

HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOUNDATION

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The HBA-DC Foundation ("Foundation") was established in 1995 by the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia as a 501c3 non-profit organization. The following individuals served as the Foundation Board of Directors for 2012:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HBA-DC FOUNDATION

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Attachment A sets forth the list of the 2012 Foundation Committee members.

II. 2012 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

One of the primary missions of the Foundation includes supporting the law student community by providing fellowships for law students working during the summer for public interest legal organizations principally serving the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. These fellowships allow students to gain valuable work experience and exposure to an area of public interest law. At the same time, these students assist with providing legal services to individuals or groups served by the legal service entities. Sponsoring organizations are non-profit, non-governmental organizations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area that provide legal services at little or no cost to clients.

Two committees have been established for the review and selection of fellowship recipients.

A. The NCLR and Patton Boggs Fellowship:

In 2012, the Foundation awarded this fellowship in the amount of \$10,000. The fellowship, which has been administered by the Foundation since 2007, is funded by Patton Boggs LLP and is intended to provide funding for a law student working for the summer with a public interest entity in a position that is otherwise not compensated. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be: (1) a first-year Latino/a law student; (2) actively enrolled in, and attending, any

accredited law school in the United States or Puerto Rico; and (3) accepted to work for a minimum of eight weeks with the sponsoring entity. The sponsoring entity may be a not-for-profit organization or a governmental agency, and must be located in any of the following localities in the United States: the Washington DC metropolitan area; Denver, CO; Newark, NJ; New York, NY; Dallas, TX; or Anchorage, AK. Preference will be given to students working with entities whose client base includes the Hispanic/Latino community.

B. The HBA-DC Foundation Fellowships:

In 2012, the Foundation awarded three fellowships of \$5,000 each. These fellowships are intended to support a law student who works with a public interest organization in the DC-metropolitan area in a position that is otherwise not compensated by the sponsoring entity. To be eligible in 2012, an applicant had to be: (1) a first or second year law student; (2) actively enrolled in, and attending, one of the following accredited law schools located in the District of Columbia or its immediate suburbs: Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, George Mason University Law School, George Washington University's National Law Center, Georgetown University Law Center, Howard University School of Law, the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia or the Washington College of Law at American University; and (3) with an arrangement to work full-time for a minimum of eight weeks with a sponsoring entity. The sponsoring entity must be: (1) a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization; (2) located in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area; (3) providing direct legal services; and (4) at low cost or no cost to the clients. Preference was given to students working with organizations serving the D.C. Latino community among the client base and this information was included in the application.

C. The following criteria (not in ranked order) was used to evaluate applicants for the NCLR/Patton Boggs Fellowship:

1. Applicant's commitment to public interest law;
2. Benefit to the sponsoring organization;
3. Contribution of the placement to the applicant's professional development;
4. Benefit to DC's Hispanic community;
5. Quality of applicant's writing; and
6. Transcripts and grades.

D. The following criteria (not in ranked order) was used to evaluate applicants for the Foundation's Fellowships:

1. Applicant's commitment to public interest law;
2. Benefit to the sponsoring organization;
3. Contribution of the placement to the applicant's professional development;
4. Benefit to DC's Hispanic community;
5. Financial need of the applicant;
6. Quality of applicant's writing; and
7. References.

E. Selection Process:

Through the HBA-DC website, the Foundation was assigned an electronic mailbox solely for the receipt of electronic fellowship applications. The Foundation received over twenty fellowship applications. The Chairs of the Fellowship Committee sorted the applications and distributed them via email to Committee members for the review process.

The Committee was divided into two subcommittees, one for selection of the Foundation's fellowships, and the other for selection of the Patton Boggs/NCLR fellowship. Each subcommittee member reviewed all the applications assigned to that subcommittee. The applicants were ranked according to the selection criteria noted above. Some applicants were eligible for both the Foundation's Fellowships as well as the NCLR-Patton Boggs Fellowship. The Committee conducted its deliberations by email and telephone.

For the NCLR/Patton Boggs Fellowship, the Committee ranked the top three candidates and provided a summary on the background of each student to Patton Boggs along with the rankings of the Committee. Patton Boggs made the final selection.

Recipients were notified by phone and email providing additional information about issuance of the funds to them. The Foundation also contacted the sponsoring organization to confirm the fellowship start date and discuss disbursement of the fellowship funds to the selected students.

2012 Fellowship Recipients & the Public Interest Work in which they Engaged:

The 2012 NCLR/Patton Boggs Fellowship Recipient:

JESSICA ARCO: As a rising second-year law student at the George Washington University School of Law, Jessica Arco spent the summer of 2012 working with clients to access public benefits and educational services at the Migrant Legal Action Program. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Arco was a paralegal working on complex medical malpractice cases in New York. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College.

The 2012 HBA-DC Foundation Fellowship Recipients:

ADRIANA ESTEVEZ: During the summer of 2012, Adriana Estevez represented survivors of domestic violence and clients in immigration matters at Ayuda's Virginia office. She gained valuable experience in this area as a student attorney in the Families and the Law Clinic at the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, where she became a third-year law student in the fall of 2012. Ms. Estevez is a graduate of the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University.

CORINA GARCIA: Corina Garcia completed her first year at American University, Washington College of Law. In the summer of 2012, she interned at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). Prior to attending law school, Ms. Garcia created programs to prevent youth recidivism and promote civic engagement at Identity, Inc., and the Street Outreach Network. She is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

ANNE SCHAUFELE: In the fall, Anne Schaufele began her third year at American University, Washington College of Law. As an intern at Ayuda's Washington, D.C. office in the summer of 2012, Anne developed a consumer protection project aimed at eliminating *notario* fraud. This experience followed her internship at the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project the previous summer, during which she represented clients in immigration matters. A graduate of DePauw University, Ms. Schaufele has extensive public interest experience.

III. PASOS 2012

The Foundation also organizes an annual graduation celebration called PASOS, which takes place in the spring of each year. The PASOS event is a celebration attended by graduating law students, their families and friends, members of the Hispanic Bar, and others from the community. The Foundation recognizes the many Hispanic students who are graduating from all law schools in the DC area: Washington College of Law at American University; Georgetown University Law Center; George Washington University's National Law Center; Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America; Howard University School of Law; and

the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. In addition, the Foundation announces the fellowship recipients.

PASOS 2012 took place May 18, 2012 at the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC. Susan Santana, Assistant Vice President, Federal Relations, AT&T, and Past President of HBA-DC served as the keynote speaker.

The Washington College of Law generously supported the event again in 2012 by donating the venue, food and beverage for approximately 100-150 persons. The Washington College of Law also provided the photographs of the event taken by their photographer. Photographs of the event can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/media/set/?set=a.10151199467266119.519384.735284111118&type=3>.

IV. FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The Foundation raised \$29,500.00 in 2012. The Foundation's expenses for the 2012 Fellowships totaled \$25,000.00. However, the total amount paid by the Foundation to the fellows was \$24,000.00 following a request from one recipient for a reduced award. Attachment B sets forth the list of major donors to the Foundation in 2012.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

The Foundation held several board meetings and committee meetings throughout 2012 by telephone, via email and in person. In 2012, the Foundation applied to the Pro Bono Services Community Economic Development Project of the DC Bar Pro Bono Program and was partnered with the law firm of Sutherland Asbill, LLP for pro bono legal services to review the Foundation's operating documents for compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Annual Meeting and Elections were held December 11, 2012.

VI. WEBSITE

The Foundation's home page is available through the website of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia at: <http://www.hbadc.org/site/page/foundation>. This is at no cost to the Foundation.

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President
December 11, 2012

ATTACHMENT A

2012 Foundation Committee Members

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ATTACHMENT B

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