



Carlos M. Bollar HNBA National President



It is my honor to serve as President of the Hispanic National Bar Association for the 2021-2022 term. This year we will honor our proud legacy as we celebrate the 50th anniversary since the founding of the HNBA.

We live in interesting times. It seems the coronavirus is not done with us yet. Nobody knows when we will be back to normal. We have been living in a state of semi-suspended animation since March of 2020. But we cannot wait for the coronavirus to be eradicated before resuming our personal and professional lives. I am very proud of how HNBA has continued to lead the way in spite of the pandemic over the past year and a half. The coming year will be no exception. The HNBA will always stand tall as the voice of our community and be a force for positive change in the legal profession.

The HNBA is a way for our members to give back to our community and "Lift as You Climb", which is our theme for 2021-2022 year. Now, more than ever, it is critically important to find motivation and fulfillment in our careers and personal lives. There is no better way to find fulfillment than by making the world and our community a better place. The HNBA gives our members the opportunity to change lives and improve our profession. Through the HNBA, you can help law students find mentorship and scholarships, advocate on critical issues to the White House and Capitol Hill, support the advancement of our colleagues as they grow in their career, or simply get back to the close friendships we have made nationwide. The HNBA provides each of us with an added sense of purpose and the support of a vibrant community.

The HNBA also serves as a voice for the Latino community nationwide. Latinos continue to suffer disproportionate health and economic impacts from the coronavirus. We have seen an increase in violence against Latinos fueled by racism and xenophobia. Voting rights remain under attack on a daily basis. The country is desperate for comprehensive immigration reform that provides a humane and fair process. As attorneys, our community needs our support and our voices, and the HNBA remains a vocal force for change in the fight for equality in the years to come.

Our colleagues in the legal profession need our support more than ever. In the coming year, the HNBA will strengthen membership programming and training across the board. The HNBA will continue to fight for diversity in judicial and other executive appointments. The PODER25 Program will strive to increase the number of Latino General Counsel in Fortune 500 companies. The Latina Commission continues to grow mentorship and leadership opportunities. In short, HNBA programming provides our members with the critical tools they need to thrive in their profession.

The HNBA is excited to offer a series of exciting events in the coming year. We are committed to bringing you as much in-person programming as possible while still safeguarding the health and safety of our members. We hope to see you in person for our 50th Anniversary celebration at the HNBA/VIA Corporate Counsel Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana where our theme will be "Raising the Bar." And we will return to Washington D.C. for next year's Annual Convention where our theme will be "Honoring Our Legacy." The HNBA will continue to deliver the monthly Insider Series on critically important topics throughout the year. Join us in May for Advocacy Day as we travel to Washington, D.C. to speak directly with members of Congress about critical issues affecting the Latino community. Sign up to participate in the HNBA mentorship program as we match law students with our members to provide much needed guidance as they begin their legal career. And finally, stay vigilant for exciting events coming to your Region.

On behalf of our Board of Governors and National Office, I would like to thank you for believing in the HNBA/VIA mission. See you in New Orleans!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CB', written in a cursive style.

Carlos M. Bollar
HNBA President, 2021-2022