



Message from the President



Dear Members,

I am very much looking forward to this year and am excited to be the new President. With a new board, along with membership, I am confident that we will continue to carry on HLA I's mission of community outreach and networking opportunities for its membership.

The board is looking for committee chairs. I encourage you to reach out 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

Membership, networking and mentorship are what make for an appealing bar association. I hope that throughout this year you will help HLA I in reaching its goals.

Saludos,

Rosa Maria Silva

Announcements

Congratulations to **Yesenia Villasenor-Rodriguez**. The United States District Court, in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association presented her with the prestigious Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service at the Eleventh Annual Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service on May 26, 2010. Great job Yesenia! She has also been selected to be a trained volunteer in the Al Gore's Climate Change Program.

Latina Lawyers Committee would like to thank **Litza Mavrothalasitis** for attending Little Village Academy's third annual Career Day on April 15, 2010. She met with three classes and was able to give them insight into the legal profession. The students were excited to have a lawyer speak with them.

Congratulations to **Alfredo Maldonado** on his promotion. Al has been promoted to the Cook County Public Defenders Homicide Task force, where he represents clients accused of capital and non capital murder cases.

Congratulations to **Litza Mavrothalasitis** for being named as one of the finalist for the Democratic candidacy for Lieutenant Governor. She appeared before the Democratic State Central Committee in Springfield, Illinois.

Claudia Castro was invited to speak to the Holmes Jr. High students on May 26th about the importance of pursuing higher education and working hard to achieve their dreams. The students subsequently took a field trip to DePaul College of Law and met with lawyers and law students and presented a moot court case in front of judges. Her cousin **Alma Botana** is a teacher at Holmes and her husband is HLA I member **James Botana**, a partner at Jackson Lewis.

Congratulations to **Mario Utreras** on his new position at PrimeSource Healthcare Systems, Inc.

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

April Overview

HLA I Charities held a fundraiser for JD Mentors on April 28th at Lalo's on Maxwell Street.



a **CLE on Investigating Fraud with Deloitte** and **PRBA** was held on April 7th

May Overview

HLA I Board Elections took place on May 26th at Sanchez, Daniels and Hoffman. A special thanks to Martha Victoria-Diaz and Rossana Fernandez for hosting the meeting.



June Overview

The **HLAI** Induction Ceremony of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors & the Presentation of JD Mentor Scholarships took place on June 9th, 2010 at Chicago Kent College of Law. Swearing in of Board of Directors was conducted by Hon. Jorge Alonso, Cook County Circuit Court Judge. The keynotes speaker was Karina Ayala-Bermejo, First Deputy Commissioner at the Chicago of Chicago, Department of Human Resources. The JD Mentor Scholarship were presented by Olga Gutierrez and Cesar Orozco, co-chairs of the JD Mentors Program.

The new Board consists of:

President: Rosa Maria Silva
President-Elect: Salvador Cicero
Immediate Past-President: Leopoldo Laster
Communications Secretary: Helen Gutierrez
Treasurer: Alejandro Menchaca
Membership Secretary: Pedro Cervantes
Recording Secretary: Alfredo Maldonado

Board of Directors (2-year appointment):

Cesar Orozco
Beatriz Santiago
Claudia Castro

Board of Directors (1-year remaining):

Federico Rodriguez
Martha Victoria-Diaz
Hon. Jesse Reyes



The Following awards were presented:

Fellowship: Matt Alva
Kaplan Scholarship: Sofia Chapa
Cristal Elusta
BarBari Scholarship: Rocio Alcantar
Evelyn Blanco
Angela Hernandez
Nelly Montenegro
Angela Snell





The **ALPFA Law** Event took place on June 23rd, 2010 hosted by Northern Trust.

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates!

HLAI Board of Directors Meeting will be held on July 12th, at 6:00 p.m., Sanchez, Daniels at Hoffman, 333 West Wacker, Suite 500. **Please RSVP by July 11th** to rosasilva73@hotmail.com. Martha Victoria-Diaz has graciously agreed to host the meeting.

Illinois Judicial Council Installation and Award Ceremony

Thursday, July 22, 2010, 11:30 seating; 12:00pm Luncheon Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604. Any questions, contact Hon. Cheryl D. Ingram (708) 865-6073

Join the "**Latina Lawyers Committee**" team on July 22nd as we run in the CBA's Race Judicata along the lakefront. Fun and drinks will be awaiting us at the finish line. Everyone is welcome!

Please register under team name Latina Lawyers Committee at

<https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=6X2V1K7>.

Judges pitch game for summer internships

"Batter Up for Justice," the second annual Illinois Judges Foundation benefit for a summer judicial internship program for qualified law students, will take place Monday, July 19, in Chicago.

The venue is the Sheffield Baseball Club, 3619 N. Sheffield, across from Wrigley Field where the Chicago Cubs will play the Houston Astros. Game time is 7:05 p.m., but the rooftop event will begin at 6:05 p.m.

The Lawyers' Auxiliary Committee of the Foundation is the sponsor. Proceeds will help provide full-time, minimum six-week internships and stipends to first- and second-year law students who qualify because of minority status or financial need. The Judges Foundation has secured the participation of federal and state judges who preside in courtrooms around the state.

The admission fee of \$150 per person includes food and an open bar throughout the game. The event is open to the public, but space is limited. Reservations may be made through the website above, mailing the attached form, or by e-mailing ljf@chicagobar.org. Sponsorships at various levels are available. A portion of each contribution is tax-deductible.

OFFICERS: Rosa Maria Silva--President, Salvador Cicero--President-Elect, Leopoldo Lastre--Immediate Past President, Helen Gutierrez--Communications Secretary, Pedro Cervantes--Membership Secretary, Alfredo Maldonado--Recording Secretary, Alejandro Menchaca--Treasurer.
BOARD MEMBERS: Martha Victoria-Díaz, Hon. Jesse Reyes, Federico Rodriguez, Beatriz Santiago, Cesar Orozco, Claudia Castro. *Noticias* Editor: Claudia Castro HLAI Tel. No. 312-554-2045, website www.hlai.org.

August Events



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 purchase tickets is July 12th**

CLE The John Marshall Law School

315 South Plymouth Court, Room 200, Chicago, Illinois 60604

Judges from the Circuit Court of Cook County's Chancery Division Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Calendar will discuss the requirements of state Illinois state courts in foreclosure cases, the endorsement of notes under the Commercial Code, mortgage assignments, and related issues. Because of securitization and increasingly frequent allegations that borrowers did not understand they were misled into entering transactions they could not afford, questions of what is the right to foreclosure and what defenses can be raised have become increasingly complex and contentious. This program will explore these issues.

\$50 - Free to JMLS faculty, adjuncts, and staff.

You must register by July 29, 2010. To register please go to <http://www.jmls.edu/events/>

September Events

HNBA 35th Annual Convention

September 8-11, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Volunteer/Misc. Opportunities

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



The chair of the **ISBA Administrative Law Section** is seeking to recruit new appointees for the committee and would like 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. The work extremely rewarding and enjoy working with others on the Section/Council. ANN BREEN-GRECO, AMINISTRATIVE LAW-JUDGE/HEARING OFFICER, ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR/ATTORNEY, P. O. Box 25988, Chicago, Illinois 60625, Phone and Fax: 773,539-3292, annbreen-greco@sbcglobal.net

Employment Opportunities

The **District of Minnesota** is seeking applications for a U.S. Magistrate Judge position in the Twin Cities. See the Court's web site at <http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov> for additional information including a link to the application.

There are many opportunities available with the:

Illinois Attorney General's Office

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/about/jobs/index.html>

United States Department of Justice

www.justice.gov/oarm/jobs/ausa10.html

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=88891791&JobTitle=Trial+Attorney&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=2010-06-25+16%3a19%3a00

U.S Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=81603312&JobTitle=Staff+Law+Clerk&q=attorney&where=IL&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=0&y=0&AVSDM=2010-06-24+20%3a48%3a00>

Social Security Administration

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=88900492&JobTitle=AttorneyAdvisor+\(General\)+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=AttorneyAdvisor+(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)

Seeking Private Counsel -- Department of Justice

Department of Justice Solicitation Announcement for Private Counsel interested in entering into contracts with the Department to collect delinquent Federal debts in the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago).

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=279349a05010c45bd4c931dd8dcec339&tab=core&_cview=0

If you have any questions regarding the RFP please call Melissa Kerns, Contracting Officer, at (202) 514-1957. If you should encounter any problems with linking to the site, please contact L'Tanjua McGinnis at (202) 532-4367.

PRIVATE COUNSEL PROGRAM
OFFICE OF DEBT COLLECTION
MANAGEMENT

Assistant City Attorney I \$62,290 - \$81,320/year

NATURE OF WORK:

Under the direction of the Corporation Counsel, the Assistant City Attorney I will provide assistance and support for general legal research; prepare and/or review contract documents for construction projects and for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services and professional services including specifications, bid documents, requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, bonds and contractual agreements; various court calls, including traffic, ordinance, and administrative adjudication hearings; draft and/or review ordinances and resolutions; and advise on general municipal issues, including M/W/EBE, the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Attendance at night meetings is required. The Assistant City Attorney I will represent the City of Evanston in state and federal court as needed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF WORK:

This position requires a Juris Doctor degree from an accredited school of law in addition to up to three years of legal experience, preferably within the field of municipal law. Potential candidates must be licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois and must be eligible for or already admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Candidates with litigation, labor and employment law, or zoning and land use experience are preferred.

Closing Date: July 7, 2010

To apply for this position and for more information, please apply online at www.cityofevanston.org on or before the closing date.

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 is looking for students interested in the Skadden and Equal Justice Works Fellowship for 2011. If you are a third year law student and are interested mail or email cover letter describing your interest and specific proposal, if any; resume and writing sample to resume@lafchicago.org. July 1st is the deadline for additional information please contact Richard Wheelock Wheelock@lafchicago.org

The National Bar Association is seeking applicants for the **Crump Law Camp** which was established for students entering the 9th through 11th grades and between the ages of 14 and 17 to introduce them to the judicial system. The goal of the NBA camp is to encourage young people at an early age to become lawyers and seek legal careers in the future. By 2050 more than half of the people in this country will be of color. More than 90% of the nation's lawyers are white, as are more than 80% of the students enrolled in law school. Yet more than 30% of the United States is comprised of people of color. The NBA is seeking applicants to attend this camp from every ethnic group and its selection process is non-discriminatory. The first inaugural two week camp was held during the summer at Howard University School of Law through a grant by the Ford Motor Company Fund in 2001. Campers were and will be housed on the Howard University campus and live in a protected camp environment. **Open enrollment is available to students across the country but emphasis will be on enabling students from low income families to attend.**

Tuition for the camp will vary depending upon family income. The tuition covers transportation to and from Washington, D.C.; housing; meals; educational materials; and expenses for field trips. The camp provides students with an exciting academic and social agenda in the Washington, D. C. area. The competitive highlight of the camp is the *Evelt L. Simmons Mock Trial Competition*. The four winners of this competition are invited to the NBA's Annual Convention.

Camp begins July 11, 2010. Applications are available on the NBA website is www.Nationalbar.org and are to be mailed to the following address:

**National Bar Association Crump Law Camp
P.O. Box 1048
Washington, D.C. 20008
(301) 249-8355**

<http://www.nationalbar.org/lawcamp/index.shtml>

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®.