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General News

The DREAM Act to Reach Congress Today

Washington, DC - On December 6th, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) filed cloture on the **Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act**, setting the stage for an upper-chamber vote to take place today, Wednesday, December 8th. The U.S. House of Representatives will also hold a vote today. The **Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)** has led a national action campaign, securing over signatures from members in 40 states and in Puerto Rico, and in all 19 HNBA regions in support of the DREAM Act petition.

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Arizona Law Could Shape Immigration Law

Washington, D.C. - Today, December 8th, the **U.S. Supreme Court** heard oral arguments on an Arizona law that assesses penalization at the state level on employers who hire undocumented workers. In this case, *U.S. Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting*, the administration and the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** also seek to void a part of the state's law that mandates use of the federal government's E-Verify database to make sure all new hires are authorized to work in the United States. The high court will rule on one of the most disputed issues in immigration law: the extent to which states can legislate on enforcement of federal immigration law.

HNBA Commends Advancement of Judicial Nominees

Washington, D.C. - HNBA commends **President Barack Obama** for nominating the **Honorable Esther Salas** for the **U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey**. Similarly, the HNBA applauds the **Senate Judiciary Committee** for reporting out of committee by voice vote on December 1st **The Honorable Edward Davila** and **The Honorable Diana Saldaña**. Having been approved by the full committee, these two nominees now await full Senate confirmation. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

NALEO Announces Election of New Board Members

Washington, D.C. - On November 19th, the **National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)** Educational Fund announced the election of immediate past HNBA General Counsel, **Uvaldo Herrera**, to its Board of Directors for a three-year term at the organization's Board of Directors meeting in Washington D.C., during the 8th Biennial NALEO National Institute for Newly Elected Officials.

Upcoming Events

Save The Date:

HNBA 2011 Tennis
Tournament
February 5, 2011
Miami, FL
[Register](#) Today!

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

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For Reservations:
1.800.593.5447

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



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HNBA OC's Annual Holiday Party

On December 8th, **The Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County** (HBA-OC) will host its annual **Holiday Party** from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the **Geisha House** in Santa Ana, CA. The last major public HBA-OC event of the year will feature the annual president's report by HBA-OC President **Carlos X. Colorado**, as well as the announcement of the winners of the HBA election and the destination for the 2011 Memorial Day MCLE trip. For more information, visit www.OCHBA.org.

HNBA Region V Co-Hosts Holiday Party

On December 9th, the **HNBA**, **HBA-DC**, **SABA-DC**, and **Federal Bar** will host a Holiday Party from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm at **Lupe Cantina**, 1214 18th Street NW, Washington, D.C. The celebration proceeds will go to benefit Mary's Center, a non-profit organization focused on maternal and childcare for immigrant families. Attendees are asked to help support this worthy cause by bringing new toys and clothing, or by making a \$10 contribution to Mary's Center. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP to **Hannah Breshin-Otero**, HNBA Region V President at hmbreshinotero@jonesday.com.

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HNBA Applauds New Assistant Secretary of Commerce

On November 30th, **Michael C. Camuñez** was sworn in as **Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance** (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. Mr. Camuñez was nominated by **President Barack Obama**, and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for MAC on September 16, 2010. A long-time member of the HNBA, Mr. Camuñez served previously in the White House as Special Counsel to the President, Special Assistant to the President on nominations, and prior to that he was a partner in the law firm O'Melveny & Myers LLP. Throughout his career, Mr. Camuñez has been an invaluable legal champion for Latino legal professionals, and for the Hispanic community at large.

Judge Briseño Awarded O.C.'s Highest Honor

Judge Briseño was awarded the Orange County, CA legal community's highest honor, the **Franklin G. West Award**, a year after the HBA awarded him its lifetime achievement award, and permanently named the prize "the Hon. **Francisco P. Briseño** Lifetime Achievement Award". The Franklin G. West Award will be presented by the Orange County Bar Association at its *Judge's Night* in January.

Krista Contino Krahn Recognized by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota

On November 18th, **Krista Contino Krahn**, HNBA Region XI Deputy President, was honored at *20 on the Rise* by the **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota** (HCCM). Ms. Krahn was recognized for her career advancements, success as a Latina, and her leadership in the Latino community. The HCCM recognizes those who are rising, leading, and succeeding in the Hispanic community. In attendance at the celebration were **Melisa López Franzen**, Minnesota Hispanic Bar (MHBA) immediate past President, **Róman Hernández**, HNBA immediate past President, and **Peter Reyes**, HNBA Vice President of Sections and Committees.

Regional News

HNBA Region II Annual Joint Minority Bar Holiday Party

On December 3rd, HNBA Region II (NY) co-hosted the **New York Annual Joint Minority Bar Holiday Party** at *Touch* in Manhattan, NY. The event included the **Dominican Bar Association**, the **Nigerian Lawyers Association**, and the **Metropolitan Black Bar Association**, among others. Members of the HNBA and Board of Governors were in attendance, and the event proceeds went to benefit the various Bar associations in New York.

Day of the Dead

On November 2nd, **The Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County** (CA) hosted "*El Día de los Muertos*" at Manhattan Steak & Seafood Lounge. The evening was one of the most successful HBA events of the year, and allowed all of the candidates for the 2011 board to say a brief word to the *barranderos*, and enjoy the evening put together by Program Committee Chair **Karin Khan** and board member **Martin Fontes**.

Law Student Section

First Latino to Serve as Editor-In-Chief of the Texas Law Review

Omar Ochoa, a third year student at **The University of Texas School of Law**, recently became the first Hispanic to serve as **Editor-In-Chief** of the **Texas Law Review**. The Texas Law Review is recognized as one of the leading legal publications in the nation, and is currently ranked eighth in the country by the **Washington Lee Law Journal Rankings**. Ochoa was also the first Hispanic elected as the Student Body President at The University of Texas at Austin, and has helped to organize the first national Latino student conference and the first Latino community retreat, both still held annually. Ochoa's accomplishments prior to law school, in the field of Business and Finance and now as a member of the legal community, highlight the tremendous work of Hispanic law students all over the country.

Opportunities

Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

The Housing & Community Services of Northern Virginia, Inc. is looking for applicants to participate in its **Adopt-a-Family Program** which allows businesses and community partners to adopt families in need for the holiday. Adopt-a-Family matches families that are in need for the holidays with sponsor applications. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide gifts for a family within a fixed limit, or can make a donation to the HCSNV. Please contact **Ivette Casal** for additional information at icasal@hcsnv.org or by phone at (703) 372-5440.

2nd Annual LAC & HNBA Student Networking Event

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Region VI is seeking attorneys to speak on various panels, review and critique student's cover letters and resumes, and attend the 2nd *Annual Student Networking and Mentoring* event on Saturday, January 29th. The event is expected to take place at the North Carolina Bar Center in Cary, NC. The event is tentatively scheduled from 8:30am -1pm. Interested attorneys please contact HNBA Region VI President, **Leticia M. Padilla-Morales, Esq.** at Impadillamorales@gmail.com.

Job Postings

President and General Counsel

LatinoJustice PRLDEF is seeking applicants for the position of *President and General Counsel*. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to search@latinojustice.org. For more information, view the job description [here](#).

Assistant United States Attorney

The United States Attorney's Office is currently seeking applicants for an *Assistant United States Attorney* position in their Civil Division, Burlington, VT. Applicants should have at least three years' civil litigation experience and must apply by **December 10, 2010**. Background investigation is required. Send letter and resume to **Carol L. Shea**, Chief, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, PO Box 570, Burlington, VT 05402-0570.

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