



Message from the President



Dear Members,

HLAI held its nomination meeting last month. HLA I will hold its Election/Annual Meeting on May 10th. The new board will be sworn in on June 8, 2011 at the Chicago Bar Association.

Please join HLSF and HLA I for a scholarship and awards reception on May 19, 2011 at Winston & Strawn. HLSF will be awarding \$25,000 in scholarships/fellowships to law students. HLA I will also be presenting the President's Award, the Aguila Award and a Community Service Award to three HLA I members. Tickets are still available.

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 please contact me at rosasilva73@hotmail.com.

The Board looks forward to working with our membership.

Saludos,

Rosa Maria Silva

Announcements



Congratulations to **Judge Manuel**

Barbosa on receiving the Vanguard Award on April 20th. HLA I chose to honor him at this event. The event was hosted by the Asian American Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago and Puerto Rican Bar Association which honor lawyers and judges "who through their efforts have made the law and legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at-large."

Judge Barbosa received his undergraduate degree from Benedictine University and his law degree from John Marshall. While a student, Judge Barbosa taught and worked with various educational programs in Chicago such as Universidad Popular and Aspira of Illinois. Judge Barbosa travels annually to Mexico where he has lectured law students at the University of San Luis Potosi and the University of Zacatecas, as well as Lawyers and Judicial officers. Most recently Judge Barbosa traveled to Merida, Mexico, where he presented a one week course on The American Trial System to prosecutors from throughout Mexico.

Upon graduation from law school, he became an Assistant States Attorney in Kane County. In 1980 when Governor Thompson created the Illinois Human Rights Commission, Judge Barbosa was appointed its first Chairman and was subsequently reappointed to three terms and confirmed by the Senate, having served a total of 18 years in that post. He was the first Hispanic to head a statewide agency in Illinois and is one of the longest serving agency heads in the history of the State. Under his leadership, the Commission was able to expand civil rights protections in Illinois.

Judge Barbosa has initiated and participated in many community based programs and activities over the years but he is proudest of the Guadalupano Scholarship Program for Latino students which is now in its 34th year. He has now been serving as a Federal Judge on the bankruptcy bench for thirteen years. He has been elected the Seventh Circuit Representative to the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and recently completed his term.

Among his hobbies, Judge Barbosa likes to exercise, play guitar, and devotes time to U.S. and Mexican history. He has various



writing projects related to history and has written a play about a fictional conversation between Abraham Lincoln and Benito Juarez called, "Among Nation as Among Individuals".



Congratulations to **Edwin Reyes**, who was honored by the Puerto Rican Bar Association at the Vanguard Awards.

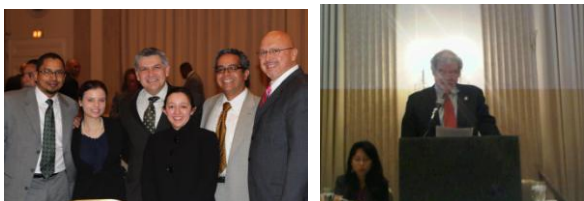
Congratulations to **Yesnia Villasenor-Rodriguez**, who has accepted an in house counsel position at Catepillar in Peoria, Illinois.

Congratulations to **Iris Chavira** for being accepted to the Conference of Western Attorney General's Alliance Partnership Train the Trainer Course.

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

April Overview

Hon. Manuel Barbosa, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, was honored at 2011 Vanguard Award at a luncheon on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Standard Club. Various HLAI members attended this event.



HLAI co-sponsored an All-Bar Reception to Welcome Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice The Honorable Thomas L. Kilbride on April 27, 2011.

HLAI co-sponsored with HNBA and PRBA a networking event on April 28, 2011 at Carnviale.



Upcoming Events/Save the Dates! May Events

On **May 10, 2011**, the HLAI board will hold an Election/Annual meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at McAndrews Held & Malloy, Ltd, 500 West Madison Street, 35th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. If you would like to attend please rsvp by May 9, 2011 to rosasilva73@hotmail.com



HLAI Charities will host a Spring Fling Fundraiser on May 26, 2011 at Baci. \$20.00 will include two drinks and dancing with a D.J. playing "Old Skool" music. For tickets please contact Rossana Fernandez at rpf11@yahoo.com

Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Foundation & HLAI will host a scholarship and awards reception on May 19, 2011 at Winston & Strawn. HLSF will be awarding \$25,000 in scholarships/fellowships to law students. HLAI will also be presenting the President's Award, the Aguila Award and a Community Service Award to three HLAI members. Tickets are still available, please contact Joseph Torres for tickets at jtortes@winston.com.

Please join **HLAI** along with the National Hispanic Prosecutors Association (NHPA), Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA), The Latin American Police Association (LAPA) and HLAI Charities (HLAIC) for a food drive fundraiser. We will have a fundraiser on Cinco de Mayo at La Fogata Restaurant 1820 South Ashland, Chicago, IL. Food, beer, liquor and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$50.00.

The food drive will take place on May 14th at CASA Catalina located at 4537 S. Ashland. We will meet at the Aldi located next to the food pantry at 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided by LAPA. We will then purchase and load the food into the vans for transport to the food pantry and then unload the food. We expect to be completed by 11 am with the food drive. For more information please contact dave at dcherrera@hotmail.com

The HNBA and The HNBA Legal Education Fund will have a reception on May 24, 2011 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. at McAndrews Held & Malloy, Ltd, 500 West Madison Street, 35th Floor Chicago, Illinois. Please RSVP to sramirez@hnba.com

HNBA partners are hosting a series of receptions to celebrate the launch of The HNBA Legal Education Fund (The Fund). The Fund supports HNBA's educational and charitable missions, including identifying and providing financial assistance to worthy programs that address education and the law within the U.S. Hispanic community and legal profession. The Fund is the only IRS Section 501 (c)(3) foundation that is affiliated with the HNBA.

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.

Please join the Board of Directors of The Fund, HNBA Board of Governors, HNBA members, community leaders, corporate representatives, and others to learn about the important work of The Fund, and its support of the HNBA's charitable and educational outreach efforts.

June Events

HLAI new board members will be installed on June 8, 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



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

Judicial Opportunities

The United States Court of Appeals is seeking applicants for two bankruptcy judge positions in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Applications can be obtained from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit's web site at www.ca7.uscourts.gov. Applications are to be sent by May 24, 2011 to Collins T. Fitzpatrick, Circuit Executive, 219 South Dearborn Street, Room 2780, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Employment Opportunities

City of Chicago- Employment Litigation Division and Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division click on the link for information. http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dol/supp_info/attorney_vacancies.html



Bankruptcy Attorney

Phoenix Office of Quarles & Brady seeks attorney with 5-8 years of comprehensive commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights experience to join national group. Candidate must be admitted in Arizona (or be eligible for admission by motion), and have strong writing skills. Candidate must also have experience in the following: (i) all phases of bankruptcy, including discovery, trial experience, and workouts; and (ii) experience with receiverships, guaranty actions and trustee's sales. Competitive compensation and benefits. Qualified applicants should send/e-mail/fax a cover letter and resume to: Lauren Schneider, Recruiting Specialist
lauren.schneider@quarles.com

Corporate Attorney Quarles & Brady LLP seeks an associate with 5 - 6 years experience to join the Corporate Services Group in its Phoenix, Arizona office. Applicants should be experienced in federal securities regulation (transactions and periodic reporting), merger and acquisition work, and drafting and negotiating transaction documents. Applicants should also have experience providing corporate counsel to clients generally and drafting and negotiating various commercial contracts. Applicants should demonstrate good judgment and responsiveness to client needs and be able to manage projects and transactions with supervision. Qualified applicants should send/e-mail/fax a cover letter and resume to: Lauren Schneider Recruiting Specialist lauren.schneider@quarles.com

Quarles & Brady LLP seeks a junior level associate, entry-level to three years of experience, as a health law attorney to join our growing, dynamic national health care practice in our Madison or Milwaukee, Wisconsin offices. The ideal candidate should have an interest in health care law and in advising hospitals, physicians, health systems and other health care providers or payors on federal and state law regulatory issues affecting the health care industry. The candidate must have a very strong academic record paired with the skills, enthusiasm and commitment to become a partner at this firm.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, and writing samples to: Michelle Bigler, Manager, Attorney Recruiting Quarles & Brady LLP
michelle.bigler@quarles.com

Schiff Hardin's Chicago office is seeking an associate with two to five years of estate planning/administration experience (2005 to 2008 J.D.). Schiff Hardin's San Francisco office is seeking an attorney with six to twelve years of estate planning/administration experience (1998 to 2004 J.D.). Estate administration experience required. Will be expected to play a significant role in managing and growing existing client relationships and to train and mentor junior associates.

Both positions will include a variety of wealth transfer matters with an emphasis on sophisticated estate planning. Strong writing skills and academics are required. LL.M. in taxation is a plus. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence. No phone calls please. Send writing sample, cover letter, resume, and transcript to Nicole Hauschildt, Schiff Hardin LLP, 233 South Wacker Drive Suite 6600, Chicago, IL 60606. FAX: 312-258-5600, nhauschildt@schiffhardin.com.

PUBLIC INTEREST CLEAN AIR LITIGATION ATTORNEY

The Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) seeks to hire a dedicated public interest attorney advocate with 5+ years of trial and/or administrative litigation experience for a full-time position in either our Chicago office or Minneapolis office. This staff attorney will principally work on: (1) ELPC's Clean Air Act permit challenges, enforcement actions, litigation, and regulatory policy initiatives to oppose highly-polluting coal plants and help solve global warming pollution problems; and (2) ELPC's engagement in rulemaking proceedings related to coal plants and clean air.

ORGANIZATION: ELPC is the Midwest's/Great Plains' leading public interest environmental legal advocacy and eco-business innovation organization, and among the nation's leaders. ELPC's major program areas include: promoting clean energy development strategies that solve global warming problems and reduce environmental degradation by encouraging renewable energy development and energy efficiency alternatives to conventional power plants; promoting innovative transportation approaches, such as the development of a Midwest high-speed rail network, that will lead to cleaner air and more jobs; and protecting and preserving vital natural resources and improving the quality of life in our communities. One of ELPC's premises is that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together. ELPC's multidisciplinary professional staff includes 45 attorneys, M.B.A.s, public policy advocates and communications specialists. ELPC's headquarters are in Chicago, with additional offices and professional staff in Columbus, OH, Des Moines, IA, Jamestown, ND, Minneapolis, MN, Madison, WI, Sioux Falls, SD, and Washington D.C. ELPC was established in 1993 and has an annual budget of \$6.6 million. Please see www.elpc.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Work with ELPC attorneys and policy specialists on major litigation and policy advocacy for ELPC's Clean Air program. Report to Senior Attorney who leads ELPC's Clean Air Team. Engage with multidisciplinary project team including public interest attorneys, public policy advocates, scientists, and business and communications specialists. This ELPC Staff Attorney will play a key role in advancing ELPC's innovative and successful environmental programs.

QUALIFICATIONS: 5+ years of trial and/or administrative litigation experience. Environmental law experience and Clean Air Act knowledge preferred. Strong academic record and excellent writing, speaking and analytical skills. Smart self-starter with track record of initiative and success. An inspired and demonstrated commitment to



public interest advocacy and the ability to work productively as a member of a fast-paced team of skilled professionals is required.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and with ELPC's salary structure that is competitive with other major public interest environmental law organizations. Excellent benefits provided.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and professional references by regular mail or email to: Michael Brod, Legal Assistant, Environmental Law & Policy Center, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60601; mbrod@elpc.org. Telephone inquiries are discouraged. The Environmental Law & Policy Center is an equal opportunity employer and is continually seeking to diversify its staff.

Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, GS-360-9/11/12 (Open to All US Citizens) DJP

JOB SUMMARY:

The Office of the Secretary (OST) oversees the formulation of national transportation policy and promotes intermodal transportation. Other responsibilities range from negotiation and implementation of international transportation agreements, assuring the fitness of US airlines, enforcing airline consumer protection regulations, issuance of regulations to prevent alcohol and illegal drug misuse in transportation systems and preparing transportation legislation.

The position is located in the Office of the Secretary, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Compliance and Operations Division. The office is responsible for conducting a comprehensive Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program related to complaints of employment discrimination within the Department of Transportation. This program includes investigating complaints which may allege discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability pursuant to the regulations in 29 CFR Part 1614, "Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government."

OST is offering a developmental opportunity to mid-level, public service driven professionals who are motivated and self-reliant and who can share their experience in investigating Equal Employment Opportunity complaints in accordance with Title 29 and 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations AND preparing fact-finding analysis and reports with skilled professionals who ensure the safety and fairness of the transportation industry. OST has flexible work schedules to include Telework. To apply go to www.my.usajobs.gov

Volunteer Opportunities

The Illinois Supreme Court recently authorized the establishment of a civil pro bono panel for appointments to represent pro se indigent clients. Attorney's or law firms with designated appellate counsel may submit a letter of interest with a resume. The submission should reflect prior appellate-level experience, including appearances before the Illinois Supreme Court. The letter of interest and resume should be submitted by May 9, 2011 to the Illinois Supreme Court Clerk Carolyn Taft Grosboll, Supreme Court Building, 200 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

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. 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