

Guidance Counselors, Teachers, and Principals:

Thank you for considering the **Hispanic National Bar Foundation's Future Latino Leaders Law Camp** as a summer enrichment program for your students. The Law Camp is a unique opportunity for students to gain valuable life skills, enhance public speaking abilities, meet successful Latino leaders, tour important Federal institutions, learn about careers in the legal profession, gain valuable insights into the college admission process, and spend a week with other highly motivated young Latino leaders in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. We are proud to be celebrating our seventh year of developing future Latino leaders through our Law Camp.

As someone shaping today's youth and preparing a strong foundation on which so much is built—you have a very important role. The HNBF staff and Board of Directors want to supplement your work by offering a unique, once-in-a-lifetime educational and cultural opportunity. Because we believe that education can improve the quality of life for everyone, we are committed to increasing the academic achievement of Latino youth in our nation. Specifically, we are dedicated to ensuring that each of our Law Camp students attains a high school diploma and graduates from college. It is our highest hope that many will go beyond and earn an advanced degree in law and serve our communities through careers in the legal field.

The Law Camp will be held from Saturday, July 16 to Sunday, July 24, 2011. The students will stay in college dorms at the nationally recognized and beautiful campus of American University in Washington, D.C. (<http://www.american.edu/>). American University's Law School, Washington College of Law, was ranked among the top 10 law schools in the nation for Latinos by *Hispanic Business*. We are honored to be working with the University to provide a valuable and positive "college experience" for our Law Camp students. We will also provide opportunities for the students to gain valuable insights from college admissions directors about selecting, applying for, and succeeding in college.

The Law Camp students will participate in both classroom time and personal tours of important Federal institutions. College law professors, practicing attorneys, and law students will lead sessions on topics such as: legal process and procedure, how laws are made, voting and elected officials, and Latinos and the law. During the week, the students will work in small teams as they prepare to participate in a moot court competition in front of an actual judge. In addition, personalized tours are arranged at important institutions such as: Supreme Court, The United States Capitol, Pentagon, United States Department of State, United States Department of Justice, and the White House. In addition, informal tours will be provided of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall.

The Law Camp is provided at **no cost** to the student's family due to the generous support of our sponsors and donors. However, there is a competitive application (insert application link) process and a non-refundable application fee of \$50. Parents are responsible for transportation for the student to and from Washington, D.C. If the application fee is a barrier, the family may request a fee waiver by completing a financial information form (insert pdf of form here).

Many past Law Camp alumni have shared that their experience with the Law Camp improved their leadership skills and inspired them to do better in school, attend college, and pursue a career in law. We hope you will consider the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp as a place where dreams are made and potential is realized.