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HNBA Legislative Day Welcome Reception

May 11, 2010

5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Jones Day

300 New Jersey Ave NW

Washington, DC 20001

HNBA Legislative Day & Capital Awards Dinner

May 12, 2010



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April 26, 2010

The HNBA Speaks Out Against Legislation In Arizona That Erodes Protections Afforded by the U.S. Constitution

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, the **Hispanic National Bar Association** spoke out against then-proposed legislation in Arizona. On Friday, April 23, 2010, Arizona Governor **Jan Brewer** signed Senate Bill "**SB 1070**" into law. The bill seeks to criminalize undocumented immigrants by making it a crime to be in the state without documentation. As noted by the HNBA, SB 1070 raises grave constitutional issues. Moreover, SB 1070 directs police officers to inquire as to immigration status on a "reasonable suspicion" that an individual is undocumented. **Professor (Ret. Judge) Lupe Salinas**, Chair of HNBA Civil Rights Section, collaborated on the statement issued by the HNBA.

Individually and collectively, SB 1070 raises grave constitutional issues including: 1) racial profiling, 2) freedom from unreasonable seizures, 3) the imposition of ex post facto laws, 4) lack of due process guarantees, and 5) federal preemption of state laws through the plenary power of Congress. "The HNBA will work with its partners in the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLEA), a group of 30 national Latino organizations, to address this unfortunate legislation," said **Román D. Hernández**, **HNBA National President**.

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The HNBA Recognizes Justice Stevens for His Service

Upon the announcement that Justice **John Paul Stevens** will retire at the end of this **U.S. Supreme Court** term, **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA National President, speaking on behalf of the association, commended Justice Stevens for his service to the American people. Mr. Hernández stated, "Justice Stevens has contributed greatly to this nation and to American jurisprudence through his 34 years of distinguished service on our nation's highest Court. We take this opportunity to publicly thank him, and to acknowledge his steadfast devotion to the law."

The appointment of Justice Stevens's successor is important for all Americans, regardless of background, because of the key role of the Court as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Like Justice Stevens, his replacement must have outstanding professional expertise, be undoubtedly well-qualified, have a demonstrated commitment to equal

justice, have appropriate judicial temperament, and be someone of integrity. Just as the HNBA did with the nomination of **Justice Sonia Sotomayor**, the HNBA is committed to involvement in the process of identifying Justice Stevens's successor.

Click [here](#) to read full press release

Click [here](#) for **Univision** interview with **Liz Lopez**, HNBA Vice President of External Affairs

2010 Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Law Student & Leadership Conference

On Saturday April 17, 2010 the **Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas (MABATx)** hosted its annual **Law Student & Leadership Conference** at **South Texas College of Law** in downtown Houston, Texas. HNBA National President, **Román D. Hernández**, delivered the keynote address.

Speakers at the conference included: **Donald Guter**, Dean and President of the law school; **Martin Garza**, President of MABATx; **Diana Perez**, President of Houston Hispanic Bar Association, and **Joel Salazar**, former President of MABATx. Present at the conference were District Court Judges, **Josefina Rendon** and **Michael Gomez**. Additionally, Texas Supreme Court Justices **David Medina** and **Eva Guzman** were on hand to address the students about recent Texas Supreme Court cases and professionalism, respectively.



(1st photo from L to R: Prof. (Ret. Judge) Lupe Salinas; Benny Agosto; Hon. Josefina Rendon; and Román Hernández)

(2nd photo from L to R: Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President and Benny Agosto, Conference Chair)

HNBA President-Elect Serves as Keynote Speaker at UALR Hispanic Law Student Association's Dinner

HNBA President-Elect, **Diana S. Sen**, delivered the Keynote address at the **William H. Bowen School of Law, Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA)'s 5th Annual Scholarship Reception**. Ms. Sen recounted her own trajectory through her legal career. Among the corporate partners receiving awards for their supporting role to HLSA was **Jude A. Cisneros**, Associate General Counsel for Wal-mart & HNBA Deputy Regional President for Region XII.



(Diana Sen, HNBA President-Elect, with UALR law students)

HNBA Participates in ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting

In furtherance of the **HNBA/ American Bar Association (ABA)** Collaboration, **Suzette Recinos** (HNBA International Section Chair and **Pitney Bowes Inc.** Chief Counsel DMT and International - Americas) participated as a panelist at a program sponsored by the Diversity Committee of the ABA entitled, "**The Global War for Talent - Who's Winning?**" at the ABA's **Section of International Law Spring Meeting** held on April 13, 2010. The Program examined diversity across the legal profession, tackled the significant challenges and opportunities associated with recruiting, retaining, and promoting world class diverse talent and included speakers from private practice, in-house counsel, the judiciary, government, and the non-profit/multilateral sectors. Despite the concerted efforts of the ABA, minority bar associations, academia, and others, the statistics regarding diversity remain alarming. The panel was chaired by **Ingrid Busson** (Assistant General Counsel, **Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank**) and moderated by **Monica Parham** (Diversity Counsel, **Crowell & Moring LLP**). Other panelists included the **Honorable Delissa Ridgway** (U.S. Court of International Trade), **James Spinner** (General Counsel, **Inter-American Development Bank**) and **Nichole Williams-Miller** (Strayer University).

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

HNBA Commends the Appointment of Alejandra Y. Castillo As National Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency

The **Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)** applauds **President Barack Obama's** appointment of **Alejandra Y. Castillo** to serve as Deputy Director of the **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)**. The MBDA serves minority entrepreneurs across America who are building and growing businesses. "Ms. Castillo has helped advance the Hispanic community in many ways throughout her career. Due to her experience and commitment to public service, she is exceptionally qualified for this position at the MBDA, where she will assist minority-owned firms grow and become more competitive," said **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA National President.

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HNBA Commends the Confirmation of The Honorable

Marisa J. Demeo to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia



The **Hispanic National Bar Association** (HNBA) commends the Senate confirmation of the Honorable **Marisa J. Demeo** to be an Associate Judge of the **Superior Court of the District of Columbia**. The Senate voted to confirm Judge Demeo for a 15-year term by a vote of 66 to 32. In particular, the HNBA applauds Majority Leader Reid's leadership in calling for a Senate vote on Judge Demeo's nomination.

Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President, noted that "The HNBA supported Judge Demeo's nomination to the Superior Court and previously supported her appointment as Magistrate Judge because of her breadth of experience in the public sector, prior litigation experience and superb legal skills. She will make an exceptional Superior Court judge."

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HNBA Latina Pioneers On the Spotlight In "Woman of the Year Issue" of Hispanic Business Magazine



A leading practitioner of environmental and natural resources law, **Ignacia Moreno** has nearly two decades experience in the federal government, private and corporate practice. The past General Counsel of the **Hispanic National Bar Association**, she currently serves on several boards, including the Center for International Environmental Law. In June she was nominated as Assistant Attorney General for the **Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice**.



On January 11, 2010, **Carmen M. Ortiz** was sworn in as the first woman and Hispanic U.S. attorney in Massachusetts. Carmen Milagros Ortiz was nominated by **President Obama** as the **United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts** and was later confirmed by the United States Senate on November 5, 2009. As the chief federal law enforcement officer in Massachusetts, Ms. Ortiz supervises the prosecution of all federal crimes and the litigation of all civil matters in which the federal government has an interest.

(Source: <http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/top100influentials/?cat=Corporate>)

David Maldonado Named Special Counsel Area Vice President



HNBA Regional President (Region XII), **David Maldonado**, Area Vice President for **Special Counsel** was featured in Special Counsel's **Hispanic Executive Quarterly** publication for his new position, where Mr. Maldonado stated, "The Hispanic National Bar Association is a strong voice for [our] lawyers--both in national formulation of policy relating to Hispanic attorneys, as well as a voice trumpeting their success in positions, not typically seen as accessible."

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Aurelia Flores Featured In *Poder Magazine*



Senior Counsel at **SAIC** and Founder of **PowerfulLatinas.com**, **Aurelia Flores** was featured in the recent issue of *Poder Magazine* for her brilliant work and excellent contributions to the Latino community. A Stanford Law School graduate, Ms. Flores has prospered in all areas as a professional attorney. "We all have adversity to come across in life," she says. "I want all women to say, 'look, Latinas are doing so many wonderful things and so can I.'"

HNBA Member Promoted to Senior Counsel, Office of U.S. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV

Jorge Castro, long-time **HNBA** member, **HNBA** Legislative Day Committee Member, and Board Member of the **HBA-DC**, has been promoted to Senior Counsel in the Office of U.S. Senator **John D. Rockefeller IV**. Jorge serves as Senator Rockefeller's primary advisor on tax and economic policy matters. In that role, he is responsible for developing and managing the Senator's legislative agenda in the Senate Finance Committee.

Regional News

Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association Elects 2010-2011 Governing Board

On Wednesday, April 14, 2010 the **Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA)** celebrated its Annual Meeting at the law firm of **Faegre & Benson LLP**. **Andrew Humphrey**, a partner with Faegre & Benson's corporate group and chair of the firm's management committee welcomed members and guests to the meeting. The keynote address was delivered by **Rick Palmore**, Executive Vice President & General Counsel of General Mills. **Román D. Hernández**, Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) National President, was present to speak about the upcoming **HNBA Annual Convention**, September 8-11 in Minnesota and the valued partnership with the MHBA in making the event a success. The MHBA presented its *Access to Justice Award* to **Judge Tanja Manrique** and its *Courage in Leadership Award* to **Twin Cities Diversity in Practice**. The *Summer Law Student Endowment Fund Grants* were presented to the **Volunteer Lawyers Network** for its **Línea Legal Latina and Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota** to fund a law student working in the Latino community.



Melisa Lopez Franzen, MHBA Immediate Past President & Mara Garcia Kaplan, MHBA President

William Mitchell Law Raza Journal Launched

There is a new avenue for Latino Law Students to get published, **The William Mitchell Law Raza Journal** has launched the first online, interactive scholarly publication and conversation on Latino issues and the law. While legal issues of special interest to Latinos

are the focus of this journal, it is not exclusively dedicated to this experience. HNBA attorneys on the Advisory Board are Ms. **Tamara Caban-Ramirez** and Mr. **Peter Reyes**, HNBA National Vice President of Regions. Congratulations to the HNBA students on the Editorial Board. Mr. **Pablo Sartorio** is founding Editor-in-Chief. You can review the first volume [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey's 29th Annual Scholarship Gala and Awards Dinner

Join the **HBANJ** on **May 1, 2010** at the **Hyatt Regency Jersey City** for a fantastic evening of dinner, dancing and spectacular views of the New York City skyline. Enjoy world-class entertainment, specialty cocktails and gourmet food all while honoring leaders in the Hispanic Legal Community and helping Law Students make their dreams a reality. Please [click here](#) to register and 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 the Houston-based law schools.

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 **Monday, May 31, 2010**. If you have questions, call our National Office at (202) 223-4777.

Opportunities....

Hispanic National Bar Association's Summer Internship Application Now Available Online!

The HNBA seeks motivated undergraduate or law students to support its programs and mission through its Summer Internship Program, from May 15 through August 15 (start and end dates are flexible). Specifically, this internship provides a unique opportunity to work on policy issues important to the HNBA membership in the Nation's Capital, and 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. 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](#) for more information.

Deadline: April 30, 2010 by 5:00pm EST

Internship Contact:

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

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[Click here](#) to Download the Application

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.

**Announcing Public Interest Fellowships for the 2010
ACS National Convention**

June 17-19, 2010
Washington, DC

In order to enable more junior public interest lawyers to attend the **ACS National Convention**, ACS will again be making available a limited number of fellowships for attorneys working in the government and public interest sectors who have been in practice for 5 years or less. The 2010 ACS National Convention will take place at the **Renaissance Mayflower Hotel** in Washington, DC from June 17 - 19. Recipients will receive registration for the convention, lodging at the Renaissance Mayflower and a stipend for travel.

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Click [here](#) for more information and application.

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