the Profession Survey

The Hispanic National Bar Association's Commission on Latinas in the Profession is collecting data on Latinas in the public interest sector, defined as those Latina attorneys working in places such as legal aid organizations, non-profit organizations, public defenders and district attorney offices for purposes of this study.

Please complete the survey or forward to your appropriate contacts. [Click here](#) for details and the survey. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Professor Melinda S. Molina at molinam@stjohns.edu.



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](#).

For sponsorship opportunities, please [click here](#).

Convention Chair:

Peter M. Reyes, Jr.

peter_reyes@cargill.com

952.742.5395

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

Advertising Policy for Noticias

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.

Every issue of Noticias is an opportunity for you to deliver your message to the nation's Hispanic legal community-smart, simple, and effective. Let *Noticias* help you target some of the most influential decision makers in this national legal community. Don't miss another opportunity!

Any individual, law firm, company, or organization interested in placing an advertisement in Noticias should contact the Noticias Editor-in-Chief, **Cynthia Mares** at c.mares@csc.state.co.us for rates and requirements for print advertising.

Prepayment is required. Please email **Mia O'Dell** at model@hnba.com or (202) 223.4777 for payment information.

To view the HNBA's Advertising Policy for *Noticias*, [click here](#).

Hispanic National Bar Association Summer Internship Application Available Online!

The HNBA seeks motivated undergraduate or law students to support its programs and mission through its Summer Internship Program (start and end dates are flexible). Specifically, this internship provides a unique opportunity to work in the Nation's Capital and learn more about issues of importance to HNBA membership. This is also an opportunity to gain experience in the administration of a national non-profit membership organization. In addition, the intern would provide support to the HNBA staff in planning and implementing its programs and events and in management of outreach to membership. The intern(s) will report to the Membership and Outreach Manager but may also work directly with the Executive Director, the HNBA staff, and the HNBA Board of Governors. Internships are not compensated; however, the Executive Director of the HNBA can coordinate with your college or university if the college or university is willing and approves course credit for this type of community service, voluntary work.

Click [here](#) to download the application

Deadline: Friday, June 18, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. EST

Click [here](#) for more information.

Internship Contact:

For more information about this internship opportunity or to submit your internship application with cover letter and résumé, contact:

Erika G. Espinoza

Membership and Outreach Manager
Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)
1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 507
Washington, DC 20036
eespinoza@hnba.com
(202) 223-4777 ext. 302

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of the General Counsel Seeks Chief Counsel of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of the General Counsel is currently accepting applications for the Chief Counsel of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). The vacancy announcement closes on **Friday, June 18, 2010**.

MBDA is an operating bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce and its mission is to promote the growth and global competitiveness of the nation's minority business enterprises (MBEs). The Agency is an entrepreneurial and innovative organization dedicated to facilitating equal economic opportunities for MBEs. The MBDA Chief Counsel serves as the legal counsel responsible for legal and policy advice to the MBDA National Director, and to the Agency's headquarters and five regional offices, covering all aspects of MBDA's operations and programs pertaining to the creation, growth and global competitiveness of the nation's MBEs.

Click [here](#) for more information

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.

HNBA Civil Rights Division

The Civil Rights Division (Division) would like to thank each of you for participating in our efforts to increase outreach to lawyers interested in working for the Division. By agreeing to receive our attorney job announcements, you are helping to make sure we have the best lawyers we can find. The application period for several of our lawyer positions will be closing within a week; and several others will close in the next few weeks. If you have a convenient way to remind your constituents of the looming deadline, we would very much appreciate it.

The Division hopes to attract a broad and diverse pool of qualified applicants, and, to that end, encourages you to forward this information to any qualified applicants, including qualified applicants with disabilities, who may be interested in working for the Division.

For your convenience, all current Division job announcements are listed below. Please also remind members of your organization that all our lawyer job announcements can always be found on the Division's homepage, <http://www.justice.gov/crt/recruit.php>. In addition, if you know of other organizations that might want to receive our job announcements, please let them know the process is very simple. They just need to send an email to CRT.SpecProgVacancies@usdoj.gov. There are no elaborate forms to fill out - just an email indicating that the organization wishes to receive future job listings and the e-mail address for us to contact them. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have suggestions on how we can improve our outreach efforts. Thank you.

Employment Opportunities

Click [here](#) for Civil Rights Division job opportunities currently available. Individuals interested in applying for these positions should comply with the applications procedures and closing dates in the vacancy announcement.

In addition, please direct your law school and undergraduate contacts to the Division's new Volunteer Internship Opportunities [web page](#), for information on available internships for the fall 2010 term.

Visit the HNBA's Career Center!

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

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