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HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR FOUNDATION ADVANCES EQUALITY AND EDUCATION WITH ITS ANNUAL LAW CAMP FOR HISPANIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) is hosting its annual 9-day long Future Latino Leaders Law Camp from July 16th through July 24th in Washington, D.C. This program is offered free of charge for up to 30 Hispanic high school students from across the nation through the generous support of our donors and corporate sponsors, Walmart and General Motors. Law Camp students will have the opportunity to enjoy the culture and history of our nation's capital while being immersed in a legal profession preparation curriculum and meet with prominent Hispanic leaders. Following their participation in the Law Camp, students will have access to our new, year-round College Bound Coaching (CBC) program. CBC will include individual/group coaching, online educational programs, assistance in completing college and scholarship applications, virtual mentoring, and support in financing college.

The Future Latino Leaders Law Camp will celebrate its seventh year of empowering and mentoring Hispanic youth. Mayda Prego, board president shares, "We are proud of our tradition of nurturing the next generation of Latino leaders. We are excited to launch our new College Bound Coaching services to provide more hands-on support for our students throughout their high school and early college years." Nearly 130 youth have participated in the program since its inception in 2005. Applications can be completed on the HNBF website at www.hnbf.org. The deadline for submission is April 4, 2011.

The program includes guided tours of the White House, United States Capitol, Department of Treasury, Department of the State, Department of Justice, Supreme Court, and much more. Students build leadership skills; improve their knowledge of legal theory and practice; learn about diverse careers in the legal field and build confidence in the process.

Additionally, selected students will experience college life while staying on the American University campus in D.C. The prestigious American University Washington College of Law was ranked in the top 5 law schools for Hispanics by *Hispanic Business*. Admissions offices of local D.C. universities will provide valuable insights on applying for and financing college and offer tips on succeeding in college. Resources to support students in preparation for the SAT/ACT will also be offered.

Students will also participate in a "Mock Trial" competition at the Federal Courthouse. Students will receive coaching from their law student camp counselors and prominent Hispanic attorneys and judges. Campers will be able to develop their critical thinking skills with an introductory course taught by distinguished attorneys from Inter-American Development Bank, Brigida Benitez, Chief, Office of Institutional Integrity, and Marlon Paz, Principal Integrity Officer, Office of Institutional Integrity.

In addition to exposing the students to legal culture, the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp also serves as a place where young Hispanic students can see positive Hispanic role models. Students like Luis Alvarez, "The best part of the Law Camp was the people. The students, the presenters, and the staff made the camp one of the most amazing weeks of my life. Hearing the success stories of people who came from similar backgrounds as me has inspired me, and showed me that the legal field is an amazing place for Hispanic people." The Future Latino Leaders Law Camp application and more information about the Law Camp, College Bound Coaching, and other HNBF programs can be found on the website at www.hnbf.org.

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About the Hispanic National Bar Foundation

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The Hispanic National Bar Foundation was founded in 1985. It was the vision of a group of Hispanic attorneys who were able to defy the odds by earning college degrees and becoming community role models. Since its inception, the HNBF has grown into a national organization

The mission of the Hispanic National Bar Foundation is to help Hispanics achieve their potential through access to higher education and increase diversity in the legal profession. We do this by providing education, resources, mentorship, and the access necessary to ensure full and equal opportunity for Hispanics.