



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.

The Board looks forward to working with our membership.

Saludos,

Rosa Maria Silva

Announcements

Congratulations to **David Herrera**, he will be awarded the Distinguished Alum of the year award by the University of Illinois Latino Law Student Association. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend please contact mbahena@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Marty R. Castro** for being appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. On January 28th, Marty R. Castro was appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Mr. Castro is currently the President of Castro Synergies, LLC, which provides strategic consulting services to corporations, entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations.

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

February Overview

Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois co-sponsored the All-Bar "**Winter Chill**" Networking and Reception. The event was hosted by the law firm of Drinkle Biddle and Reath and the Diversity Scholarship Foundation.

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates! March Events

On **March 8, 2011**, the HLA I board will meet. These monthly meetings are open to members. The meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and are held 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 March 8, 2011 to rosasilva73@hotmail.com



HLAI along with PRBA and Deloitte will be hosting a CLE

Accounting for Attorneys

Understanding the basics of financial reporting is important for attorneys in their representation of corporate clients in a variety of matters such as breach of contract disputes, purchase price disputes, accountants' malpractice/liability matters, shareholder litigation, and regulatory investigations. Financial reporting might also aid attorneys in understanding the profitability of their practice and in making personal investment decisions.

This presentation will cover the following:

- Objectives of Financial Reporting
- Financial Reporting Concepts
- Basic Financial Statements and their Components

Presenters:

Karyn Lewis, Manager, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2011

Time:Event will start promptly at 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM

Location: 15 Floor Conference Room – Oz Park , Deloitte

This event is approved for 1 CLE hour by the MCLE Board of Illinois. Please RSVP by contacting Steven Sanabria ssanabria@deloitte.com or Shanna Rodriguez sharodriguez@deloitte.com

April Events

The **Vanguard Awards** will take place on April 20, 2011. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket to this event please email rosasilva73@hotmail.com. HLA I will be recognizing Judge Manuel Barbosa.

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 a associate judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County. If you would like to participate in this committee please contact federicochicagolaw@hotmail.com

El programa de "**Jóvenes Líderes Hispanos**" de este año ya ha sido convocado.

El plazo de presentación de solicitudes es del 12 de febrero al 12 de marzo.

Las fechas de viajar a España serán del 14 al 22 de mayo de 2011.

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 HLA I Tel. No. 312-554-2045, website www.hlai.org.

Toda la información sobre el programa y la hoja de solicitud para participar en el mismo está disponible en la página web <http://www.spainemb.org/www.spainemb.org> bajo la sección de avisos, así como también la pueden encontrar adjunta a este email.

PARA CUANTOS INTERESADOS SOBRE EL PROGRAMA PUEDE PERSONAR EN LA SIGUIENTE DIRECCIÓN DE email: <mailto:polimnia.alvarado@maec.es>

También pueden llamar al teléfono (202) 728-2358

Os agradeceremos le deis la mayor difusión posible al programa y nos recomendéis posibles candidatos para el mismo.

Saludos cordiales,

Embajada de España

Programa Jóvenes Líderes Hispanos



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

Employment Opportunities

Corporate Finance Associate **Chapman and Cutler LLP** is seeking to hire 1-2 associates to join our Corporate Finance department in Chicago. Successful candidates will have 3-6 years of experience in commercial lending, private placement, and/or mezzanine or lease financing. Large law firm experience preferred. The successful candidate also will have superior oral communication, negotiation and legal drafting skills. The ability to simultaneously negotiate and handle multiple transactions is essential.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to legalresumes@chapman.com or fax to 312-516-1859.

Banking Associate

Chapman and Cutler LLP is seeking to hire 1-2 associates to join our Banking department in Chicago. Successful candidates will have 2-3 years of experience in credit enhancement-related transactions, specifically with general commercial lending. The ability to simultaneously negotiate and handle multiple transactions is essential. The ideal candidate will have strong interpersonal, analytical and writing skills as well as superior negotiating skills and stellar academic credentials.



Please submit a cover letter and resume to legalresumes@chapman.com or fax to 312-516-1859.

Chapman and Cutler LLP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Federal Public Defender Position

The United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit is accepting applications from all qualified applicants for the position of Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois headquartered in Peoria. The current Federal Public Defender, Richard Parsons, will be retiring August 18, 2011 after sixteen years of service. The appointment is for four years at a current salary of \$155,500. The Federal Public Defender provides federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. The courts are an equal opportunity employer.

An applicant should have the following qualifications: (1) a member in good standing in the bar of each state in which admitted to practice; (2) a minimum of five years criminal practice experience, preferably with significant experience in federal criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels, which demonstrates an ability to provide zealous representation of consistently high quality to criminal defendants; (3) the ability to effectively administer the office; (4) a reputation for integrity; (5) a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel; and (6) have demonstrated a commitment to equal justice under the law. Applications can be obtained by accessing the website of the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit at www.ca7.uscourts.gov.

Completed applications are due before the close of business on April 1, 2011 and are to be sent to:

Collins T. Fitzpatrick, Circuit Executive

United States Courts of Appeals for the 7th Circuit

219 S. Dearborn Street, Rm. 2780

Chicago, IL 60604

PART-TIME ATTORNE

The **Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission** is seeking applicants with at least two years of legal experience for its adjudication department in Chicago. This position is analogous to an appellate court clerkship. Responsibilities include drafting reports and conducting research for the Commission's Review Board. Attendance at oral arguments is mandatory. Experience as a judicial clerk or an appellate counsel is preferred. Send resume, one unedited

writing sample, and letter with hourly rate requirement to: Eva Tramutolo Director, Human Resources and Administrative Services

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One Prudential Plaza

130 East Randolph Drive, #1500

Chicago, Illinois 60601

The Peoria office of **Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP**, a leading national law firm, is seeking a Litigation Associate with at least two years of Civil Litigation and/or Medical Malpractice experience. A commitment to exceptional client service, top quality written work product, excellent research skills, strong academic credentials and an interest and willingness to participate in business development efforts is required.

This is an exceptional opportunity for candidates seeking a high level of responsibility in a diverse and progressive law firm environment. The Firm offers a competitive benefits package and opportunity for advancement.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in confidence to:

Lori Brooks, Office Manager

email: lbrooks@hinshawlaw.com

www.hinshawlaw.com

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

Anticipated Vacancy

Department: Office of Inspector General

Agency: Office of Inspector General

Sub Agency: Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General

Attorney Advisor

Salary Range: 123758 to 155500 USD Per Year

Series & Grade: GS-0905-15/15

Promotion Potential: 15

Job Summary:

The United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General is seeking applicants for the position of Deputy General Counsel to the Inspector General. The position will provide an



opportunity for a seasoned attorney to function in a generalist environment with a focus on litigation and advising in areas such as subpoenas and criminal matter; Freedom of Information Act; Bivens and other tort claims; human resources; and procurement. This position will also require technical review of the work of Assistant Counsels and other programmatic issues.

The ideal candidate will have the solid general attorney advisor and federal litigation skills to personally provide oversight of the legal and administrative issues associated with the above matters. An active Bar membership is required.

If you have the desire to be a dynamic professional who is up to the challenge and wants to make a real difference in supporting USDA OIG's mission, apply for this exciting and rewarding career opportunity today!

Major Duties:

This position is located in the Office of Counsel, OIG. The incumbent serves as Deputy Counsel, and assists the Counsel in matters relating to the Counsel's responsibility for providing the expert legal services required to allow the Inspector General to fulfill statutory duties under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (IG ACT). Thus, the incumbent assists the Counsel in reviewing existing and proposed legislation and regulations which relate to the programs and operations of the Department; preparing evaluations for submission to Department officials, Office of Management and Budget and members of Congress with respect to the impact on economy, efficiency, fraud and abuse; providing legal assistance to the Counsel in matters relating to the audits and investigations of the Department's programs and operations; assistance regarding litigation involving OIG; and preparing legal opinions for and providing advice to OIG officials in support of the Inspector General's duties and responsibilities under the IG Act. The incumbent receives varied work assignments and is assigned more complex work as he/she develops expertise in various areas of law.

Qualifications and Evaluation

Qualifications:

GS-15 level must possess a Juris Doctorate (JD) degree from an accredited law school; be an active member of the bar in good standing within a State, the District of Columbia, or territory of the United States; and have at least 5 and a half years of post-JD experience.

Applicant must possess a Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited law school. You must be a U.S. citizen to qualify for this position. You will need to successfully complete a background security investigation before you can be appointed in this position.

How Will You Be Evaluated:

Resumes will be evaluated for basic qualifications requirements and for the skills needed to perform the duties of the position as described in this vacancy announcement and identified by the Selecting Official for this position.

Next Step: This vacancy will be posted in USAJOBS therefore, please go to this site daily to obtain posting <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> You may also contact Ronald R. Guillen, Office of Diversity and Conflict Resolution, USDA/OIG, at 202-720-6902.

Student Opportunities

HISPANIC LAWYERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ILLINOIS ("HLSF")

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION - Summer 2011

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, March 18, 2011. Application is attached.

HISPANIC LAWYERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ILLINOIS ("HLSF")

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, March 18, 2011. Application is attached.

Law Student Diversity Scholarship DRI is once again accepting applications for our annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship**, open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian, Native American and female law students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply.* Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Diversity for Success Seminar.

If you have a student or intern at your firm you feel is deserving of this honor, please direct them to the **DRI Website** for complete requirements and details.

<http://www.dri.org/open/Article.aspx?ID=496&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

**Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarship.*



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.

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®