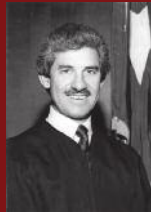
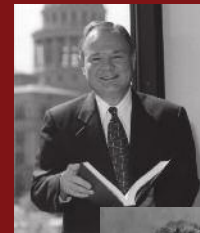




HISPANIC ISSUES SECTION



HONORING THE PAST – EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Top row, from left to right: **Adelfa Callejo** – First female Hispanic practitioner in Dallas; **Alberto Gonzales** – First Hispanic US Attorney General (2005-2007); **Gustavo C. Garcia** – Together with Carlos Cadena, first Hispanic Attorney to argue before U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark case *Hernández v. Texas* (1954); **Richard Peña** – First Hispanic to serve as State Bar President of Texas (1998-1999); **Justice Eva Guzman** – First Hispanic Woman on Texas Supreme Court (2009-present); Bottom row, from left to right: **Justice Raul A. Gonzalez, Jr.**, – First Hispanic appointed or elected to statewide office in Texas; first Hispanic on Texas Supreme Court (1984-1998); SBOT President **J. Chrys Dougherty** with founding members/leaders of the Concerns of the Spanish Speaking Community Section: James W. Ray, Jr., J. Manuel Banales, Hon. Reynaldo G. Garza and Frank Herrera (1980); **Linda Reyna Yañez** Appointed by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993, the first Hispanic woman to serve on an appeals court in the history of the State of Texas and the first woman to serve on the 13th Court of Appeals; **Carlos Cadena** – Together with Gustavo C. Garcia, the first Hispanic attorney to argue before U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark case *Hernández v. Texas* (1954).

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Message from the Chair



Manuel Escobar

Dear Hispanic Issues Section Members,

We have had a wonderful bar year thus far. In our last newsletter we announced our multiple-year notario fraud project (an update is below). We have traveled the state to meet more of our members (updates from our last two events also are below). And we are ready for the upcoming State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Fort Worth!

Just as we did last year, the Section is sponsoring a three-hour block of CLE on issues affecting the Hispanic community such as labor and employment law, immigration and notario fraud. We also are co-hosting a Diversity Forum and an evening reception. All events will take place on **Thursday, June 16**.

Here is the schedule:

9:00am – 12:00pm: **Diversity Forum** co-hosted with the African-American Lawyers, Asian Pacific Interest, LGBT Law and Women in the Law Sections

Section CLE (3 hrs credit, including 1 hr of Ethics)

1:30pm – 2:30 pm: Labor/Employment Law: Warning for Non-Union Employers (Large or Small) – The NLRB May be Watching You

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- 2:30pm – 3:30 pm:** Immigration Consequences of Criminal Offenses
- 3:30pm – 4:30 pm:** Notario Fraud: Unauthorized Practice of Law and Potential Private Causes of Action
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm:** Section Membership Meeting (Includes election of officers and council members, and Presentation of Annual Section Awards)
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm:** Joint Reception with Asian Pacific Interest Section

We hope to see you in Fort Worth! Click [here](#) to register for the Annual Meeting.

As this is our last newsletter of the year, I want to thank all of our officers, council members, and members who have helped to make this year a success! I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Manuel Escobar
Chair, Hispanic Issues Section

LOCAL HISPANIC BAR EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

CORPUS CHRISTI

(February 25, 2016)

The Hispanic Issues Section held a membership mixer in Corpus Christi entitled “An Evening of Vino y Queso” hosted at the offices of Hilliard Muñoz Gonzales overlooking the Corpus Christi Bay. Justice Gina Benavides of the 13th Court of Appeals of Texas graciously organized and hosted the event. A great three-piece band provided entertainment and Justice Benavides and Judge Manuel Bañales, among others, spoke about the importance of our section and coming together as a legal community. We had a terrific turnout, signed up a lot of new members, and made many new friends – thanks to everyone who attended! And thanks to all of our sponsors – Hilliard Muñoz Gonzales, LLP, Bonilla & Chapa, PC, Canales & Simonson, PC, Chaves, Obregon & Perales, LLP, Law Offices of Ron Barroso, LLC, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, and The Rangel Law Firm, PC.



HOUSTON

(April 7, 2016)

HIS Secretary Angelica Hernandez and HIS Council Member Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield organized a mixer in Houston hosted on the top floor of the Harris County Civil Courthouse in Downtown Houston. Judge Mayfield also hosted and gave a wonderful speech about becoming involved in HIS and how it helps members make connections across the state. It was another great turnout and we look forward to visiting again soon. Thanks also to our sponsors – Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield Campaign, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, and Carmen Perez.



Hispanic Issues Section Events

HIS Members on the SBOT Board of Directors

We often refer to HIS as “your voice at the State Bar of Texas.” That will be more true than ever in the upcoming bar year, as we are thrilled to inform you that two of our most active HIS members will be moving into new roles on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors.

At the Board’s meeting held at Horseshoe Bay on April 15, HIS council member Joe Escobedo Jr. of McAllen, Texas, was elected as chair of the Board. Joe becomes the third Hispanic chair of the Board in its history, following in the footsteps of Vidal Martinez (2001-02) and Pablo Amaguer (2010-11). Joe has served on the Board for two years from District 12, and is a partner with [Escobedo & Cardenas, LLP](#) in McAllen.

At that same meeting, HIS Secretary Angelica Hernandez was appointed to serve as one of the Board’s four Minority Directors, concluding an exhaustive search and interview process. Angelica is a partner with [Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson](#) in Houston.

Escobedo and Hernandez will take office during the Annual Meeting, with Joe serving a one-year term as Chair of the Board, and Angelica beginning a three-year term as a Minority Director.

The State Bar of Texas is governed by its Board of Directors, which sets policy and provides guidance in the establishment of educational programs for the legal profession and the public, and management of the attorney discipline system.

Angelica was kind enough to provide additional information about the State Bar of Texas and the work of the Board of Directors:

At the next State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, scheduled for June 16-17, I will be sworn in as a board member of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of a body of 42 Directors (Attorneys representing all geographic regions of the state, Public Members, 4 Minority Directors, the President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), President-Elect of the TYLA) and five members of the Executive Committee (State Bar President, State Bar President-elect, Immediate Past President, Chair of the Board and Immediate Past Chair of the Board). Each board member is expected to consider and participate in the development and achievement of State Bar goals, programs and activities as they pertain to the Bar’s Strategic Plan. Concerning the duties of a board member, we are to attend quarterly meetings (held in different locations in the State, this year we will meet in El Paso and McAllen), serve as a member or chair of at least two Board committees or subcommittees, serve as a Board Advisor to a State Bar section, and, serve as a Board Advisor to a State Bar Standing Committee.

My appointment to the board as a Minority Director (by current President Allen DuBois) is truly one of the highlights of my career. While the majority of the directors are elected by attorneys in their respective geographic region, the four Minority Director positions are by appointment only. The appointments are for three year terms. Both the foresight and wisdom of the State Bar, in encouraging diversity in bar leadership, provided for the creation of these board seats. While I was active locally (Houston) in bar associations (Past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, Past President of the Mexican American Bar of Houston, Past Chair of Houston Bar Association committees), what

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opened the door to State Bar leadership was my service with the State Bar of Texas Hispanic Issues Section (HIS). HIS introduced me to Hispanic leaders throughout the state, including our incoming State Bar Chair of the Board, Joe Escobedo (McAllen), and numerous talented others. Through HIS I worked on community and bar projects with exemplary lawyers; it was a privilege to build these new friendships. And, I am very proud of the work we accomplished together. It was also through HIS that I was first apprised of the Minority Director position. HIS members who previously served on the State Bar Board of Directors, including past HIS Chair Justice Patricia Alvarez, shared their knowledge and support. In fact, my nomination was submitted by HIS member Justice Gina Benavides. I look forward to using the culmination of my bar (local and state) experience for the benefit of the State Bar of Texas. And, I will always remember the example provided by our HIS leaders/members—they “pay it forward”. They help and promote one another.

There are many, many talented individuals out there that, in addition to developing as outstanding legal professionals, are committed to the betterment of our community. I hope to continue to see many more of us serve in state bar leadership. It all starts with the willingness to serve and a willingness to cultivate friendships statewide.

Congratulations to Joe and Angelica!



NOTARIO FRAUD UPDATE

In our last newsletter we announced our notario fraud project. We continue to plan this multiple-year project and want to invite all interested to participate in a new standing committee that we are creating, the HIS Notario Fraud Committee. As noted in our prior newsletter, we are looking for individuals who:

- have direct experience with representing or assisting victims of notario fraud;
- have had any involvement in prior projects in this area;
- have any interest in developing materials relating to notario fraud; or
- just want to help out.

I am pleased to announce that for the time being, we are going to install the Immediate Past Chair of the Hispanic Issues Section as the chair of this important effort. So if you are interested in serving on this important committee, you can [contact me directly](#). I look forward to working with you!

UPCOMING LOCAL BAR EVENTS

MABA HOUSTON	
June 13	<p><u>MABAH Judicial Meet & Greet and Endorsement Meeting</u> Kim Son, 2001 Jefferson, Houston, TX 77002 Meet & Greet 5:30–7pm open to all; Endorsement Meeting 7–9pm attorney members.</p>
June 24	<p><u>MABAH All Day CLE</u> 9am–2:30pm, location TBD. Sponsored by Mass Mutual. Please contact mabahouston@gmail.com for more information.</p>
HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF AUSTIN	
September 23	<p><u>20th Annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon</u> 11:00am, Omni Hotel, Downtown Austin Please visit http://www.hispanicbaraustin.com for more information.</p>

Please see the HIS website ([http://www.texasbar.org/hispanicissuessection.com](http://www.texasbar.org/hispanicissuessection)) for more information on HIS events and member activities!

***** We want to know about your events. If you would like to have an event posted on the HIS website or included in our next newsletter please contact us via email at: sections@texasbar.com**

Also, if you have thoughts or comments about the website or the activities of the Hispanic Issues Section, or have something you would like to see in a future newsletter, please contact us.