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The HNBA Board of Governors Successfully Holds Last Board Meeting of the Year



The **HNBA Board of Governors** traveled to Portland, Oregon for the last Board Meeting of the year, held at the offices of **Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt**.

On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the **Oregon Hispanic Bar Association (OHBA)** hosted a Welcome Reception for the HNBA Board of Governors. The event featured brief remarks by OHBA President, **Graciela Crowger** and OHBA Past President **Kevin Diaz** who highlighted HNBA National President, **Román Hernández's** admirable

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work for the HNBA during his presidency. "We are proud to call Román Hernández an Oregonian. He has done a superb job and continues the HNBA's legacy of excellence; it is an honor to host for the HNBA. Welcome to Portland," stated Graciela Crowger.

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt also hosted a reception for the HNBA Board of Governors on Friday, July 30, 2010. The event was held at the **University Club of Oregon** with over 50 people in attendance, including HNBA and OHBA leadership. Also in attendance were Judge Marco Hernandez, who was recently nominated by President Barack Obama to the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon; First Lady of Oregon, **Mary Oberst**, who delivered remarks on behalf of Oregon's Governor; Oregon Supreme Court **Chief Justice Paul de Muniz**; Oregon Supreme Court **Justice Rives Kistler**; Oregon Court of Appeals **Judge Davleen Ortega**; and Multnomah County Circuit Court Judges **Adrienne Nelson** and **Richard Baldwin**.



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

Confirmed Speakers:
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

U.S. Senator John Cornyn
U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar
U.S. Senator Al Franken
ABA President Stephen N. Zack

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. The HNBA is proud to announce **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, and ABA President Stephen N. Zack** as confirmed speakers at the Convention.

Numerous networking opportunities including:

- 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 the Opening Reception at Orchestra Hall, largest national gathering of Hispanic attorneys

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Go to www.aa.com. Select your flights under the "Enter Passenger Details" tab, then go to the "Promotion Code" field and enter **3290AR**. *This discount is valid for travel up to 4 days before and 3 days after National Hispanic Bar Association Conference event in Minneapolis.*

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

Deadline for reduced rate for hotel accommodations is fast approaching! Click [here](#).

The HNBA Legal Education Fund Highlighted by the ABA

The HNBA's only foundation, **The HNBA Legal Education Fund ("The Fund")** has been featured by the ABA on the web page of the ABA's Center for Racial & Ethnic Diversity. [Click here to view](#). In addition, HNBA National President, **Román D. Hernández**, was asked to highlight The Fund at the ABA's Annual Meeting in a seminar addressing "Next Steps In Diversity." The invitation was extended as a result of The Fund's work to address

pipeline issues in the legal profession. Informational materials on The Fund were made available to attendees in order to continue to raise the visibility of The Fund's support of the HNBA's charitable and educational activities. To learn more about The Fund, [click here](#), and join us at the upcoming launch receptions in [Minneapolis, MN](#) and [Newark, NJ](#). All are welcome!

Second Issue of the HNBA Journal of Law and Policy is Now Available!

On Friday, August 30, 2010, Co-Editors of the HNBA Journal of Law, **Jimmie V. Reyna** and **Benny Agosto, Jr.** presented the finished publication of the HNBA Journal of Law and Policy to the Board of Governors at the last Board Meeting held at the offices of Schwabe, Williams & Wyatt in Portland, Oregon. "I am proud to present the second volume of the HNBA Journal of Law and Policy. It has been my privilege to work on this publication and work with the amazing *mujeres* whose articles are published in the journal," stated Jimmie V. Reyna. Copies of this publication will be distributed at the **35th Annual Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota to all attendees and will be mailed to current HNBA Members.



Featured Articles:

**Making of An American Justice:
The HNBA's Quest for the First Hispanic Supreme Court Justice**

Dolores S. Atencio

**A Seat at the Table:
The Final Days of the HNBA Effort
to Realize a Hispanic on the U.S. Supreme Court**

Maria Gonzales Calvet

**The Law Professors' Report on U.S. Supreme Court
Nominee Sonia Sotomayor: On the Merits**
Jenny Rivera

**The HNBA Speaks at
the Latina Style Business Series in NYC**

On July 22, 2010, the **Hispanic National Bar Association** joined **Latina Style** at their **Latina Style Business Series** in NYC. The Business Series was a one-day event that included an exhibit area, a networking breakfast, panel sessions, Latina Entrepreneur Award luncheon with a keynote speaker, a business fashion show and a closing networking reception. HNBA members participated in panels, which covered topics such as how to incorporate your business and how to succeed as a small business. **Eneida Roman** and **Raysa Castillo** served as panelists. Approximately 20 HNBA members in New York City attended the event, including HNBA President for Region II, **Gelvina Rodriguez Stevenson** and **Professor Jenny Rivera**. The HNBA hosted an exhibit table where the HNBA disseminated information about our organization, the upcoming HNBA Annual Convention as well as copies of the HNBA publication of the Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession report: **Few and Far Between: The Reality of Latina Lawyers in the Profession**.



*Picture 1 from L to R: Professor Jenny Rivera
and Eneida Roman, HNBA Commissioner*

*Picture 2 from L to R: Eneida Roman, HNBA Commissioner;
Neysa Alsina, Chair, Mentoring Committee for Region II;*

*Adrienne Valenica Garcia, Deputy President for Region II;
and Gelvina Rodriguez Stevenson, President HNBA Region II*

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

The HNBA Commends President Obama's Nomination of Marina Garcia Marmolejo to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

The **Hispanic National Bar Association** (HNBA) applauds **President Barack H. Obama's** decision to nominate **Ms. Marina Garcia Marmolejo** to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Ms. Marmolejo possesses paramount qualifications as well as an inspiring life story, making her nomination a true symbol of the American Dream. The HNBA urges the U.S. Senate to confirm Ms. Marmolejo expeditiously.

Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President, stated, "Ms. Marmolejo is an exceptional attorney who has excelled in the legal profession throughout her career. We are extremely proud to support her candidacy and to see her nominated by the President. Her legal experience as a litigator in both public and private practice has well-prepared her to serve with distinction on the federal bench."

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The HNBA Commends President Obama's Nomination of Judge Juan Vasquez to be Reappointed to the U.S. Tax Court

The **Hispanic National Bar Association** (HNBA) applauds **President Barack H. Obama's** decision to nominate **Judge Juan F. Vasquez** to continue to serve on the U.S. Tax Court. As the sole Hispanic jurist serving on the U.S. Tax Court over the past fifteen years, Judge Vasquez has continuously demonstrated his intellectual prowess, judicial temperament, and his strong work ethic. Judge Vasquez was first appointed to the U.S. Tax Court by President William J. Clinton in 1995, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Román D. Hernández, HNBA National President, stated, "Given his noteworthy career over 15 years as a Judge on the U.S. Tax Court, Judge Vasquez has demonstrated his knowledge of the law and has proven to be an effective jurist on the U.S. Tax Court. Judge Vasquez has a reputation for being balanced, fair-minded and extremely competent. Further, his well-written opinions show that Judge Vasquez appropriately applies the law and gives thorough consideration to facts. Judge Vasquez makes even the most complex opinions dealing with the Internal Revenue Code easily understandable by the average person."

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

HNBA Member Jaime Areizaga-Soto Joins USAID's Office of General Counsel

Jaime Areizaga-Soto, long-time HNBA member, has been appointed as Senior Attorney Advisor to the **Office of the General Counsel at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**. Mr. Areizaga-Soto is a former White House Fellow, who also served as advisor to the Under Secretary for International Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He joins USAID after twelve years in private practice, including the corporate securities practice at Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan & Lovell) and Clifford Chance's Brazil office, where he specialized in cross border infrastructure finance. Mr. Areizaga-Soto, who was born and raised in Puerto Rico, is a U.S. Army JAG Lieutenant Colonel in the DC National Guard and a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Stanford University School of Law. He also serves as a Board Member of our affiliate, the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia. Congratulations Jaime!

Regional News

Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Commends Governor O'Malley for Diversifying the Judicial Bench

BALTIMORE, MD--The Maryland Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA) is proud to announce the appointment of two Latino attorneys to judgeships in Maryland. Governor Martin O'Malley's made these appointments on Friday, July 23rd.

The MHBA congratulates Audrey A. Creighton for her appointment to the Montgomery County District Court and

Ricardo D. Zwaig who has been appointed to a judgeship for the District Court of Howard County.

MHBA President Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales remarked that Ms. Creighton would be the only judge of Hispanic descent in District Court in a county where the Hispanic population is greater than 15% and that Mr. Zwaig is the first Hispanic male judge appointed in the State of Maryland, which currently has a Hispanic population of about 7%.

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Upcoming Events

The HNBA Legal Education Fund Launch Receptions

HNBA partners are hosting a series of receptions to celebrate the launch of The HNBA Legal Education Fund (The 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 Fund is the only non-profit foundation that is affiliated with the HNBA.

Please join the Board of Directors of The Fund, HNBA Board of Governors, HNBA members, community leaders, corporate representatives, and others to learn about the important work of The Fund, and its support of the HNBA's charitable and educational outreach efforts.

Minneapolis, MN

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2010
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Location:

Merchant & Gould P.C.
32 IDS Center
80 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

RSVP:
Misty Borg Misterek
mborgmisterek@merchantgould.com

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Newark, NJ

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2010
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Location: McCarter & English
100 Mulberry Street
Newark, NJ 07102-4056

RSVP: Christine Bongard
cbongard@mccarter.com
or
973.848.5399

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Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas

**5th Annual Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation
Scholarship Luncheon**
Wednesday, August 18, 2010
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m

Location:
Doubletree Hotel
Houston, Texas

Contact:

Benny Agosto, Jr.
bagosto@abrahamwatkins.com.

Maryland Hispanic Bar Association

RECEPTION FOR NEWLY APPOINTED HISPANIC JUDGES

Please join the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association in congratulating MHBA Director and Past President **Audrey A. Creighton** for her appointment to the Montgomery County District Court and MHBA member **Ricardo D. Zwaig** who has been appointed to the Howard County District Court.

Date:
Monday, August 23, 2010

Location:
CASA de Maryland Multicultural Center
McCormick-Goodhart Mansion
8151 15th Avenue
Langley Park, Maryland 20783

For more information, visit:
www.marylandhispanicbar.com

Opportunities

ERISA Advisory Council Seeking Applications

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council, known as the ERISA Advisory Council, whose duty is to advise the Secretary of Labor on issues relating to retirement and health plan security for American workers and retirees. The Council consists of 15 members, representing specific professions and various stakeholders groups, all of which are specified in the statute. These members are appointed by the Secretary to three-year terms with five terms expiring on November 14 of each year.

HNBA members are encouraged to apply for a position. The membership positions that will be open for appointment this year include one representative for each of the following: (1) employee organizations (such as labor unions); (2) employers (such as plan sponsors); (3) insurance; (4) accounting; and (5) the general public. If you are interested in applying to one of these vacancies, or know someone who is interested, additional information on the Council can be found on the ERISA Advisory Council website at:

http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/aboutebsa/erisa_advisory_council.html

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency Now Accepting Applications

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Senior Human Capital Analyst
Interdisciplinary Scientist (Project Officer FLU)
Regulatory Counsel/Regulatory Policy Analyst
Behavioral Scientist
IT Specialist
Public Health Analyst
Human Resources Specialist
Epidemiologist
Supervisory Health Scientist
Economist
Management and Program Analyst
File Clerk
Investigations Assistant
Senior Public Health Advisor
General Engineer
Health Communications Specialist
Health Scientist
Lead Accountant
Program Analyst

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