

Lisa Capote
Self Nomination
HNBA Region VIII President –2018-2020

I would like to serve as Region VIII President for 2018-2020 because of my deep commitment to the values, goals, and members of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Goals for Region VIII

I have three goals for my tenure, should I be elected as Region VIII President; (1) increase membership; (2) increase and diversify programming; and (3) increase participation throughout the entire State of Florida.

Challenges & Opportunities for Office Sought

The main challenge facing the leadership in Region VIII include, the fact that the Region is large and includes major cities such as Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville, with over 500 miles from Key West to Jacksonville. This creates challenges in hosting events that are a benefit to all our regional members. Also, while there are a couple of affiliates there are limited co-sponsored events.

The opportunities for Region VIII include, the fact that there are over 120,000 licensed attorneys in the State with over 150 voluntary bar associations. There is a strong Latino community throughout the entire State.

Steps to Accomplish Goals

1. Increase Membership

If elected, I would like to assign one Deputy Regional President to reach out to different voluntary bars in the region to co-sponsor events. The Florida Bar provides a listing of all voluntary bars and the contact information for the President. Through co-sponsorship opportunities we can expand our mailing list and showcase all the benefits of HNBA membership.

In addition, through the two other goals, increasing and diversifying our programming and increasing participation through the entire State of Florida, we can attract more members.

I would also like to increase membership through programs aimed at capturing and retaining first year attorneys. For example, a happy hour the week after the bar exam, or the last day of the bar exam in Tampa. In addition, an increased presence on social media will help attract and retain attorneys.

2. Increase and Diversify Programming

Region VIII is a unique region in that we do not have a strong regional affiliate. We have affiliates, who are large/strong in their own right, but HNBA Region VIII does not co-sponsor many events with these affiliates or other voluntary bars. My goal is to increase programming through both unique programming and co-sponsoring events. Region VIII recently issued a survey to analyze what local members would like to see from a programming standpoint, the results were more networking, more educational and more community service/pro bono activities.

In order to expand programming, Region VIII will need to expand its regional board and committees. If elected, I would issue an email to the region requesting participation in committees. This would allow more participation by a larger group of members. These positions would not be board positions, but an informal pipeline program to get regional members involved and potentially work their way into a board position.

3. Increase Programming throughout the Entire State of Florida

Region VIII covers a wide area with multiple major cities, however the current focus of Region VIII has been mainly South Florida, Miami and its surrounding suburbs. I would like to expand programming into Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Tampa within the next two years. I would achieve this through adding board members in these cities who are active in their local Latino voluntary bars to pitch co-sponsoring events.

Resume

EXPERIENCE

MDO Partners, Miami, Florida, *Of Counsel*, 2018 – Present;

Capote Law Firm, Miami, Florida, *Managing Partner*, 2006 – Present;

Arrastia, Capote & Partners, Miami, Florida, *Partner*, 2010 – 2016;

C. Humphrey & Associates, Miami, Florida, *Associate*, 2005 – 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in Florida; September 2005

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HNBA

- HNBA Region VIII Deputy President, 2015 – Present,
- Committee Co-Chair, Region VIII, Lo Nuestro Lunch Series, 2015 - Present
- Committee Co-Chair, Region VIII, Network Committee, 2017 – Present
- Mentorship Program Committee, Region VIII, Member, 2018 - Present
- Mentorship Program, Region VIII, Mentor, 2013 - Present
- Program Liaison, Region VIII, 2018 – Present
- Big Brothers Big Sister Liaison, Region VIII, 2014

CNC, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services to Hispanic communities through education, outreach, and various other programs.

- Chairman of the Board of Directors, 2014 – Present
- Secretary of the Board of Directors, 2013 – 2014

Alpha Charter of Excellence, a non-profit charter school dedicated to helping the local Hispanic community.

- Member of the Board of Directors, 2014 - Present

Florida Bar

- Florida Bar Leadership Committee, Member, 2017 – Present
- Florida Bar Leadership Academy Alumni Relations Section, Member, 2017 - Present
- Florida Bar Leadership Academy Fellow, Class III, 2015 – 2016

Certification

I certify that am an HNBA Member and that I am in an attorney in good standing in each jurisdiction to which I am admitted, and I have not been disciplined in any jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



Lisa Capote