



## Message from the President



Dear Members,

HLAI is looking for members who would like to run for the Board. The new board will be sworn in this June. On April 12, 2011, HLA I will host a Nomination Meeting. If you are interested in running for a board position please let the board know, so you can be nominated. The following positions are open President Elect (1 year term), Recording Secretary (1 year term), Treasurer (1 year term), Membership Secretary (1 year term), Communications Secretary (1 year term) and three Board of Director positions (2 year term). Election/Annual Meeting will be held on May 10, 2011. In order to vote you must be a dues paying member (attorneys are only allowed to vote) 30 days prior to the election.

Please remember to renew your dues. Your dues help HLA I continue to provide programs to our attorney and student members.

If you have any programs you would like to see HLA I offer or are interested in running for a board position please contact me at [rosasilva73@hotmail.com](mailto:rosasilva73@hotmail.com).

The Board looks forward to working with our membership.

Saludos,

Rosa Maria Silva

## Announcements

Congratulations to **David Herrera**, who was awarded the Distinguished Alum of the year award by the University of Illinois Latino Law Student Association.

**\*\*\*HLAI invites notices of member's achievements. Please submit them to Claudia Castro at [cecklc2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cecklc2003@yahoo.com)\*\*\***

## March Overview

**Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois** co-sponsored with PRBA and Deloitte a CLE **Accounting for Attorneys** on March 31, 2011.

## Upcoming Events/Save the Dates! April Events

On **April 12, 2011**, the HLA I board will hold a Nomination/Board meeting. This meetings is open to members. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. at Sanchez, Daniels and Hoffman located at 333 West Wacker, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois. If you would like to attend please rsvp by 12:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011 to [rosasilva73@hotmail.com](mailto:rosasilva73@hotmail.com)

Hon. Manuel Barbosa, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, will be honored with a 2011 Vanguard Award at a luncheon on Wednesday, **April 20, 2011** at the Standard Club, Grand Ballroom, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago. **Judge Barbosa is the 2011 honoree of The Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.** If you are interested in purchasing a ticket to this event please email [rosasilva73@hotmail.com](mailto:rosasilva73@hotmail.com).

Latino Law Student Association 38th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet

Friday, April 15, 2011, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Student Ticket: \$30 Individual Ticket:

\$45 Table of 10: \$400 RSVP to

[lisa.depaulalumni@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.depaulalumni@gmail.com) or (312) 362-5145.

Join Your Colleagues from the Bench and the Bar at an All-Bar Reception to Welcome Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice The Honorable Thomas L. Kilbride  
Wednesday, April 27, 2011 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
The Standard Club • Grand Ballroom



320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago  
Complimentary For reservations, send an email to  
[events@chicagobar.org](mailto:events@chicagobar.org)

## May Events

HLAI Elections/Annual Meeting will be held **on May 10, 2011**. In order to vote you must be a dues paying member (attorneys are only allowed to vote) 30 days prior to the election. You can pay your dues online, you will need to go to  
[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s\\_xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9VKPT8WUG878C](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s_xclick&hosted_button_id=9VKPT8WUG878C)

HLAI Charities will host a Spring Fling Fundraiser on May 26, 2011 at Baci. \$20.00 will include two drinks and dancing with D.J. playing "Old Skool" music.

Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Foundation will host it's fundraiser, a cocktail reception on May 19, 2011 at Winston & Strawn.

## June Events

HLAI will install Board Members on June 9, 2011 at the Chicago Bar Association.

## Volunteer/Misc. Opportunities

**HLAI judicial committee** is looking for attorney members, that are interested in being an investigator or an evaluator. The Alliance of Bar Association is in the process of evaluating judicial candidates who have submitted an application to be an associate judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County. If you would like to participate in this committee please contact [federicochicagolaw@hotmail.com](mailto:federicochicagolaw@hotmail.com)

The International Senior Lawyers Project ([www.islp.org](http://www.islp.org)) is an international NGO based in New York City. They send highly experienced lawyers on pro bono projects around the world that help advance the rule of law, protect human rights, and promote equitable economic development.

ISLP seeks a fluent Spanish-speaker with a strong litigation background and familiarity with the civil code legal system for an 8 week pro bono mission in the Dominican Republic. The project involves providing experienced strategic litigation guidance for the legal team of an NGO partner based in the D.R. At issue is the refusal of Dominican authorities to issue Dominican citizens of Haitian decent born and living in the Dominican Republic copies of their vital paperwork such

as birth records that are necessary for education and employment opportunities. The NGO is planning to bring a petition before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on behalf of the people affected by this situation and has asked ISLP for the assistance of a highly experienced litigator for this effort. The ISLP volunteer lawyer would provide guidance regarding the legal strategy for the petition to the Inter-American Court as well as ongoing domestic litigation (recursos de amparo) and assist with writing the key legal documents to be presented to the Court.

The volunteer would be required to spend a minimum 8 weeks onsite in Santo Domingo with the partner NGO. Fluency in Spanish (both reading and writing) is required, as well as significant experience litigating within a civil code system. Experience in the Inter-American Human Rights system would be ideal. Airfare and accommodations will be provided.

For more information please contact Andra Moss, Coordinadora de Voluntarios para ISLP, [amos@islp.org](mailto:amos@islp.org) 212-895-1038.



Would you like to connect with other Latina lawyers/law students? If yes please contact the Latina Lawyers Committee at [latina.lawyers@yahoo.com](mailto:latina.lawyers@yahoo.com)

## Employment Opportunities

Small law firm is seeking an associate with at least two years of experience in the areas of Divorce (Family Law), Probate including Guardianship and Decedents Estates, Drafting Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney, Small Estate Affidavits and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. Applicants must be admitted to practice in the State of Illinois. Please submit resume and cover letter to: [mvtels@yahoo.com](mailto:mvtels@yahoo.com) or via fax at (773) 881-3100 no later than April 30, 2011.

## Student Opportunities

The Lt. Governor is looking for summer interns to work in their Chicago office. If you are interested in applying please go to:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/ltgov/Pages/Internship.aspx>



## Membership Opportunities

Members if you practice in the **area of criminal law** and are interested in participating in the CCBA In Court Bar Lawyer Referral Program, please contact CCBA 2nd Vice President John Fairman at 708.288.0561. Please let them know you are a member of HLAI.

Members can join the **Hispanic National Bar Association** at a reduced fee. HLAI is an affiliate member of HNBA. HNBA membership year is from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

The HNBA 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](mailto:sramirez@hnba.com).

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL  
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY BY JUSTICE SONIA  
SOTOMAYOR ON MAY 12, 2011**

We are pleased to announce that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor has graciously offered to swear in HNBA members at a private Supreme Court induction ceremony on May 12 at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, DC.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, and will include a reception with Justice Sotomayor. To be eligible for admission on May 12, you must be an active HNBA member; must have been a practicing member of the highest court of a U.S. state, commonwealth, territory or possession, or the District of Columbia for a minimum period of three years; and must be in good standing. To complete your application, you must move for admission by written motion. Please also:

1. Email your completed application ([available here](#)) to Diana Sen at [dsen29@gmail.com](mailto:dsen29@gmail.com) and Jasmin Singh

at [jasmingsingh77@gmail.com](mailto:jasmingsingh77@gmail.com) with the email subject line: US Supreme Court Admission

2. In addition to the email, send a hard copy of your application and the \$200 Supreme Court Fee to:

Hispanic National Bar Association  
1900 L Street NW, Suite 700  
Washington DC 20036  
(Make checks payable to: U.S. Supreme Court)

Completed applications in hard copy with accompanying check must be received by the HNBA National Office no later than April 14, 2011. Space for this event is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis based on the time stamp on the email copy received by Diana Sen and Jasmin Singh.

We are truly honored to have our very own role model, Justice Sotomayor swear us in to the U.S. Supreme Court in a special ceremony. I encourage all of you to attend. If you have any questions about the ceremony, please contact me at [dsen29@gmail.com](mailto:dsen29@gmail.com) or (646) 320-8240.

Sincerely,

Diana Sen  
HNBA National President

HLAI is participating in the American Airlines Business ExtrAA Travel Awards Program to earn travel rewards for travel to the HNBA 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®