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## **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES DONATES \$12,000 WORTH OF TICKETS TO THE HNB FUTURE LATINO LEADERS LAW CAMP**

June 20, 2007- Southwest Airlines has become the official airline of the Hispanic National Bar Foundation's ("HNBF") Future Latino Leaders Law Camp. The airline sponsor has donated \$12,000 worth of tickets to help bring at-risk youth from around the United States to the week-long program in Washington, DC. The Future Latino Leaders Law Camp is an opportunity for Hispanic high school students, many of whom will be the first generation in their families to attend college, to learn about higher education and law school from top Hispanic attorneys, judges, members of Congress, and community leaders. "Our students have the opportunity to learn from and interact with role models who are Hispanic attorneys in the JAG corps, Judges, partners in major law firms, and politicians," says Magda Herrera, the Executive Director of the HNBF.



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.



The program can be life changing for many students. "By participating in the HNBF summer law program, I was able to better understand the importance of going to college and completing my education so I could go into the world with the knowledge and confidence needed to succeed," said 2006 Law Camp student Jake Flores. Lidia Martinez, Manager of Corporate Community Affairs for Southwest Airlines knows how important programs like this are for the Hispanic community. "At Southwest Airlines, we recognize

the potential impact a program like the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp can have on building a community of educated, inspired, and successful students."

“This support is amazing,” says Mayda Prego, Treasurer of the HNBF. “Our students can’t afford to pay for the Law Camp, so we fundraise to ensure the program remains free. Many of our students work part-time jobs just to support their families, so help with transportation costs removes another barrier that would prevent them from realizing their dreams.” 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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