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**THE HNBA CONGRATULATES BENNY AGOSTO, JR. ON THE BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF
THE HNBA LEGAL EDUCATION FUND**

Washington DC - Houston lawyer Benny Agosto Jr. was recently elected as President of the Hispanic National Bar Association Legal Education Fund (HNBA-LEF). The HNBA Legal Education Fund is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting educational programs that expose underrepresented students and professionals to opportunities in the legal profession. It provides scholarships and financial support so that students from underrepresented communities can pursue legal careers. It is the only 501(c)3 organization affiliated with the HNBA.

The HNBA Legal Education Fund provides law student scholarship funding, community outreach programming, a week-long law camp (LEAP Program) for high-school students of diverse backgrounds, and an annual publication, HNBA Journal of Law and Policy. Past President Omar Vargas said, "In the past five years, the Fund has grown in new and innovative ways and I am confident that under the leadership of Benny Agosto the Fund's next couple of years will be our best."

Mr. Agosto is a co-founder of the HNBA's Legal Education Fund along with attorneys Roman Hernández and Omar Vargas. He is a former national president of the HNBA, serving in 2011-2012. He is also the founder of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas (MABATX) Foundation. He is a partner at the Houston personal injury law firm of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend.

Other new HNBA LEF board members include Aida Rodriguez and Gregory Kenney. Ms. Rodriguez is the Executive Director of Special Counsel's Miami office. Mr. Kenney is Exxon Mobil Corporation's Downstream Commercial Litigation Counsel. "The LEF thanks Omar Vargas for his years of leadership and service. I am honored to take over as President of the Fund, and I am very excited to work with the new board members, Aida Rodriguez and Gregory Kenney," said Mr. Agosto.

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About the Hispanic National Bar Association

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, law students, and legal professionals in the United States and its territories. Since 1972, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession by creating opportunities for Hispanic lawyers and by helping generations of lawyers to succeed. The HNBA has also effectively advocated on issues of importance to the national Hispanic community. While we are proud of our accomplishments, we are mindful that our mission is as vital today as it was four decades ago, especially as the U.S. Hispanic population continues to grow.

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