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General News

Last Chance to Register for the HNBA Mid-Year Conference

On March 10th- 12th, the HNBA will hold its **2011 Mid-Year Corporate Counsel Conference and 16th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition** in New Orleans, LA. This conference provides an invaluable opportunity to meet with in-house counsel. Come hear distinguished panelists from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Verizon, Exxon Mobil; Dupont; IBM; Nike, General Electric; Scripps Network, Inc.; Ebay; Target Corporation; Microsoft Corporation; Sempra Energy; Qwest; U-haul; Bank of America; Pitney Bowes; NBC and Cargill, among others. **ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MARCH 1st!** Click [here](#) to register. *The hotel room block at the InterContinental New Orleans is currently full. You may continue to check their website for updates, click [here](#), or please contact the Mid-Year Co-Chairs, **Elia Diaz-Yaeger** at ediaz-yaeger@lawla.com, and **Martha Castillo** at mcastillo@panamericanlife.com, for alternate hotel accommodations. You may also take advantage of an airfare discount from American Airlines. For online booking at www.aa.com, enter promotion code: **6231DC**. For reservation via phone: 1-800-433-1790, mention starfile number **6231DC** (there is a charge of \$20.00 USD for tickets purchased through the phone).*

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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

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER!

For Reservations:
1.800.593.5447

HNBA Recipients of the 2011 Top Lawyers Under 40 Awards

New Orleans, LA - On February 18th, HNBA announced the recipients of the **2010 Top Lawyers Under Forty Award**. Five (5) attorneys were recognized for their accomplishments as young Hispanics and as members of the legal profession before the age of 40. **Nadia Bermudez**, GCR LLP; **Fernando Bohorquez**, Baker & Hostetler LLP; **Laura Benitez Geisler**, Geisler Hays, LLP; **Eneida Román**, Law Office of Eneida Román; and **Harry Valetk**, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, have distinguished themselves nationally through their professional excellence, integrity, leadership, and commitment to the Latino community. These individuals will be honored at our Mid-Year Gala in New Orleans on March 12th. For the full press release, click [here](#).

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



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U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary Holds Confirmation Hearing for Jimmie V. Reyna

Washington, D.C. - On February 16th, the **U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary** held a confirmation hearing for **Jimmie V. Reyna**, Past Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) National President. **President Barack H. Obama** nominated Mr. Reyna to serve as **United States Circuit Judge for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC)**. During the hearing, **Senator Benjamin Cardin** (D-MD) and **Senator John Cornyn** (R-TX) provided introductory statements; Sen. Cornyn noted, "Perhaps the strongest testament to Mr. Reyna's ability has been the trust others have placed in him," and after highlighting Mr. Reyna's qualifications, the Senator added, "If the true measure of a person is what they have done for others, then Mr. Reyna has once again exceeded all standards." Upon confirmation, Mr. Reyna would become the first Latino to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. For full press release, click [here](#).



Photo captions:

Left: Jimmie V. Reyna, U.S. Senate Hearing Room.

Center: (L-R) Benny Agosto, Jr., HNBA President-Elect; Zuraya Tapia-Hadley, HNBA Executive Director; Jimmie V. Reyna, Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Right: Jimmie V. Reyna with members of his family.

Upcoming Events

HNBA to Co-Host Mentoring Event

On March 1st, **HNBA Region II** (NY) will continue its mentoring series at Chadbourne & Park, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 36th floor, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Through speed mentoring, participants are divided into groups of experienced attorneys (mentors) and law students (mentees). They get to know one another on a one-on-one basis, share experience, and advice. The mentoring session is followed by a networking reception with light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP to **Supria Kuppuswamy** at skuppuswamy@chadbourne.com. Please indicate your participation as either a mentor or a mentee.

HNBA Joins North Carolina Bar Association Foundation for Ask-A-Lawyer Event

On March 4th, **HNBA Region VI** (NC, SC) will partner with the **North Carolina Bar Association Foundation** is hosting its fourth annual **Ask-A-Lawyer Event** from **7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** as part of its 4ALL Statewide Service Day. Lawyers will take calls from seven different call centers around the state of North Carolina, including a Spanish language call center where Spanish-speaking lawyers will be taking calls from **8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Please consider volunteering your time on March 4th to provide free legal information, and help get the word out to your community regarding this upcoming day of service. To find out more about the event and to contact the call-center established in your area, visit: www.4allnc.org.

Orange County Hispanic Bar Association Hosts 33rd Annual Installation Dinner

On March 5th, the **Orange County Hispanic Bar Association** (OCHBA) will host its **33rd Annual Installation Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser** at the Fairmont Newport Beach from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The festivities will include a VIP Reception, Silent Auction, Dinner Program, and Post-Dinner Reception. Honorees include: Google, Dolores Huerta, and the

victorious legal defense team in *Martinez v. UC Regents*. OCHBA will also present scholarships to three exceptional law students from UCI and UCLA Schools of Law. The Installation Dinner & Scholarship Fundraiser will feature **Vikki Vargas**, NBC4's Orange County Bureau Chief as Master of Ceremonies.

HNBA Hosts Roundtable Discussion and Speed Mentoring Event

On March 17th, **HNBA Region VIII** (FL) will host a roundtable and speed-mentoring event from **12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the Law School Rotunda in Florida State University College of Law 425 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL.

Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania Annual La Justicia Award Reception

On March 24th, the **Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania** (HBAPA) will host its annual **La Justicia Award Reception** at Dechert, LLP, in Philadelphia, PA, to honor **Pedro Ramos, Esq.** Currently, Mr. Ramos is the head of the government, education and social sector practice at Trujillo Rodriguez and Richards, LLC. Mr. Ramos formerly served as the City Solicitor of Philadelphia, Managing Director of Philadelphia, President of the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia, and the Vice President & Chief of Staff to the President of the University of Pennsylvania.

HNBA Regions Host Joint Networking Reception & Concert

On April 16th, **HNBA Region II** (NY) and **HNBA Region III** (NJ) will host a joint regional networking reception at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. The reception will be held prior to the Ricky Martin concert, starting at 8:00 p.m. The HNBA has reserved premium seating in private suites where attendees will have the opportunity to network with other HNBA members, watch the concert, and enjoy complimentary food, soft drinks, wine, and beer. Tickets can be purchased by contacting **Michael Collazo** at (973) 757-6668 or via email to mcollazo@prucenter.com. Tickets are \$125 and include seats, access to the networking reception, food, soft drinks, wine, and beer, as well as private admittance to the concert. The HNBA block of tickets and special seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis so act NOW.

Prudential Center Presents
RICKY MARTIN
 Saturday, April 16th at 8pm

**SPECIAL PREMIUM OFFER AND NETWORKING
 RECEPTION FROM THE HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (HNBA)**

Come see Ricky Martin LIVE in concert! For a \$125 ticket price you will have access to premium seating in a private suite reserved for the HNBA, access to the concert arena through a private entrance, and the opportunity to network with your fellow HNBA members in the NY/NJ regions. This networking reception is co-sponsored by Lowenstein Sandler PC. Food, Soft Drinks, Beer & Wine are included in the ticket price. To secure your seat today, call Michael Collazo at the Prudential Center at 973.757.6668 or email him at mcollazo@prucenter.com. Limited tickets available.

Please also feel free to contact your HNBA Regional Leadership with any additional questions:

In Region II (New York)
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In Region III (New Jersey)
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 NJ Regional President, HNBA
 at 973.597.6212 or by e-mail at mpozo@lowenstein.com



General Ticket Information:

Ricky Martin tickets go on-sale Saturday, February 5th at 10am to the general public. Enter code: MUSICA now on ticketmaster.com to take advantage of the exclusive pre-sale which ends Friday, February 4th at 10pm.

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

The Hon. Edward Davila Confirmed to U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

On February 14th, the **Honorable Edward Davila** was confirmed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California by the U.S. Senate. This confirmation will make Judge Davila the only Latino judge in the Northern District of California. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

Joseph Ortego Appointed President of the Board for Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.

In February, HNBA member **Joseph Ortego** was named the President of the Board of Trustees for the **Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.** (ACLD). The mission of the ACLD is to provide the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to pursue, achieve, and improve independence and the quality of their lives. For the full article, click [here](#). For more information about the ACLD, go to www.aclld.org.

HNBA Member Project Announced 2010-2011 Winner of Inter-American Development Bank Award

On February 14th, it was announced that **InTrust Global Investments LLC's** private equity INDI Fund is this year's winner of the 2010-2011 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)'s **Annual Beyond Banking Award** in the most Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) category. **Josefina Fernandez McEvoy**, co-chair of the HNBA Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession, serves as InTrust's managing director. InTrust will accept its award at the Boards of Governors of IDB and the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC)'s Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, from March 25th- 28th. The INDI Fund aims to empower indigenous people in Latin America and the Caribbean to develop green technology and clean energy projects in the region.

Regional News

HNBA Immediate Past President Addresses Upward Bound Program

On February 19th, **Román D. Hernández**, HNBA Immediate Past President, provided a keynote address to high school students enrolled in Upward Bound of Portland Community College (Portland, Oregon) and to their parents. The Upward Bound Program serves high school students from low-income families, and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree in order to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

HNBA Hosts Networking Reception and Membership Drive

On February 16th, **HNBA Region V** (DC, MD, VA, WV) hosted a reception in Washington D.C. to welcome new HNBA

members and connect with existing members. This was a great opportunity for attendees to join the HNBA on-site and learn more about the many benefits of HNBA membership, including a **\$20 annual membership fee for HNBA affiliate members**. In attendance at the event were **Benny Agosto**, HNBA President Elect; **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President of Membership; **Hannah Breshin-Otero**, HNBA Region V President; Alexandria Mihalcik, Region V Deputy President; **William Alvarado Rivera**, HBA-DC President; **Fernando Rivero**, HBA-DC Board member; **Zuraya Tapia-Hadley**, HNBA Executive Director and many other guests.



HNBA and HBA-DC attendees

HNBA Attends MALDEF'S 2011 Latino State of the Union

On February 16th, the **Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)** held its 2011 Latino State of the Union in Washington, D.C. **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, attended this event. Moderated by Ray Suarez, senior correspondent on PBS's "The NewsHour," the Latino State of the Union brought together an impressive group of Latino leaders to discuss some of the important issues facing Latino communities today. Participants included: **Thomas B. Reston**, Chairman of the Board, MALDEF; **Tom Saenz**, President and General Counsel, MALDEF; **Russell Roybal**, Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce; **Brent Wilkes**, National Executive Director, LULAC; **Maria Teresa Kumar**, Executive Director, Voto Latino; **Lisa Pino**, Deputy Administrator of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; **Nina Perales**, Director of Litigation, MALDEF; and **James Ferg-Cadima**, Regional Counsel, MALDEF. You can watch the 2011 Latino State of the Union at: http://maldef.org/Isotu_stream/.

HNBA Co-Sponsors Reception for Sylvia Mendez, Recipient of the 2011 Presidential Medal of Freedom

On February 15th, **President Barack H. Obama** bestowed upon **Sylvia Mendez** the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the

highest civilian honor in the nation. **HNBA Region V** (DC, MD, VA, WV) co-hosted a reception after the White House ceremony to recognize and celebrate Ms. Mendez's award and contributions to the Latino community. In attendance at this event were **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President of Membership; **Hannah Breshin-Otero**, HNBA Region V President; **Alexandria Milhalcik**, HNBA Region V Deputy President; and **Zuraya Tapia-Hadley**, HNBA Executive Director. The *Mendez v. Westminster* case was a landmark decision in the civil rights movement against segregation. Ms. Mendez's parents filed this case when she was denied enrollment in a white school. On April 14, 1947, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco unanimously upheld a Ninth District Court decision which ruled that segregated schools in four districts violated the 14th amendment of the constitution as California became the first state in the nation to end school segregation.

HNBA Present at LULAC Legislative Awards

On February 10th, the **League of United Latin American Citizens** (LULAC) held its National Legislative Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. **Diana Sen**, HNBA National President, **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, and **Zuraya Tapia-Hadley**, HNBA Executive Director, attended this event. This year's award recipients were U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), Rep. Pedro Pierluisi (PR), and Trey Martinez Fisher, Texas State Representative.



*Left: Diana Sen, HNBA National President, and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez;
Right: Liz Lopez, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, and Senator Richard Lugar*

HNBA Attends Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala

On February 9th, the **National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials** (NALEO) held its Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala in Washington, D.C. **Liz Lopez**, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, and **Uvaldo Herrera**, HNBA Past General Counsel and NALEO Board member, were in attendance. The **Honorable Peter M. Rivera** was honored this year for his exemplary public service and leadership on issues critical to the Hispanic community. The event is named after Edward R. Roybal, U.S. Congressman, committed advocate for the Latino community, and founder of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Law Student Division

HNBA Law Student Division Joins NBA Law Student Annual Lobby Day

On February 16th and 17th, members of the **HNBA Law Student Division** were pleased to join the **National Black Law Student Association for its 3rd Annual Lobby Day** in Washington, D.C. The event centered around promoting policy careers among minority communities and featured well-known speakers like Education **Secretary Arne Duncan** and **Kareem Dale**, Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy. On the final day, students also had an opportunity to play an important role by meeting with members of the United States Congress on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which has a deep impact on Hispanic communities across the country. Adrian Sneed, Member of the HNBA Law Student Division, was among law student presenters who concluded the day's program.



Left: Students with Panelists

Right: Dr. John S. Wilson, Jr., Executive Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Seeks Law Interns

The Law Department of the **Port Authority of New York and New Jersey** is seeking highly accomplished, motivated, and community-minded law students for its **2011 Summer Law Intern Program**. Students will have the opportunity to experience historic legal projects, and to grapple with legal topics concerning security, eminent domain, employment and labor, etc. Each intern will complete two rotations within the Law Department over the course of the summer program, enabling students to gain exposure to various practice areas and to work under the supervision of highly experienced attorneys. For more information, contact **Christopher Cook** at ctcook@panynj.gov or via phone to (212) 435-3474.

Opportunities

ABA Appointment Process

March 1st is the deadline for **ABA members** to apply for appointments to committees, commissions, and other entities for the ABA 2011-2012 bar year. The process for requesting an endorsement is as follows: (1) To apply for an appointment, you must be a member of the ABA. If you are not already a member, click [here](#) for membership information. (2) You must apply for an appointment online at <http://www.abanet.org/appointments> by March 1st. This ABA link provides suggestions for individuals interested in an appointment. (3) Seek the support of your friends and colleagues who are already in the ABA leadership ranks or who are leaders in your local/state bar associations.

Job Postings

Attorney Advisor

The **United States Department of Agriculture's** Office of Inspector General is seeking applicants for the position of Deputy General Counsel to the Inspector General. The position will provide an opportunity for a seasoned attorney to function in a generalist environment with a focus on litigation and advising in areas such as subpoenas and criminal matter; Freedom of Information Act; Bivens and other tort claims; human resources; and procurement. This position will also require technical review of the work of Assistant Counsels and other programmatic issues. For more information, click [here](#).

Deputy Attorney General

The **Delaware Department of Justice** is seeking a **Deputy Attorney General** for the Civil Division in the Defensive Litigation Unit in New Castle County. Candidates must be admitted to the District of Delaware, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, or eligible for admission to those courts. Interested individuals should submit a resume to the Delaware Department of Justice, Human Resources, 820 N. French Street, Sixth Floor Wilmington, DE 19801 or fax to (302) 577-5866.

Contract Deputy Attorney General

The **Delaware Department of Justice** is seeking applicants for its **Deputy Attorney General** (under Contract) position for its Family Division to handle cases on the Juvenile Gun Court cases. Extensive experience as a prosecutor and experience in prosecuting cases in Family Court is needed. Knowledge of juvenile treatment issues is helpful. Interested applicants should submit a resume to the Delaware Department of Justice, Human Resources, 820 N. French Street, Sixth Floor Wilmington, DE 19801 or fax to (302) 577-5866.

Director and Senior Counsel, Procurement

Diageo North America (Diageo NA) is seeking interested candidates for its **Director and Senior Counsel- Procurement** position in Norwalk, CT. The Commercial Legal Team consists of several attorneys who manage all of the Demand and Supply Commercial contracts for the Diageo NA business. Candidates should have 7-14 years of legal experience, and fluency in business-level Spanish. Interested candidates should email a resume to J. Katelyn Kye at dlambert@mlglobal.com.

Intellectual Property Corporate Counsel

DuPont Legal Group is seeking a seasoned attorney with a background in intellectual property protection for its **Corporate Counsel** position in Wilmington, DE. Qualified candidates should have a Doctorate of Jurisprudence plus a Master's or Ph.D. degree in biological or chemical sciences, and must be licensed to practice law before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. For more information, click [here](#).

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