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General News

HNBA National President Visits Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. - Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) National President, Benny Agosto, Jr. made his first visit to the Nation's Capital as President of the HNBA from September 11th through 14th. During his visit, Benny met with the HNBA National Office and held planning meetings; met with the office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn; met with the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda; met with staff from the White House Office of Personnel; and represented the HNBA at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) conference and gala, with President Barack H. Obama as the keynote speaker, among many other distinguished guests.

HNBA 2011 Annual Convention

Washington, D.C. - From **August 31st** to **September 3rd**, the HNBA held its **36th Annual Convention** in Dallas, Texas. Among the extensive and diverse program offered, guests heard from top national figures as keynote speakers, including The Honorable Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; The Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna; Hispanic General Counsel from Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 corporations, and others who presented as part of 45 panels on pressing issues pertaining to the legal and Latino communities. Guests also enjoyed memorable social and networking opportunities at favorite Dallas attractions like Neiman Marcus and the Dallas Cowboys Stadium. The HNBA thanks all of our sponsors, speakers, and guests for a spectacular convention! The new 2011-2012 Board of Governors were also sworn in at the close of the convention. Click [here](#) to see the list of new officers. Stay tuned in the coming week for the Special Edition E-noticias focused on the Annual Convention!

HNBA Executive Director Presents at LCLAA Educational Conference

San Juan, PR - On August 4th-6th, the **Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)** held its Educational Conference at the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The conference convened labor leaders to address current political issues and discuss strategies to advance Latinos in the workforce. **Zuraya Tapia-Hadley**, HNBA Executive Director, participated as a panelist at a workshop entitled "The State of Latino Education: Educating Our Children for Success in the Workforce of the Future," where she stressed the importance of mentoring Latino youth, discussed enrollment and achievement in higher education, and highlighted the need to invest in earlier education to foster the pipeline of Latinos in the legal and other professions.



HNBA Executive Director Zuraya Tapia-Hadley speaks on a panel at the LCLAA Conference

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HNBA 2nd Annual Charity Tennis & Golf Tournament
February 4, 2012
Miami, FL



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COMING SOON! New Feature: Region and Affiliate Profile

Beginning with the next edition of E-Noticias, we will be featuring one HNBA Regional President and one affiliate in each edition! Look out for the profiles of our leadership in the next issue.

Upcoming Events

Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association Hosts 18th Annual Awards Celebration

On **Thursday, November 3rd**, the **Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA)** will hold its 18th Annual Awards Celebration at the New Haven Lawn Club in New Haven, CT. Jeannette DeJesús, Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform, will deliver keynote remarks and receive the Achievement Award. CHBA was recently honored at the HNBA 36th Annual Convention as the 2011 Affiliate Organization of the Year. For more information about CHBA, visit www.ct-hba.org.

Avanzando Nuestra Gente

Sylvia Torres-Guillén Nominated to General Counsel for Agricultural Labor

Relations Board

On August 23rd, California Governor Edmund G. Brown announced the nomination of **Sylvia Torres-Guillén** to serve as General Counsel of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB). Ms. Torres-Guillén is currently a Federal Deputy Public Defender at the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles. Outside of her career, Ms. Torres-Guillén has held a number of leadership positions within the HNBA, including serving as the Co-Chair of the HNBA Commission on Latinas in the Legal Profession and as an HNBA affiliate board member. Once confirmed, Ms. Torres-Guillén will assume control and management of the Office of the General Counsel for the ALRB. The ALRB was created in 1975 to ensure peace in the fields of California by guaranteeing justice for all agricultural workers and stability in agricultural labor relations.

Dr. Eli Avila Appointed to Secretary of Health in Pennsylvania Department of Health

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett recently appointed HNBA member **Dr. Eli Avila** to the position of Secretary of Health in the state's Department of Health. This appointment, confirmed unanimously by the Pennsylvania Senate, makes Dr. Avila the first Hispanic to serve as the top health regulator for the state of Pennsylvania. Dr. Avila previously was the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Health Services for Suffolk County, NY. He also has practiced law for an environmental biotechnology company in New York City as well as administrative and clinical medicine in the Department of Health and Human Services in New York. He earned his Masters in Public Health from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, his JD from St. John's University School of Law, and his college and medical degrees from Brown University.

John Arrastia, Jr. Named Florida Legal Elite 2011

Florida Trend Magazine named HNBA member John Arrastia, Jr. among its 2011 "Florida Legal Elite" list. Mr. Arrastia was also recently accepted into the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a partner at Arrastia & Capote LLP in Miami, Florida, where he practices dispute resolution with an emphasis on domestic and international litigation, arbitration, and appeals, concentrating on commercial matters affecting businesses and individuals. He earned his JD from the University of Florida College of Law, and earned a Masters from Cambridge University in England.

Regional News

HNBA Welcomes New Affiliate, the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida

The HNBA would like to announce its newest affiliate, the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida (HBACF). HBACF was incorporated in 1991, seeking to address a dire need for representation of the Hispanic community, which made up a great

part of the population in Central Florida, in the legal profession. HBACF's mission is to serve as the local voice for the concerns and opinions of Hispanics in the community generally, and in the legal profession in particular; to develop mechanisms to facilitate the exchange of information among Hispanics involved in all segments of the legal profession; and to work with other bar associations, local and statewide judges, governmental agencies, and community groups to achieve greater involvement in and understanding of the American legal system by the local Hispanic community. Click [here](#) to visit the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida's website.



Karla Valladares,
HBACF President

Law Student Division

2011-2012 MALDEF Law School Scholarship

The 2011-2012 MALDEF Law School Scholarship Application is now available. Law students may download the application through www.maldef.org. **The deadline is December 16, 2011.** In recent years, MALDEF has annually provided 5-10 scholarships of \$5,000 each, making MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program one of the most substantial scholarships available to law students interested in advancing Latino civil rights.

Job Postings

Visit the HNBA Career Center to view **50** new job openings this month.

<http://www hnba.com/resources/career-center/>

If you would like to submit a job posting to our Career Center and E-Noticias, please email ebengtson@hnba.com with a description in Word or PDF. Job postings will remain active for 30 days.

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