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## Help Us Protect the Most Fundamental Right: The Right to Vote

The **Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** and the HNBA seek legal volunteers throughout the country for **Election Protection** to help ensure millions of Americans are able to vote. Please [click here to sign up](#) and select the HNBA as the referring organization. **The next voter protection training webinar will take place TODAY, Friday, October 29, 2010; click [here](#) to join.**

### Election Day - November 2, 2010

There are many important legislative, executive and judicial races to be decided in the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 2nd. Many states offer citizens the opportunity to participate in early voting, which is likely already in progress in your state. Please take the opportunity to vote, now through early voting or on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more election information in your state, please visit [www.866ourvote.org/state/](http://www.866ourvote.org/state/). You may also locate your polling site by visiting [www.yaeshora.info](http://www.yaeshora.info) or calling toll-free (888) Ve-Y-Vota (839-8682).

### Oral Arguments in United States v. Arizona to be Televised Live on C-Span

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced that oral arguments in USA v. State of Arizona, Case No. 10-16645, will be heard by a three judge panel on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 9 a.m. (PST) at the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco, and will be televised by CSPAN, [www.cspan.com](http://www.cspan.com). The case involves the constitutionality of Arizona Senate Bill 1070. The preliminary injunction of key components of the law requested by the U.S. government was granted in part and denied in part by the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. The State of Arizona and its governor have appealed.

### ABA Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities Holds First Public Hearing

On Friday, November 12th, at **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, the **ABA Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights & Responsibilities** will hold the first of several regional hearings scheduled during 2010-2011. The purpose of these hearings is to receive testimony, comments and recommendations that will assist the Commission in identifying the significant legal issues affecting the Latino community in Chicago and across America. The Commission will then publish a comprehensive report that will recommend solutions to address these key issues - serving as an important guide to state and federal policy makers; government agencies; and organizations throughout the United States. **Diana Sen**, Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) National President, will attend this hearing.

If you or your organization would like to participate please fill out a submission form at: <http://www.abanet.org/chlrr/submission.shtml> or e-mail the Commission at [chlrr@staff.abanet.org](mailto:chlrr@staff.abanet.org). To learn more about the ABA Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights & Responsibilities go to: <http://www.abanet.org/chlrr/home.shtml>.

*Avanzando Nuestra Gente*

### Ricardo Aponte Parsi Confirmed as President of the Puerto Rico Education Council

On Monday, October 11th, **Ricardo Aponte Parsi**, HNBA National Vice President of Regions and Affiliates, was appointed by the **Governor of Puerto Rico** and confirmed by the **State Senate** as **President of the Puerto Rico Education Council (Consejo de Educación de Puerto Rico)**. The Council is the governing body created by law with the purpose of administering public policy about

### Save The Date:

**HNBA Mid-Year and  
Corporate Counsel  
Conference  
&  
16th Annual Uvaldo  
Herrera National Moot  
Court Competition**  
March 10-12, 2011  
Hotel InterContinental  
New Orleans, LA  
For Reservations:  
1.800.593.5447

**HNBA 36th Annual  
Convention**  
August 31-September 3,  
2011  
Dallas, TX



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educational standards in Puerto Rico, within the legal framework established in its Enabling Law.

## HNBA Members Recognized as *Latino Leaders Magazine* 101 Most Influential Latino Leaders in the U.S.

This year's *Latino Leaders* magazine 101 most influential Hispanic leaders in the United States includes various HNBA members, including the **Hon. Christine Marie Arguello**, Judge, U.S. District Court, Colorado; **Román D. Hernández**, Shareholder of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt's and HNBA Immediate Past President; **Eva Martínez**, Executive Director of *Acción Latina*; and **Moe Vela Jr.**, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, and former Director of Management and Administration to Vice President Joe Biden. [Click here](#) to view the full list.

## Michele Vargas Nominated to Serve on Eleventh Circuit's Nominating Committee for the Bar President's Pro Bono Service Awards

**Michele A. Vargas**, an associate at Carlton Fields P.A., was nominated to serve on the **Eleventh Circuit's Nominating Committee for the Bar President's Pro Bono Service Awards**. A vote for the final selections for submission to the Florida Bar will take place on November 16th.

## Regional News

### DHBA Holds Countdown Reception to HNBA 2011 Annual Convention

On Thursday, October 21st, the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association (DHBA) held its 11 to 11: A Wine Tasting, an event to celebrate 11 months to the 2011 HNBA Convention in Dallas. This event attracted a large number of attendees, including several members of the judiciary, law firm partners, and corporate counsel. Members of the Hispanic Law Students' Associations (HLSAs) from Southern Methodist University and Texas Wesleyan University joined the festivities. Attendees sampled wines from North America, South America, Australia/New Zealand, Africa and Europe. **Benny Agosto**, HNBA President-Elect; **Jose Ortiz** DHBA President; and **Judge Teresa Snelson and Christie Villarreal**, Convention Co-Chairs, energized the audience by informing them about the opportunities and benefits that the convention will bring to Dallas. The 2011 HNBA Convention will take place in Dallas **August 31, 2011-September 3, 2011**. Click [here](#) for more information.



(L-R: Jose Ortiz, DHBA President; Christie Villarreal, HNBA 2011 Convention Co-Chair; Arturo Errisuriz, Texas Wesleyan Law School Assistant Dean; and Benny Agosto, HNBA President-Elect.)

### Region V Holds Successful Networking Reception

On Thursday, October 14th, **HNBA Region V** (DC, MD, VA, WV) hosted a **Networking Reception** in celebration of **Hispanic Heritage Month** at **Mio Restaurant** in Washington, DC. **Hannah Breshin-Otero**, Region V President, and **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President for Membership, addressed attendees as they enjoyed an opportunity to connect with members, meet prospective new members and learn about HNBA's election voter protection partnership.



(Caption L to R: Liz Lopez, HNBA Vice President of Membership; Hannah Breshin-Otero, Region V President; with HNBA members at Mio)

## HNBA Joins Latina Style for Miami Business Series

On Thursday, October 14th, **HNBA Region VIII (FL)** members attended the **Latina Style Business Series** in Miami, Florida. In addition, **Lisa Capote**, HNBA member, participated in a panel entitled, "**The Essentials of a Successful Business.**" Speakers provided insight on the importance of a proper foundation and structure of a business, involving issues such as the establishment of a proper accounting system, the right legal structure, the correct tax reporting system, proper insurance protection and strong employee clearance.



(Caption: L to R: Karen Salas-Morales, Region VIII Deputy President; Teresita Chavez-Pedrosa, Region VIII President; Raquel Matas, University of Miami Associate Dean; Lisa Capote, HNBA Member and Latina Style Business Series Speaker)

## Hispanic Bar Association of Houston Holds its Officers Installation Ceremony

On Wednesday, October 13th, the **Hispanic Bar Association of Houston** held its **Officer Installation Ceremony** at the Harris County, Texas Civil Courthouse inducting its newly elected officers: **Johnny N. Garza, Jr.**, President; **Juan F. Vasquez**, President-Elect; **Nelsy Gomez**, Vice President; **Juan C. Garcia**, Secretary; **Daniel N. Ramirez**, Treasurer; and **Diana Perez Gomez**, Immediate Past President. The ceremony also recognized the local judiciary and legislators for their public service in protecting the rights of individuals.

## Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County Holds Series of Successful Events

The **Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County (HBA)** held various events in October, including its Judge's Barbeque honoring Commissioner **Joe Perez**; first golf clinic in conjunction with the **Latina Golfers Association**; a mixer at the law offices of **Troutman Sanders LLP**, where Troutman partner and HBA board member **Monique Fuentes** led the HBA in a salute to **Gladis Molina** of **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**; and organized entry to the **Susan G. Komen - Race for the Cure®** with a group of 17 team participants who raised proceeds that go to further research for a breast cancer cure as well as provide care for women affected by breast cancer.

## Sections & Committees

## HNBA Section on LGBT Presents Priorities for 2010-2011

**Robert T. Maldonado**, Partner at **Cooper & Dunham**, has been appointed Chair of the **HNBA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender ("LGBT") Section**. The LGBT Section serves HNBA members and the legal profession by monitoring and highlighting the most salient legal issues affecting the Hispanic LGBT community, and by promoting the expertise, advancement, and empowerment of Hispanic LGBT legal professionals. To learn more about this section and to join, please [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events

(Visit [www.hnba.com](http://www.hnba.com) to view a listing of all upcoming events.)

### Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary At *Día de los Muertos* Mixer

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the **Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County (HBA)** goes "*de bar-randa*" to celebrate the **Day of the Dead** with a mixer from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Manhattan Steak and Seafood Lounge in Orange, California. Those who have not attended an HBA event recently will find a very "lively" tribute to the Dead from the HBA, which is celebrating its 40th year in existence. The Day of the Dead event is the HBA's last regular mixer before its Holiday Party in December. To learn more about this event visit [www.OCHBA.org](http://www.OCHBA.org).

### A Night of Latino Culture Hosted by Latino-American Law Society of Charlotte School of Law

On Thursday, November 4th, the **Latino-American Law Society of Charlotte School of Law** invites you to a night of Latino culture that will feature a Latin-themed atmosphere along with an entertaining introductory course of Salsa. The night will begin at Charlotte School of Law and will end at **Cosmos Cafe**. All students, faculty, and local attorneys are welcome to attend. For further information [click here](#).

### National Association of Women Lawyers Sixth Annual General Counsel Institute

On Friday, November 5th through Saturday, November 6th; the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) will hold their Sixth Annual General Counsel Institute, "Managing Through Change - The New Normal" at the Westin Times Square in NYC. NAWL is offering HNBA members a special discount (a limited number of full scholarships are also available) to attend the Institute, one of NAWL's premier events and it is open to all in-house, not for profit and government attorneys. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. If you are interested in the registration discount or scholarship, please contact: Jane McBride, [jane.mcbride@optimuslegal.com](mailto:jane.mcbride@optimuslegal.com).

### 2011 HNBA Open: Tennis Tournament Fundraiser

The HNBA is hosting a tennis tournament February 5-6, 2011 at **Crandon Park Tennis Center** in Miami, Florida. The program is an opportunity to network with HNBA members and their guests while vying for a tennis championship. [Click here](#) for more information.

### 2011 Hispanic Attorney Legislative Day

On Tuesday, February 11, 2011, HNBA affiliates the **Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas (MABA-TX)**, and the **Hispanic Bar Association of Austin (HBAA)** along with the **Hispanic Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas (HIS)** will be sponsoring the **2011 Hispanic Attorney Legislative Day**. Hispanic lawyers from across the state will come together for a full day of coordinated activities in the capital of Texas during the 82nd Legislature Regular Session. The program includes CLE program by HIS on leading legal issues affecting the Hispanic attorney law practice and the Hispanic community; advocacy by MABA-TX on legislative agenda developed and approved by membership; and a legislative reception by HBAA for Hispanic lawyers and invited special guests. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Opportunities

### Anna Maria Arias Memorial Business Fund Award:

## Deadline, Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

The **Anna Maria Arias Foundation (AMAF)** works to ensure the growth, reach, and impact of Latina entrepreneurs nationwide via programs, services, and resources that will help establish and build successful businesses throughout the nation. Every year, the Foundation selects award recipients from a national search conducted with the assistance of sponsors and partners, all done in conjunction with a major national public relations campaign. The deadline is Friday, October 29th. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply please contact **Juana Pacheco** at 703-312-0904 or [juanap@amambf.com](mailto:juanap@amambf.com). Award recipients will be recognized at the **9th Annual Anna Maria Arias Memorial Business Fund Gala Dinner & Awards** on November 12th in Washington, DC

## Job Postings

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- HNBA Internship Program

Visit HNBA's [Career Center](#) for more information on the latest opportunities including:

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- Robert L. Carter Fellowship - The Opportunity Agenda
- New York State Bar Attorney Professionalism Award
- Gates Millennium Scholars 2011 Guidelines and Forms
- Staff Attorney - MALDEF
- Technical Support Specialist - UTC Fire and Security

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