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## PhRMA BECOMES A \$10,000 SPONSOR OF THE HNBF FUTURE LATINO LEADERS LAW CAMP

June 21, 2007- PhRMA has donated \$10,000 to the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp, a program developed by the Hispanic National Bar Foundation (“HNBF”) to provide 25 at-risk Hispanic high school students from around the United States of America with the opportunity to enjoy the culture and history of the Nation’s Capital while at the same time exposing them to the legal profession and prominent Latino leaders. Additionally, these students will experience college life while staying at the Georgetown University dormitories.

The Future Latino Leaders Law Camp will open with a leadership workshop headed by noted speaker and recent recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Award, Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch. “PhRMA’s support will provide these students with the opportunity to learn from Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Consuelo Kickbusch, who became the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in the Combat Support Field of the U.S. Army,” says Mayda Prego, board member and Treasurer of the HNBF. “The students relate to her because of openness in sharing her own personal story. Consuelo was born and raised along the border in a small barrio in Laredo, Texas, and grew up battling poverty and discrimination. But despite those odds, Consuelo has achieved career successes because someone opened the door for her to pursue academics.” According to Lt. Col. (Ret.) Kickbusch, the values she learned as a child were reinforced throughout her career in the U.S. military, where she served for two decades. As a Latina officer, she broke many barriers and became the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in her field. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch later retired from the military and dedicated her time to community leadership and now operates Educational Achievement Services, Inc. in order to motivate the next generation of leaders to achieve their own success.



According to Marieli Colon-Padilla, the Director of Alliances, Affordability & Access in the Hispanic Alliance Development at PhRMA, students need to hear from role models like Ms. Kickbusch. “We are very excited to be able to help introduce students to a wonderful leader and mentor who has broken barriers and achieved a great deal of success in her life, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Consuelo Kickbusch. We think her message will only strengthen the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp program and we are happy to be able to support such a wonderful leadership workshop.”



The students will also have the opportunity to meet foreign embassy representatives to learn about international relations and speak with experience attorneys about how they approach their cases. The Law Camp participants will also participate in a “Legislative Day” where they will have the opportunity to meet Hispanic members of Congress, staff, and lobbyist who work to create U.S. laws and policies. Additionally, students will also participate in a “Mock Trial” competition that takes place at the end of the law camp at the courtroom at the Georgetown Law Center. Students will receive coaching from their law student camp counselors and will be judged by prominent Hispanic attorneys and judges. Campers will be able to develop their critical thinking skills with an introductory course taught by distinguished law professor, Charles Calleros, of the Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law at Arizona State University. The Princeton Review will also review SAT skills with students and provide books to help them prepare for their college entrance exams. More information about the Law Camp and other HNBF programs can be found on the website at [www.hnbf.org](http://www.hnbf.org).



The Hispanic National Bar Foundation is a non- profit organization dedicated to supporting full and equal opportunity in the legal profession and legal education, fostering understanding of the American legal system, educating the public about matters of justice and equal opportunity in the study and practice of law, supporting the integration of Hispanics in all aspects of the study, practice, adjudication, and instruction of law and administration of justice, and increasing opportunities for Hispanics in the legal profession.

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