

Tenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference

The Voice of the Latino/a Lawyer: Accomplishments and Challenges

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Wednesday, March 7, 2007

3:30 pm – 9:00 pm

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20016

The American University Washington College of Law provides through its Annual Hispanic Law Conference a forum for the promotion of issues that affect the Latino community, nationally and internationally. This conference is held annually in the spring as part of WCL's Founders' Celebration. It is the most important event for the WCL Latino community because it brings together a unique mix of personalities devoted to the progress of Latinos and Latinas in the U.S. and in the region. The Hispanic Law Conference is organized each year with the dedication of members of WCL's faculty, students, alumni, and staff, and with the ongoing support of the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Associations of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

Latino/a Law Students' Association (formerly known as the Hispanic Law Students Association, HLSA)

LaLSA supports the objectives of this conference throughout the academic year. It designs and implements programs to assist students in different aspects of student life and in their professional lives after graduation. LaLSA's initiatives include networking opportunities, interest-areas seminars, and debates on Latino issues. It directs all activities related to fundraising, promoting, and awarding the LaLSA Scholarship, which is given annually to DC area Latino/a high school and college students.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:30-5:30PM CAREER FORUM AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

The career forum will offer JD and LL.M. students from the Washington College of Law and other area law schools an opportunity to interact and exchange information with employers in the private, public, and non-profit sectors during the table-talk career fair.

4:30-5:30PM SOCIAL MENTORING

The focus of this session is to allow high school, junior college, undergraduate, graduate, and law students to meet with area professionals in an interactive "Speed Career Mentoring" activity. This activity will expose Latino/a students to a wide range of higher education alternatives and professional opportunities.

EXPERT PANELS

Distinguished Latino/a lawyers will discuss issues that have made a significant impact on the U.S Latino/a population over the last ten years and the initiatives that can be, and have been, employed to overcome the current challenges.

5:00PM

PANEL 1: THE INTERNATIONAL AS LOCAL : HEMISPHERIC CHALLENGES TO THE US LATINO/A COMMUNITY AND OUR RESPONSES

Welcome Remarks: *Claudio Grossman*, Dean, Washington College of Law

Speakers: *Jorge Kamine*, Counsel Latin America and the Caribbean Practice Group (LEGLA), Legal Department, The World Bank; *Mai Fernandez*, Chief Operating Officer, Strategy and Legal Director, Latin-American Youth Center; *Representative*, Government of El Salvador (TBC); *Sergio Garcia*, Senior Policy Advisor for Latin America and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Department of State

Moderator: *Angelique Ortega Fridman*, Legal Rhetoric Instructor Washington College of Law

6:30PM

PANEL 2 : THE STATE OF LA GENTE: NATIONAL LATINO LEGAL & POLITICAL LEADERS ADDRESS URGENT DOMESTIC CHALLENGES

Welcome Remarks: *Claudio Grossman*, Dean, Washington College of Law

Speakers: *Jimmie Reyna*, President, Hispanic National Bar Association; *John Trasviña*, President and General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund ; *Mauricio Vivero*, Executive Director, AYUDA

Moderator: *Anthony Varona*, Associate Professor of Law Washington College of Law

7:30PM

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Opening Remarks: *Dean Claudio Grossman*

Mistress of Ceremonies: *Linda Estrada*, President, Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Member, WCL's Dean's Diversity Counsel

Keynote Speaker: *Margaret Montoya*, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law

Awardees:

Annual Diversity Award Recipient: Robert Raben, Founder, The Raben Group

This award is given annually in recognition of an individual or organization that has contributed to the advancement of the Hispanic community of the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Alumni Award Recipient: Edward Bou, Bou & Bou

This award recognizes Mr. Edward Bou for his numerous contributions to the Washington College of Law's Latino/a students and to the overall WCL community. Mr. Bou, class of '58, has been an active member of the John Sherman Myers Society for more than two decades. In celebration of Mr. Bou's exemplary dedication to WCL, we are proud to announce that the Edward Bou Alumni Award will be presented annually, in honor of Mr. Bou, to WCL graduates with demonstrated commitment to the Latino community of WCL.

LaLSA Scholarship Recipients: (TBC)

To support education, foster leadership, and encourage the pursuit of dreams, WCL's Latino/a Law Students Association awards scholarships to Latino high school and college students who have demonstrated the desire to continue their education and a commitment to community service.

Premio Inspiración Recipient: Maria Lucero Ortiz, 3L

This award has been created in celebration of the Tenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference and will be given annually to a *Juris Doctor (JD) student* who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the Latino/a community nationally or internationally.

Goldman-Grossman Award Recipient: Jorge Calderon, LL.M Candidate

The award has been established in honor of Professor Robert Goldman and Dean Claudio Grossman, renowned experts in the Inter-American legal system and pioneers of the International Legal Studies Program. It will be given annually, beginning with the Tenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference, to a *Legum Magister (LL.M) student* who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the national and/or international Latino/a community.

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 21, 2007 FIRST ANNUAL LALSA CUP

WCL's Latino/a Law Students' Association (LaLSA) is also pleased to invite you to the First Annual LaLSA Cup, a day-long soccer tournament and fundraiser to benefit the LaLSA Scholarship for Latino/a high school and college students.

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Registration

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

- Regular Admission **No Charge**
- WCL Students **No Charge**
- WCL Alumni **No Charge**

I will be attending the following:

- Social Mentoring
- Career Forum and Networking
- Panel Discussion
- Dinner (please RSVP by 03/01/07)

To register, please fax to 202.274.4079. If you have additional questions, please contact us at 202.274.4075 or via e-mail at secle@wcl.american.edu.
YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AT WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE/ AND CLICK ON EVENT REGISTRATION

PARKING: To help us maintain good relations with our neighbors, we ask that you park in the law school's underground lot at the rate of \$2.00 an hour or \$8.00 a day.

Parking is very limited

USING THE METRO AND THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE SERVICE: The closest Metro stop to The American University is **Tenleytown/AU** (also called Tenley Circle) on the Red Line. From the Tenleytown/AU Metro stop you can pick up the Law School Shuttle (WCL Direct Shuttle) runs daily at thirty minute intervals (20 minutes and 50 minutes past the hour.)

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any person with disabilities attending the conference who believes he or she might need a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact us at least two weeks in advance at: (202) 274-4075