

HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOUNDATION

2013 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 2013:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HBA-DC FOUNDATION

Officers:

President: Robert Raben, Esquire
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At Large Directors:

Lyzka DeLaCruz, Esq. (HBA-DC Representative)
Maria Holleran Rivera, Esq.
Jocelyn Nieva, Esq.

Attachment A sets forth the list of the 2013 Foundation Committee members.

II. 2013 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 and advocacy 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 or advocacy 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 2013, 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 2013, 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.

2013 Fellowship Recipients & the Public Interest Work in which They Engaged:

The 2013 NCLR/Patton Boggs Fellowship Recipient:

PAULINA VERA: At the time of her selection, Paulina was a rising 2L at the George Washington University Law School. She also received her undergraduate degree in International Politics and Latin American Studies at George Washington University. In the summer of 2013, she assisted clients in obtaining legal representation for visa cases involving unaccompanied minors and those with Special Immigrant Juvenile Status at Kids in Need of Defense (KIND).

The 2013 HBA-DC Foundation Fellowship Recipients:

CRISTINA CALDERON: Cristina was a rising 2L at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), David A. Clarke School of Law. Since graduating from Georgetown University with a degree in Culture and Politics, she worked with several organizations serving the Latino community in Washington, DC. In the summer of 2013, she served as an intern with the Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP), a non-profit law firm providing civil legal services to low-income residents of the District of Columbia in the areas including housing, health care, employment, consumer protection, education, discrimination, family court disputes, income maintenance, and the many civil consequences impacting persons with convictions and their families.

VICKI A. KINNE: Vicki was a rising 2L at the Georgetown University Law Center. She earned her degree in English from the University of Idaho and was an active community volunteer with the Boise Young Professionals. In the summer of 2013, she advocated for migrant and seasonal farm workers through the Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP).

ANDREW ORTIZ: Andrew was a rising 2L at Howard University School of Law. After graduating from the University of North Texas, where he majored in Sociology and minored in Women's Studies, Andrew served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay. In the summer of 2013, he worked directly with low-wage workers at the Employment Justice Center (EJC).

III. PASOS 2013

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 2013 took place May 17, 2013 at the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC. The Honorable Rudolph Contreras of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia served as the keynote speaker.

The Washington College of Law generously supported the event again in 2013 by donating the venue, food and beverage for approximately 100-150 persons.

IV. FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The Foundation raised \$31,171 in 2013. The Foundation's expenses for the 2013 Fellowships totaled \$25,500.00 for fellowships and student awards and \$1397.68 for accounting, reporting fees and PASOS 2013 expenses. Attachment B sets forth the list of major donors to the Foundation in 2013.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

The Foundation held several board meetings and committee meetings throughout 2013 by telephone, via email and in person.

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

February 24, 2014

ATTACHMENT A

2013 Foundation Committee Members

Fellowships Committee

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ATTACHMENT B

2013 Donors to the HBA-DC Foundation

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PASOS Host:

Washington College of Law, American University