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Message from the President

2007 was a banner year for membership. HLAI was 200 members strong. Now it is time to renew your membership. Please complete the Membership Application you received in December and remit it and your dues (\$50 for attorneys practicing 6 years or more, \$35 for attorneys practicing 5 years or less) by January 15, 2008. In addition to other membership benefits this year HLAI members will receive the following:

- For only \$75, HLAI dues paying members can purchase a special CLE plan to attend up to four 2- or 3-hour CBA MCLE accredited seminars—a **savings of up to \$485 for non-CBA members!**
- HLAI members are invited to participate in the CBA Lawyer Referral Service program and will receive a **20% discount on registration fees** (certain eligibility requirements must be met to participate; visit www.chicagobar.org to learn more about the LRS and its participation requirements or call 312-554-2071).

December Recap:

HLAI Board Meeting on December 10 – amongst the various topics the Board discussed was whether to start a family law committee. The Board decided it would consider creating such a committee based on the proposal from the potential chair of what it would accomplish this year.

CTA Cards HLAI/YLS project. Thanks to the many individuals we donated 26 CTA cards and \$30 to the Mujeres Latinas en Accion. The monetary donations were made by James G. Barnes and Ruben Chapa. This is an ongoing project so please keep the money and cards coming. You can send any CTA cards with residual value and/or monetary donations to HLAI, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604. Thank you.

Food Baskets – HLAI wants to express its gratitude to all those who donated money and/or time to Hispanic families in need. Thanks to your efforts HLAI/YLS/PRBA distributed 100 food baskets to Hispanic Families in Humboldt Park. Special thanks go to Carmen Lonstein, Agustin Garcia, David Herrera, Jorge M. Leon, [Cassiday Schade LLP](http://www.cassiday-schade.com), PRBA, CBA/YLS, Maurice Sone, First American Title, Latin American Police Association, Heritage Title Insurance Company, Jaime

Viteri, Mercedes Luque Rosales; Monica Llorente; Ruben R. Chapa; Michael Carrillo; Martha Delgado; Sonia G. Weaver; Michael Fink; Lopez & Company CPA's Lmtd.; NuVision Realty; John Zanzola; Gregory Staskowski; Dr. Eugene M. Jao; James Botana; Lisa Velez; Loyola LALSA; Americo Castellano; Juanita Fuller; Sandra Maldonado; Jamie Hull; J. Boyne; and Sgt. Rob Rubio of the 14th District Chicago Police Department.

HLSF Scholarship Fund – As we are approaching the upcoming scholarship dinner please aid HLSF and HLAI in seeking donors to contribute to the fund. Special thanks to Carmen Lonstein who donated \$2,500 to the fund.

January Items:

Publicizing Members events – in an effort to more efficiently publicize events, without inundating our members with information HLAI will continue issuing its newsletter to members on the first day of the month. In addition, all efforts will be made to issue only one blast email a month on the 15th of the month. If a member wishes to submit something to be placed in the newsletter please send no more than 3 sentences regarding the event to chapa.ruben@dol.gov by the 25th of the month. Likewise if a member wishes to submit for the blast email send it no later than the 10th of the month to barbara.n.flores@yahoo.com.

Judicial Cmte. - Jesse Reyes is running for Circuit Wide Judge; Mauricio Araujo is running for 6th subcircuit; and Ed Arce is running for 14th subcircuit. In addition, Ed Robles has submitted his application for Cook County Associate Judge.

HLAI Law School Committee – The Committee is conducting a survey of Hispanic law students to find out what their law schools are doing to aid in the development of Hispanic law students. For example one law school use to pay the travel and expenses of two LLSA members to attend HNBA conferences. To aid in this effort if you have such information please send the following to chapa.ruben@dol.gov: the year the school provided such service/program, name of school, type of service/program. Once the information is compiled for all 9 Illinois law schools HLAI can discuss with the individual LLSA's what programs they would like HLAI to advocate for on their behalf.



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Employment Opportunities:

Barron's Educational Series, Inc., publishers of various educational books is developing a series of books which are geared towards professionals who work in an environment with clients whose first language is Spanish. The proposed book is titled Spanish for Lawyers and Paralegals. Barron's is looking for lawyers and/or paralegals who speak Spanish who can verify whether or not the proposal is geared towards the designated audience and if the words or phrases used are used frequently in the related field. The evaluation involves reviewing a 30-page writing sample and answering approximately 10 questions on an evaluation form pertaining to the sample. There is a two week turnaround for completion of the Project and an honorarium of \$125.00 for completion. If you are interested contact Veronica Douglas, Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 250 Wireless Blvd., Hauppauge, NY 11788, 1-800-645-3476 x264, www.barroneduc.com.

VISANOW (www.visanow.com) is seeking a Business Immigration Attorney to join its downtown Chicago team and help deliver legal advice and counsel to its clients who include companies, individuals, colleges and universities. JD required with 2+ years of solid experience working as an attorney in immigration law with strong knowledge in the area of employment based non-immigrant and immigrant petitions. Candidate must be enthusiastic and possess excellent communication skills (verbal and written). To apply, e-mail your résumé to careers@visanow.com with the title Attorney in the subject line. All replies are confidential.

Other Opportunities:

McAndrews, Held & Malloy is offering a Diversity in Patent Law Fellowship. The 2008 program includes a \$5,000 fellowship and a paid summer clerkship position created to further the firm's goal of promoting diversity in IP Law which McAndrews will award to a qualified first-year law student of a diverse background who is committed to pursuing a career in patent law. The \$5,000 fellowship, for law school tuition and expenses, will be awarded on or about Sept. 1, 2008, upon completion of the 10- to 12-week summer clerkship at the Chicago-based firm. To be eligible for the fellowship, an applicant must be a first-year law student at an ABA-accredited law school, have a diverse background, possess a degree in science or

engineering, and intend to practice patent law in Chicago. Applications will be accepted Dec. 1, 2007, through Jan. 7, 2008. Applications must include the following:

- Résumé, including description of science or engineering educational credentials;
- Undergraduate transcript (with GPA);
- Legal writing sample;
- At least one letter of recommendation; and
- A 500-word personal statement including information about why the candidate wishes to pursue a career in patent law, why he or she is interested in the McAndrews firm as a place to work, and how the candidate's background and/or life experiences would improve diversity in the field of intellectual property law. To access the application and other fellowship information, visit www.mcandrews-ip.com/diversity_fellowship.

Office Space for Rent. Well established attorney with 14 years experience focusing on criminal defense and real estate seeks attorneys interested in renting office space. Two offices are available within the office suite. Conference room, equipment, and utilities included. Immigration attorney, family law attorney, or civil defense attorney are preferred to compliment practitioner's practice. This is ideal for someone starting up on her or his own or looking to expand his or her practice. Office is located at 4111 S. Richmond, Chicago, IL in the heart of Brighton Park, near Archer and California. If interested call Jesús Pérez at 773-869-0955.

Institute of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture (IPRAC), a Chicago-based not-for-profit, is creating the nation's only museum dedicated to Puerto Rican arts and culture. IPRAC invites Latinos to purchase a commemorative brick which will be installed in the new museum's beautiful courtyard in Humboldt Park. For more information on this opportunity visit IPRAC's website at www.iprac.org, contact its staff at development@iprac.org, or contact Carmen Lonstein at Carmen.Lonstein@BakerNet.com.

Get out and Vote – Early voting will begin on January 14, 2008. Chicagoans may use any of the 51 early voting sites in the city regardless of where they live. Sites are open Monday through Saturday 9am to 5 pm including MLK day. For more information go to info@chicagoelections.com or call 312/269-7857.



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Thanks to Felix Gonzalez HLA I is now participating in the business ExtrAA travel awards program. Business Name: HLA I Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois Business ExtrAA Account Number is: 787505. To earn Business ExtrAA travel rewards, all you have to do is make sure your Business ExtrAA account number appears on all your tickets. Option 1- If you choose to book your reservation online through www.aa.com, input your Business ExtrAA account number in the "Business ExtrAA Account Number" section. Option 2 - If you make reservations directly with American Airlines, American Eagle®, or AmericanConnection®, call American Airlines Reservations at 1-800-433-1790, in the U.S. and Canada. For all other locations, contact your local American Airlines Reservations office. Option 3 If you choose to make reservations and purchase your tickets at an American Airlines airport ticket counter, please ask the American Airlines agent to place your Business ExtrAA account number in the "Tour Code" box.

Speakers List - Please email chapa.ruben@dol.gov if you are interested in being placed on a list as a speaker for ISBA/CBA/telemundo discussions.

Upcoming Events:

HLA I's Membership Meeting will be January 17, 2008 at 11:45 am at Northern Trust Company, 50 South LaSalle Street, check in on 1st floor, RSVP to jdq4@ntrs.com or 312/557-1282. **Free lunch will be provided.**

The University of Illinois' Latino Law Students Association in launching its LLSA Scholarship Fund. To kick off this fund the U of I LLSA is holding a reception at the Metropolitan Club at the Sears Tower from 6 pm to 8 pm on January 9, 2008. Tickets are \$100 (tax deductible) per person - all proceeds go to the LLSA Scholarship Fund. R.S.V.P. to savalos@law.uiuc.edu, or call (312) 315-0023.

Jenner & Block Winter Break Open House for First-Year Law Students will be held on January 3, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m. 330 N. Wabash Avenue, 40th Floor, Chicago, IL. Please RSVP by December 28, 2007 to Adam Hummel at ahummel@jenner.com.

Vedder Price Invites Law Students to a Post-Holiday Cocktail Reception to be held on January 4, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m. 222 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL. To

RSVP or for more information contact Eileen Neis at eneis@vedderprice.com by December 29, 2007.

Perkins Coie 1L Diversity Fellowship Program. This fellowship provides first-year diverse law students a summer job with the firm of Perkins Coie, as well as a scholarship. The Fellowship is available in the following offices: Bay Area, CA; Bellevue, WA; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; Phoenix, AZ (Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, P.A. in AZ); Portland, OR; Seattle, WA and Washington, D.C. If you have any questions about the fellowship, please contact Laura Kader, Seattle Office Legal Recruiting Manager at lkader@perkinscoie.com/1-800-829-1199/1-206-359-3174. Additional information about the firm can be found at www.perkinscoie.com.

Kegler Brown 1L 2008 Minority Merit Scholarship. The law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter is currently seeking applicants for its minority student merit scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship includes a paid summer clerkship position with the firm's first-year summer associate class. Scholarship application materials are due to Kegler Brown by January 4, 2008. Interested students should submit a résumé, application, undergraduate transcripts and first semester law school transcripts (when available) to Cara M. Tammaro, Kegler Brown's Human Resources Manager. The application, submission details and additional information about the scholarship are available at www.keglerbrown.com/careers.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund The scholarship applications for the 2008-2009 year are available at <http://www.hsf.net/>. Please keep in mind that the national scholarship programs have March 15th as their deadline to finish, while some of the co-branded and University Alliance scholarships have special deadlines. Gates Millennium Scholarship is still open.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) is sponsoring summer research opportunities (SROP) for undergraduate and graduate students. Summer research opportunities programs offer outstanding undergraduate and graduate students the chance to work closely with faculty in an intensive summer research experience. The program will give students first-hand exposure to the experiences of graduate school and faculty life by placing them with faculty whose work is closely related to their academic interests and career goals. For more



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information, please contact Nelson Soto, Assistant Dean/Director of Summer Research Opportunities Program Graduate Office Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (317)278-4331, nsoto@indiana.edu

2008 Summer Internship Program in the Global Wealth Management Group of Morgan Stanley- DEADLINE TO APPLY: JANUARY 31, 2008 Morgan Stanley's Global Wealth Management Group is offering an exciting opportunity in the undergraduate Summer Internship Program for rising seniors. The 10 week program (June - August) is designed to expose students to the number of career possibilities within the Global Wealth Management Group through an extensive array of training, networking opportunities and hands-on activities throughout the summer. If there are any students interested applying for the program please direct them to send their resume and cover letter - and any other supporting materials - to GWMG.Internships.2008@morganstanley.com. For more information, please contact Sandra Richards, Director, Diversity Specialist, Morgan Stanley, (914) 225-8305, sandra.richards@morganstanley.com

The Mexican Consulate in Chicago offers services to Mexican nationals that are survivors of domestic violence, including obtaining a consular id (*matricula*) and financial assistance (cash for food, clothing etc.) Survivors may apply for these services in person at 204 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60607. The telephone number for the consulate is 312-738-2383. Applicants must ask for the "protection" department (*departamento de proteccion*). Georgina Velazquez (312-738-2383, ext. 128) is the person in charge of these services.

On January 26, 2008, PACCGC will hold A business forum entitled "Opportunities for Success in Health Care Entrepreneurship: Learning Best Practices from the Pros, Regulators, Business Partners and Consumers". This will be a whole seminar at the Student Center East of the University of Illinois in Chicago. Also on the same day the International BRAINS Awards Gala Celebration will be held. This is a cocktail reception to honor the awardees. Here, there will be ample opportunity for networking.

Scholarships. There are a number of companies and organizations that have donated money for scholarship use to minorities and a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest.

Help get the word out that money is available. Our youth really could use these scholarships. For more information visit www.affirmativeaction.org/resources-scholarships.html.

The Hispanic National Bar Association IBEROAMERICAN CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, will be held at the J.W. MARRIOTT in Mexico City from January 27 through 30th, 2007. Speakers and Participants from Latin America and Spain will be in attendance. Comparative Labor laws, Intellectual Property, Best Practices on Corporate Responsibility and other related subjects will be part of the CLE program. Registration for HNBA members will be \$350 for Attorneys in private practice and \$275 for Attorneys in government or academics. Non HNBA members will pay \$425, but will get as a bonus an automatic one year free membership in the organization. The registration fee will include two breakfasts, two sit down lunches, three cocktail events with heavy appetizers and attendance at an optional Black Tie gala dinner. Participants will also be able to receive 8 CLE credits. Rooms at the J.W. MARRIOTT are \$199 per night. To register go to www.hnba.com

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You are invited to share your journalistic skills with the HLAI membership.
Be assured the time commitment is MINIMAL
2 to 3 short paragraphs
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JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Jenner & Block Law Student event	4 Vedder Price Law Student event	5
6	7	8	9 U of I Latino Law Student Scholarship Fund Metropolitan Club	10	11	12
13	14 HLAI Board Meeting	15	16	17 HLAI membership Meeting 11:45 am FREE LUNCH	18	19
20	21 MLK Birthday	22	23	24	25	26 Phillipino Chamber of Commerce events
27 HNBA Iberoamerican Conference Mexico City 1/27 through 1/30	28	29	30	31		