

HNBA Region V President

Edward Carlson



Edward Carlson has been a Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) member since 2008, when he was a first-year law student. He helped organize expand the HNBA Law Student Division (LSD) into new law schools, drafted resolutions for the LSD to be considered for HNBA's annual Advocacy Day. He also participated in Advocacy Day in Washington, DC for several years. In 2011, Mr. Carlson served as Chair of the LSD. He has also been a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of DC (HBA-DC) since 2015. He has served on the HBA-DC Legislative & Policy Issues Committee and the Membership Committee. He has participated in many HBA-DC events, including speed mentoring and resume workshops.

Mr. Carlson serves as policy counsel for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at the U.S. Department of Commerce. NTIA is statutorily charged with being the principal advisor to the President on telecommunications and communications policy. Mr. Carlson's work primarily focuses on interacting with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by drafting comments to the FCC and other official NTIA documents on technology policy issues for the White House National Economic Council and the Office of Science, Technology Policy. Mr. Carlson is a recipient of the Commerce Secretary's silver medal for work related to state broadband deployment, and two bronze medals on the bureau level for research on underserved communities.

Prior to NTIA, Mr. Carlson's began work on communications policy work through a Ford Foundation grant nearly a decade ago. He also worked for the New York City Mayor in his Federal Affairs Office as a policy advisor. He began his legal career at the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Agriculture. Prior to law school, he lived and worked in Tokyo for the Japanese Cabinet Secretary of Economic and Fiscal Policy. In Tokyo, Mr. Carlson worked on creating a communications portfolio for a Japanese Member of Parliament. He is a former Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Intern with the Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Originally from Guatemala City, Guatemala, Mr. Carlson grew up in a small town in Eastern Iowa. He received his BA, cum laude, from Colorado College and his JD from the University of Iowa.