

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

FERNANDO RIVERO



Fernando Rivero has been a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) since 2010, serving on the Board of Governors as Affiliate Representative of the Hispanic Bar Association of DC (HBA-DC) for five years. Mr. Rivero recently served as HNBA Region V President (2018-2019). He has been the Chair of the HNBA Governance Committee since 2018.

While serving as HBA-DC President in 2014, Mr. Rivero was Honorary Co-Chair of the HNBA Annual Convention, a partnership between HBA-DC as the local affiliate and the HNBA. The Convention, which took place in Washington, DC on September 10-13, 2014, set fundraising and attendance records at the time for an HNBA annual convention.

As part of his early HNBA work, Mr. Rivero served as Chair of the HNBA DREAM Initiative Task Force, which was charged with promoting the DREAM Act among state jurisdictions. The work of the Task Force resulted in the introduction of a model resolution in the state legislatures of Texas and Arizona calling upon Congress to pass the DREAM Act. The Council of the District of Columbia unanimously introduced and passed the model resolution.

Mr. Rivero is a Senior Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, where he has worked since 2005. Mr. Rivero practices civil prosecution in the Attorney General's Civil Enforcement Section, representing approximately a dozen government agencies and enforcing their legal mandates through litigation in Superior Court, the Office of Administrative Hearings, and various Boards and Commissions. His work has spanned the areas of licensing, civil asset forfeiture, false claims, health professional prosecution, human rights, wage theft, and securities, insurance, and zoning enforcement.

Prior to his work at the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Rivero was Chief of Staff and Legislative Counsel to Councilmember Jim Graham in the Council of the District of Columbia. His work at the Council included legislation to establish Business Improvement Districts, strengthen the District's Human Rights Act to protect against discrimination based on genetic information, and expand government services to immigrants through the Language Access Act. Mr. Rivero also served on the Board of the Spanish Education Development Center, a non-profit organization benefitting immigrant communities through education and the provision of child care services. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998 where he served as President of La Alianza Del Derecho, the Latino law student organization.