



**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**NATIONAL LATINO/A LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**  
CAMINOS DIVERSOS, DESTINO COMÚN, UNDERSTANDING OUR LEGAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES  
OCTOBER 20-23, 2005

*hosted by:*  
THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

**Thursday, October 20, 2005**

**8:00am:** Morning Community Service Project  
Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project  
American University, Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016

WCL SBA Lounge in Room 537

**3:00pm-6:00pm:** Afternoon Community Service Project  
“I am going to College” College Admissions Workshop  
American University, Main Campus  
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016

Mary Graydon Center, Ward 1

**4:00pm: Prosecuting Pinochet: Presentation by Judge Juan Guzman Tapia. Followed by Reception until 7pm.**  
American University, Washington College of Law- Room 603

When Chilean Dictator Augusto Pinochet left detention in Britain and returned to Chile in March 2000, many thought he would remain forever beyond the reach of justice. Judge Juan Guzman Tapia had other plans. Within 72 hours, Guzman moved to strip Pinochet’s immunity from prosecution, initiating a series of prosecutions that continue today. Twice—in 2000 and again in 2004—Guzman succeeded in indicting Pinochet. Though in both cases superior courts declared Pinochet mentally unfit for trial, Judge Guzman’s work has given new hope to Pinochet’s victims, helped strengthen the rule of law in Chile, and inspired victims of tyranny the world over to seek justice against human rights violators who once seemed immune to judicial accountability. Guzman retired from the Santiago Court of Appeals in April 2005, and was recently appointed as dean of the law school at Central University in Santiago. His memoir, *En el borde del mundo: Memorias del juez que procesó a Pinochet*, is now a best seller in Chile.

## **HOTEL REGISTRATION**

### **Starting at 3:00pm:**

Ongoing Hotel Registration at Capitol Hilton  
1001 16th Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036

### **Friday, October 21, 2005**

**8:00am:** Registration (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby)  
Breakfast (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)

**9:30am:** Room 602/603-Breakfast and Welcome

- NLLSA Conference Chairs Fabiola Carrión and María Lucero Ortiz
- Dean Claudio Grossman, Washington College of Law, the American University

**10:00am-11:30am: Panel: Legal and Economic Empowerment- Room 602/603**

- Robert Kenison, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Fabio Arcila, Assistant Professor, Touro Law Center
- David Hunter, Washington College of Law Professor, Environmental law expert
- Raúl E. Hernandez-Coss, World Bank

**11:30am-12:30pm: Seminars/ Workshops**

**1. Understanding the Bar- Room 524**

- Anthony Solana; Jr., Morrison and Foerster LLP, author of "A Guide to the Bar Examination for People of Color."

**2. Workers' Rights and Labor Relations- Room 601**

- Alex MacLean, Department of Justice Special Assistant in the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices
- Roberto Laracuente, Weitz & Luxenberg
- Flavia Jiménez, National Council of La Raza, expert on Immigrant Labor Reform

**3. Plan Colombia- Room 503**

- Robert Guitteau, Former Executive Director of Center of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Project, Bogota, Colombia
- Margarita V. Alario, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, faculty member of Sociology of Science, Technology and Environmental Studies, with an emphasis in International Relations and Peace Studies

**4. Death Row and the Criminal Justice System- Room 100**

Co-Sponsored by the Washington College of Law's Innocence Project

- Juan Meléndez, Former Death Row Inmate

**5. Puerto Rico's Legal Reality- Room 402**

- Manuel Rodríguez Orellana, former Senator and Minority Leader for the Puerto Rican Independence Party

**12:30pm:** Lunch (Available on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> floors).

**1:20pm:** Award to Juan Melendez by the Washington College of Law's Innocence Project. **602/603**

**1:30pm-3:00pm: Panel: Latinos in the Global Political Environment- Room 602/603**

- Julissa Reynoso, Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, LLP
- Dean Claudio Grossman, Washington College of Law, Vice Chairman of the Committee Against Torture of the United Nations
- José Quiñones, BlueLatinos.org Founder, an online forum for Progressive Latinos
- Santiago Cantón, Executive Secretary Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Vanessa Jimenez, Public International Law & Policy Group, organization nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its work on the draft of the Iraqi Constitution

**3:00pm-6:00pm: Career Fair for 2L, 3L, and 4L students- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**3:15pm-4:15pm: Workshop for 1L Students- Room 602**

Critical Race Theory and Analysis

- Pamela Bridgewater, Washington College of Law Professor
- Darren Hutchinson, Washington College of Law Professor

**4:30pm-5:30pm: Workshop for 1L Students- Room 602**

How to Succeed in Law School Final Exams

- Anthony Varona, Washington College of Law Professor
- Associate Dean of Students and Professor, Mark Niles, Washington College of Law Professor

**6:30pm: Reception at the Organization of American States, Hall of the Americas**

17<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Streets, Washington, DC 20006

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Co-sponsored by University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law

The University of Baltimore School of Law

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

The Georgetown University Law Center

Remarks by

Ambassador John F. Maisto

Ambassador Roberto Alvarez

Ambassador Jorge Chen Charpentier

United States Senator Tom Daschle

**9:00pm: NLLSA Alumni Mixer**

Capitol Hilton

The Bar

1001 16th Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036

**10:00pm: Optional Social**

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1120 20th St NW

Washington, DC 20036

**Saturday, October 22, 2005**

**8:30am:** Breakfast

**9:15am:** Welcome by Washington College of Law's SBA President Adam Cohen

**9:30am: Latina/o Identity in the Eyes of the Law- Room 602/603**

- Honorable Roberto A. Rivera-Soto, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey
- Leslie Lobos, Mexican American Legal and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
- Anthony Varona, Washington College of Law Professor, former general counsel and legal director for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights organization
- Angel Oquendo, University of Connecticut School of Law, author of Puerto Rican National Identity and U.S. Pluralism, in *Foreign in a Domestic Sense: Puerto Rico, American Expansion, and the Constitution* (2001) and *The Quest for Latin America: A busca por uma America Latina*, Preface to Sergio Borja, *Teoria geral dos tratados Mercosul: a luta pela uniao latino-americana* (2001)

**10:45am-11:15am:** Break

**11:30am-12:30pm: Seminars/Workshops**

**1. Human Trafficking- Room 601**

- Claude d'Estree, University of Denver, School of Law

**2. Inter-American Human Rights System- Room 524**

Sponsored by the Washington College of Law's *The Human Rights Brief*

- Santiago Cantón, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Dean Claudio Grossman, Dean, Washington College of Law, former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Claudia Martín, Washington College of Law, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian.

**3. Native American Legal Issues- Room 503**

- Deborah Ann Broken Rope, Holland and Knight, LLP, Public policy advisor in the Indian law Practice Group
- Esperanza Lujan, Indian Law Resource Center

**4. Media and the Law- Room 528**

- Manny Medrano, ABC News, covers the Supreme Court and provides legal analysis for all ABC News broadcasts
- Victor Cabral, Counsel for NBC

**5. Latinas/os Lawyers in Government- Room 401**

- Jorge Castro, Tax Counsel to Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones
- The Honorable Roberto A. Rivera-Soto, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey
- Jeannette Rodríguez-Morick, Law Clerk to the Honorable Dora L. Irizarry, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

## **6. Women in the Law- Room 402**

Co-Sponsored by the Washington College of Law's Women's Law Association

- Jennifer Rivera, CUNY School of Law Professor, expert on Feminist theory
- Linda María Wayner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP

## **7. Organizational Building – Room 100**

Mercedes Castillo, National Latina/o Law Student Association Chair

**12:30pm-1:50pm:** Lunch

## **12:30pm-5:00pm: Raza Strategy Session- Room 100**

Members of the National Latina/o Law Student Association Board, Delegates, and Alumni will meet to discuss issues pertaining to the organization

## **2:00pm-3:30pm: Panel: Education and Immigration- Room 602/603**

Co-Sponsored by the Washington College of Law's Immigrants' Rights Coalition

- Fernando Colón-Navarro, Associate Dean, Associate Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, visiting Charleston School of Law, expert on Immigration Law
- Jamin Raskin, Washington College of Law Professor, author of *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases For and About Students*
- Iván Illescas, World Bank (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)
- Oralia Puente, Family and Community Specialist for the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- Thomas Saenz, Counsel for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (Invited)

## **3:45pm-4:45pm: Seminars and Workshops**

### **1. Building Bridges with Latin American LLMS- Room 601**

- Sandra Buteau, Washington College of Law Career Services Counselor
- Viviana Maya, Washington College of Law LLM Student

### **2. Access to Health Care- Room 524**

- Doralba Lasalle, Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP

### **3. Latina/o Lawyers in the Corporate Arena- Room 503**

- William Malpica, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, practices corporate and finance law, specializing in structured finance transactions
- Linda Maria Wayner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP
- David Orta, Arnold & Porter Partner, member of the firm's litigation, product liability and antitrust practice groups
- Theresa Gabaldón, George Washington University Law School

### **4. Diversity Law School Admissions and Student Panel- Room 401 (3:45pm-6:00pm)**

- Anthony Tolbert, UCLA School of Law, Associate Director Outreach
- Sonji Patrick, Education Division of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)
- WCL Student Panel

### **5. Regional Trade Agreements- Room 528**

- Jim Holbein, Global Trade Consulting, LLC
- Dante Figueroa, Professor at the Washington College of Law

**4:45pm-5:30pm: Wrap Up: Lessons Learned- Room 602/603**

**6:30pm:**

Cocktail Reception at the Capitol Hilton

1001 16th Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036

**7:30pm:**

Gala Dinner at the Capitol Hilton

Keynote Speaker Roberto Dañino,

Senior Vice President General Counsel of the World Bank and former Prime Minister of Peru

**10:00pm Optional Social: @ Lulu's, 1217 22nd St NW, Washington, DC 20037**

**Sunday, October 23, 2005**

**8:30am:** Continental Breakfast at Capitol Hilton

**10:00am:** Optional Walking Tour of DC, starting outside Capitol Hilton