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General News

HNBA Online Membership Registration Now Open

Washington, DC - The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) has launched a new membership on-line system that includes tailored applications for each of its membership categories, and the option to join the HNBA on-line directory, sign up for job alerts, and automatic billing of your HNBA membership dues. The HNBA membership year is from January to December 2011 so please take a moment to visit www.hnba.com and renew your 2011 HNBA membership. Membership benefits include networking opportunities within your region and at our national events; CLE accreditation; participation in HNBA's substantive law sections and standing committees; and HNBA's publications, including E-Noticias (electronic) and Noticias (print). Within 30 days after completing your membership application, you will receive your HNBA membership card. If you have any questions about the HNBA membership process, please contact Sarah Ramirez, HNBA Membership Relations Manager, at (202) 223-4777 ext. 306 or sramirez@hnba.com. To view the full letter to membership from Diana Sen, HNBA President, and Liz Lopez, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, click [here](#).

HNBA Cited in National Law Journal Article

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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**

Washington, DC - On January 24th, the HNBA was cited in the National Law Journal in the article, "Obama's Diverse Bench," through remarks provided by HNBA President Diana Sen, and Robert Raben, HNBA Chair of the Committee on Judicial Endorsements. The article compares previous administrations, and their efforts in promoting diversity on the bench. For more information click [here](#).

Hotel InterContinental
New Orleans, LA

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



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The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda Announces New Executive Committee

Washington, DC - On January 24th, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) announced its new Executive Committee. HNBA President **Diana Sen** was elected to the NHLA Executive Committee as Secretary; **Lillian Lopez-Rodriguez**, Hispanic Federation President, was elected as NHLA Chair for a second consecutive term; **Brent Wilkes**, Executive Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), was elected NHLA Vice Chair; and **Al Zapanta**, U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, was appointed NHLA Treasurer. The following were elected as Members-at-Large: **Juan Andrade, Jr.**, President, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI); **Thomas Saenz**, President and General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF); and **Hector Sanchez**, Executive Director, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA).

Upcoming Events

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to Host Spanish-Language Event

On January 29th, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is holding a free Spanish-language community engagement event entitled, "How Do I Help My Relative Become A Permanent Resident in the United States?" from 1:00pm- 2:30pm at the USCIS Washington Field Office in Fairfax, VA. For more information, or to participate, email Public.Engagement@dhs.gov, with the word "ENLACE" in the subject line.

Reception for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

On January 31st, HNBA Region IX (IL, IN, MI, WI), the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois, an HNBA affiliate, and the

Chicago Bar Association will co-sponsor a reception for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The reception will take place at the Standard Club in Chicago, IL at 4:00 pm. Frank A. Santilli, HNBA Regional President, will be in attendance at this event.

HNBA Inaugural Charity Tennis Tournament

On February 5th, the HNBA will host a tennis tournament in Miami, FL to benefit the HNBA Legal Education Fund, which provides scholarships for Latino law students. The scholarships will be awarded at the HNBA Mid-Year Corporate Counsel Conference and 16th Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition in New Orleans, LA. Registration for players is now closed, but you can still be part of the Wii tournament, the Domino tournament, or other events throughout the day. To learn more about how you can participate in this exciting networking event, for a good cause, click [here](#).

MHBA to Host Its Sixth Annual Gala

On February 24th, the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA) will host its Sixth Annual Gala from 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm at Zahtar (located inside the Grand Hotel), 615 2nd Avenue South, 2nd Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402. For sponsorship or other information, please contact Mara Garcia Kaplan, MHBA President, at (612) 307-5491, or via email at mara.kaplan@target.com.

HNBA Mid-Year Conference

From 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. Click [here](#) to register, or for more information regarding the Conference click here. **Please note that the HNBA has a limited hotel room block that is going fast.** Click [here](#) for the rates. **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 to 1-800-433-1790, mention starfile number A6231DC (there is a charge of \$20.00 USD for tickets purchased through the phone).

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

Liz Lopez Named Of Counsel at Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Liz Lopez, HNBA National Vice President of Membership, has been named Of Counsel at Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Governmental Services and Finance Department in Washington, D.C. She focuses her practice on the representation of corporations and small businesses before the U.S. legislative and executive branches. Her work on behalf of clients includes areas such as employment, food safety regulations and requirements, governance, health care, and telecommunications, among numerous other issues. Click [here](#) to view press release.

Article by Melinda Molina to be Featured in The Young Lawyer

The Young Lawyer, an ABA Young Lawyer Division publication, will feature an article by HNBA member Melinda Molina, highlighting the findings of the reports by the HNBA Standing Commission on the Status of Latinas in the Legal Profession. The issue is expected to be published in the near future. For previous editions of *The Young Lawyer* publication, click [here](#).

Prominent HNBA Members to Participate in Minnesota Bias Seminar

On February 16th, several HNBA members will participate in Minnesota's Elimination of Bias seminar, "In-House Strategies for Promoting Diversity Inside the Company and Among Outside Counsel." Melisa Lopez Franzen, HNBA Region XI Deputy President, will moderate a CLE panel on "How to Promote Diversity Within the Company"; Peter Reyes, HNBA National Vice President of Sections and Committees, will be among the panelists discussing corporate diversity initiatives and share unique experiences within companies such as Cargill, Target, and General Mills.

Regional News

HBA-DC Elects New Officers and Board

On January 20th, the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC), HNBA affiliate, has elected officers and directors for terms beginning January 20, 2011. They will join **President William Alvarado River** and Immediate **Past President Kenia Seoane López** on the board of directors. The official results of the January 2011 elections for the HBA-DC officers and board of directors are as follows:

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Lyzka P. DeLaCruz

VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Juan Sempertegui
VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Christina Brito
VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP: Leonor Velazquez Davila
TREASURER: Erik J. Burgos
SECRETARY: Maria G. Mendoza

BOARD MEMBERS (in alphabetical order): Sergio Balbontin, Holli Feichko, Jilma M. Lasso, Sergio F. Oehninger, Eldy Quintanilla De Roché, Fernando Rivero, Marie Scott.

HNBA Attends Latino Leaders Network Tribute to Mayors

On January 19th, **Zuraya Tapia**, HNBA Executive Director, attended the **Tribute to Latino Mayors**, an intimate dinner hosted by the Latino Leaders Network in Washington, D.C. The event served as an opportunity to meet newly elected Latino officials, and to honor others for their long-time service. The Latino Leaders Network honored **Mayor Elizabeth Kautz** (Burnsville, Minnesota), **Mayor Miguel Pulido** (Santa Ana, California), and **Former Mayor Doug Palmer** (Trenton, New Jersey). The tribute was also well-attended by HNBA supporters, such as Walmart and Verizon.

Abraham Watkins Co-Hosts HNBA Kick-Off Reception

On January 13th, Benny Agosto, HNBA President-Elect & Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, hosted the HNBA Kick-Off Reception for the **2011 HNBA Annual Convention in Dallas, TX**, to take place **August 31st- September 3rd**. The reception brought together judges, law professors, attorneys and law students from around the state, and served to garner support for the HNBA Annual Convention. For more information on the convention, please click [here](#).



Picture on Left: (From L-R: Benny Agosto, Jr., HNBA President-Elect; Eloisa Arteaga, Associate Editor, HNBA Journal of Law & Policy; Professor Lupe Salinas)

Picture on Right: (From L-R: Johnny Garza, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, President; Joe Matta, Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, President-Elect; Ephriam del Pozo, Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, President; Carlos Morales, HNBA Fundraising Committee for Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas; and Benny Agosto, Jr.)

ABA Holds Second Hearing of the Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights & Responsibilities

On January 13th, HNBA President Diana Sen attended the American Bar Association (ABA) Regional Hearing of the Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights & Responsibilities (the ABA Commission) in San Francisco, CA. The ABA Commission holds public hearings throughout the year in order to generate testimony from a broad coalition of lawyers; judges; legal and social science scholars; and elected officials from the Latino community. HNBA members Chris Arriola and Arcelia Hurtado testified on behalf of their organizations on topics including: "Latinas in the Workplace", and "Latino Youth & the Educational Pipeline". Thomas Saenz, President and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF), gave the main presentation on "The Legal Landscape and its Impact on Latinos in the U.S." Testimonies discussed the most pressing legal issues facing the Latino community and how these issues can be addressed.

Law Student Division

The White House Internship Program

The deadline for the fall 2011 White House Internship Program is **January 31st**. The White House Internship Program offers a hands-on mentorship experience that prepares individuals for future public service. For more information about the program, and to apply, click [here](#).

The Heritage Documentation Program

The Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP) seeks applications from qualified students for summer employment documenting historic sites and structures of architectural, landscape and technological significance throughout the country. Duties involve on-site field work and preparation of measured and interpretive drawings and written historical reports for the HABS/HAER/HALS Collections at the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. The application deadline is **February 14th**. For more information, contact Robert R. Arzola, HABS Architect at the Historic

American Buildings Survey Heritage Documentation Programs, NPS at (202) 354-2170.

CHCI Law Graduate Fellowship Program Open Now to Applicants

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is seeking applicants for its 2011-2012 Graduate Fellowship Program. The application deadline is **February 18, 2011**. Click [here](#) for more information, and to apply. The Graduate Fellowship Program offers Latinos experience in underserved public policy areas of education (secondary and higher), health, housing, law, international affairs, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The nine-month fellowship in Washington, D.C. includes a substantive work placement at a congressional office or federal agency, travel, health insurance, and a \$2,700 monthly stipend.

ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship

The ABA seeks applicants for the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship, encouraging racial and ethnic minority students to apply and attend law school. The scholarship fund will award \$5,000 of financial assistance annually to each recipient attending an ABA-accredited law school. For more information, please contact Sharon Tindall, Assistant Director for the Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity at the American Bar Association, at tindalls@staff.abanet.org or at (312) 988-5642.

Opportunities

JOB POSTINGS

Environmental Law Attorney Position

DuPont is currently seeking interested applicants for the Senior Counsel- Environmental position with the DuPont Environmental Group within the Legal Department. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Kimberly Markiewicz at Kimberly.Y.Markiewicz@usa.dupont.com.

Immigrants' Rights Project Director

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU) is seeking applicants for its Director of Immigrants' Rights Project

position. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample by email to staff_search_sa@aclu.org, reference "[IRP-05/WACLU]" in the subject line, or by mail to: Human Resources, RE: [IRP-05/WACLU], American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Applications will be accepted through February 26th. Please indicate how you learned of the job posting within your cover letter.

Associate General Counsel for Fair Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of General Counsel, is seeking interested individuals for its Associate General Counsel for Fair Housing position at the HUD Headquarters office. Interested individuals should submit their application by February 11th, to eppapplications@hud.gov, by postage mail, or fax to (202) 708-9077, using an OF 612, or a resume. For more information, click [here](#) for the complete job posting.

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