



Message from the President



Dear Members,

Our first board meeting took place last month. The Board has many ideas for the upcoming term. HLA I is looking for membership involvement, in the following committees: Judicial Evaluations, Latina Lawyers Committee, Professional Development, Social Committee, JD Mentors, Immigration Committee, Community Outreach, Holiday Food Baskets, Law School Committee and LGBT Committee.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the committees or if you have any programs you would like to see HLA I offer. Please contact me at rosasilva73@hotmail.com

The Board looks forward to working with our membership.

Saludos,

Rosa Maria Silva

Announcements

Congratulations to **Sergio E. Acosta** who joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in April 2010. Previously he was Chief of the General Crimes Section of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois.

The majority of Mr. Acosta's career has been devoted to public service. He began his legal career in 1985 as an assistant state attorney in the Dade County State Attorney's Office, in Miami. From 1988 to 1989, he was the Chief of the County Court Division, where he supervised division attorneys, developed policy and was a community and law enforcement liaison. He became a chief in the Felony Division in 1989.

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In 1990 Mr. Acosta joined the U. S. Attorney's Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago. From 1990 to 1994, he worked in the Criminal Receiving and Appellate Division, the Criminal Litigation Section and the Major Case Section. He became a deputy chief of the General Crimes Section in 1994 and remained there until leaving the United States Attorney's Office in 1999 to become the Administrator of the Illinois Gaming Board.

During his tenure with the Illinois Gaming Board, Mr. Acosta was responsible for the regulation of all aspects of casino gambling in Illinois.

In 2001, Mr. Acosta returned to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago to the Organized Crime Section. In 2002, he became Deputy Chief of the Major Case Section, and then in 2003, he returned to the General Crimes Section as its Chief, where he remained until joining Hinshaw.

Congratulations to **Claudia Farfan Badillo & David Badillo** on the birth of their daughter Lucia Badillo.

HLAI members, **David Herrera**, Prosecutor, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, **Joseph Chico**, Administrative Judge, City of Chicago and **Jesse Ruiz**, Chairman, Illinois State Board of Education; Partner, Brinker, Biddle & Reath, LLP, spoke at the University of Illinois Latino/Latina Alumni Association (LLAA) Networking Series. The event took place on July 29th. The topic was Success Stories in Government.

*****HLAI invites notices of member's achievements. Please submit them to Claudia Castro at cecklc2003@yahoo.com*****

If you would like to be on the Latina Lawyers email server please send an email to latina.lawyers@yahoo.com

July Overview

Latina Lawyers Committee team participated on in the CBA's Race Judicata along the lakefront on July 22nd. Thanks to all the ladies who ran/walked/& watched everyone's belongings at Race Judicata.



Congratulations to LITZA MAVROTHALASITIS who was the first one from LLC to cross the finish line with a time of 28:01!



purchase tickets has passed, but there is always next year!

On Friday, August 6th, Mikey Oquendo Productions is hosting "Las Comadres of Comedy". Ana Belaval, the most recent mistress of ceremonies for Treating Moms Well, is one of the comedians! Tickets for this event are \$25. Proceeds directly support the PPD program. Martha Victoria-Diaz is a board member of H.A.S. Please help Martha in her endeavors.

Mujeres' Annual Family Fest, Friday, August 20, 2010

We proudly announce our Annual Family Festival, an event that brings children and parents together to promote family fun and academic success. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010. The Festival will take place on 21st Place between Leavitt and Hoyne Streets (2100 West), Chicago, IL 60608 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and is expected to bring 500 families together!

This is a feature community event that has come to signal the end of the summer and the beginning of a bright new school year. At Mujeres, we believe strongly in emphasizing the importance of academic achievement and providing resources for our youth and families to generate future school success.

How You Can Help

You can help us by sponsoring one of our 75 children with a Back to School Package or by making financial contribution.

Back to School Package: 1 Back Pack, 2-4 Notebooks, 1 Pack of Lined Paper, 1 Color Pencil Pack, 1 Glue and/or Glue Sticks, 1 Scissors, 1 Pencil Sharpener, 1 Calculator, 1 Dictionary, Pens, Pencils, 1 Pocket Folders (blue, black and red)

Financial Contribution

\$25 contribution would help us purchase basic school supplies, \$50 contribution would purchase a back pack, \$75 Contribution would purchase a "Back to School Package, \$100 contribution would purchase a "Back to School Package" and help buy school books.

If you are unable to donate any school supplies this year, you can still help kids by getting the word out. Tell your friends and family members about the need for school supplies. If you have a blog, run a website, or post on forums, let the people you interact with know how they can help Mujeres. You may also want to post a notice at your office's break room, at a community room or common area in your neighborhood or building, or at a community center or other public space near your home. To sponsor one of 75 children or to make a contribution please contact Alba Gomez, at 773-890-7664 or alba@mujereslat.org.



Upcoming Events/SAVE THE DATES!

August Events

HLAI Board of Directors Meeting will be held on August 10th, at 6:00 p.m., Sanchez, Daniels at Hoffman, 333 West Wacker, Suite 500. **Please RSVP by August 9th** to rosasilva73@hotmail.com. Martha Victoria-Diaz has graciously agreed to host the meeting.



CHICAGO WHITE SOX vs. MINNESOTA TWINS

Thursday August 12, 2010 7:10p.m.

Tickets \$35.00

Lower Box Seats (face value \$43)

HLAI Charities and HLAI will be hosting a fundraiser for the JD mentors program. Join us for some fun at the baseball park. All funds raised will go to the JD Mentors Program. For more information and to purchase your ticket, please contact Linda Perez at linda_perez@sbcglobal.net **The deadline to**



You will receive a child's name and age. You are also welcome to volunteer the day of the festival.

University of Illinois Latino/Latina Alumni Association (LLAA) will be hosting an Alumni Soiree on August 26, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum. Members \$20, Non members \$30. Partial proceeds to benefit the establishment of Latina/Latino scholarships. For more information please visit www.illinoisllaa.org

September Events

HNBA 35th Annual Convention

September 8-11, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota

BATTER UP FOR JUSTICE

The Lawyers' Auxiliary Committee of the Illinois Judges Foundation Cubs Rooftop Fundraiser
September 23, 2010 @ 5:50 p.m.

Please mail your order form & check payable to the Illinois Judges Foundation to Illinois Judges Foundation
321 S. Plymouth Ct., 7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

Ticket price: \$150.00 each \$750 Leadoff Sponsorship (includes 2 tickets), \$1,500 Ace Sponsorship (includes 6 tickets), \$2,500 Grand Slam Sponsorship (includes 10 tickets). Sponsors will receive recognition in promotional materials and special acknowledgement at event.

Join us for a benefit to support the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, a summer judicial internship program for qualified law students.

Entry includes great view of Chicago Cubs v. San Francisco Giants game, dinner buffet & unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks!
For more information call (312) 554-2008 or (773) 780-9991 or E-mail: jif@chicagobar.org

COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Will hold their Second Annual Fundraiser. The event will take place aboard the Mystic Blue Cruise liner at Navy Pier on September 9, 2010. If you are interested in tickets please call 312/759-1212

October Events

Membership Meeting: The Fall membership meeting/social will be held on October 12, 2010 time and location TBA.

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Volunteer/Misc. Opportunities

The Women's Bar Foundation of Illinois has extended the deadline for the stipend application to August 9, 2010. If you currently work at a non profit or governmental agency and have a strong commitment to community service please consider applying. The stipend is for 15,000 for more information please visit

<http://www.womensbarfoundation.org/>

The Chicago Bar Association is seeking attorneys from the Latin community to participate on the CBA's Judicial Evaluation Committee. If you have previous experience you may be able to participate in hearings if you do not have prior experience new members are also needed. If you are interested please contact Jeannine Cordero at jay9c@yahoo.com.

The following link is to a bankruptcy basics in Spanish produced by the federal court.

http://www.uscourts.gov/Multimedia/Videos.aspx?video_url=http://www.uscourts.gov/video/source/BankruptcyBasics/bbs1.f4v&video_image=/uscourts/video/BankruptcyBasics/images/preview1.jpg&video_id=bbs1

Sociedad Civica Mexicana de Illinois, Inc. 2010. The Mexican Civic Society is proud to announce sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming Chicago celebrations of Mexico's 200th Anniversary of Mexico's Independence and 100th Anniversary of the Mexican Revolution. For more information: (773) 376-8445 or email at info@sociedadcivicamexicana.org

ANN BREEN-GRECO will become the Chair of the **ISBA Administrative Law Section**. She is reaching out to recruit new appointees for the committee and want to ensure as much diversity as possible. If you know of anyone who works in administrative law who would like to get active with us please have them send me a resume. If someone is not currently a member of the ISBA he or she will have to join. We have about 3-4 meetings per year. I have found the work extremely rewarding and enjoy working with others on the Section/Council. ANN BREEN-GRECO, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW-JUDGE/HEARING OFFICER, ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR/ATTORNEY, P. O. Box 25988, Chicago, Illinois 60625, Phone and Fax: 773,539-3292, anbreen-greco@sbcglobal.net



Employment Opportunities

Fernando R. Carranza & Associates is looking for a part-time attorney (with the possibility of turning into a full-time position) to assist in foreclosure defense. If you are interested please contact Fernando R. Carranza at Fcarranza@frclaw.us or call 708 416-0034

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Falkis and Tallis is looking for a new associate to work in a two man plaintiff's personal injury firm. Associate has to be self motivated, aggressive, speak spanish fluently and a self starter. If you know of a young lawyer with 0-2 years of experience please forward this to them.

Social Security Administration

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=88900492&JobTitle=Attorney-Advisor+\(General\)+Bilingual+\(English%2fSpanish\)&q=spanish&jtit=attorney&sort=rv%2c-dtex&cn=&rad_units=miles&brd=3876&pp=50&vw=b&re=134&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&caller=advanced.aspx&AVSDM=2010-06-24+20%3a48%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=88900492&JobTitle=Attorney-Advisor+(General)+Bilingual+(English%2fSpanish)&q=spanish&jtit=attorney&sort=rv%2c-dtex&cn=&rad_units=miles&brd=3876&pp=50&vw=b&re=134&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&caller=advanced.aspx&AVSDM=2010-06-24+20%3a48%3a00)

The **Rockford** office of **Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP**, a leading national law firm, is seeking an Associate with three or more years of experience to join its established Labor and Employment Practice Group. Experience with employment counseling and litigation, defense of discrimination claims, and representing and advising clients in collective bargaining, wage and hour matters and related issues is preferred. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates seeking a high level of responsibility in a diverse and progressive law firm environment.

The Firm provides a competitive benefits package and opportunity for advancement. Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence to:
Jacqueline Gay, Office Manager
email: jgay@hinshawlaw.com
www.hinshawlaw.com

Only candidates contacted for an interview will receive a response. Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is an Affirmative Action EEO Employer.

Katz Law Office, Ltd. is a growing neighborhood law firm dedicated to serving Chicago's Spanish speaking communities.

Attorney applicant need have a minimum of two years experience in family, criminal, immigration, consumer law, and/or civil litigation.

Please send resume, 2-3 writing samples and three work references to Mr. Katz at matthew@katzlawchicago.com

Scholarship/Student Opportunities

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago has a student part-time, temporary position in their Crime Victim's Project. To apply please email, send or deliver a cover letter, resume and a list of three references and writing samples in both Spanish and English to Frank GA. Avellone, Supervising Attorney, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, 3333 West Arthington, Suite 151, Chicago, Illinois 606024, favellone@lafchicago.org

Membership Benefits

HLAI is participating in the **American Airlines Business ExtrAA Travel Awards Program** to earn travel rewards for travel to the HNBE Conference and other professional events as designated by the board.

By designating HLAI as your business, **YOU and HLAI, BOTH, can earn travel rewards toward future travel. Please include HLAI during your summer air travel on AA!!**

Business Name: HLAI Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois

Business ExtrAA Account Number: 787505

To earn Business ExtrAA travel rewards, all you need to do is ensure the HLAI Business ExtrAA account number appears on all your tickets with American Airlines, American Eagle® or AmericanConnection®.