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THE CONNECTICUT HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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The Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (www.ct-hba.org) is pleased to announce its new slate of officers for 2011-2012. The following individuals were elected to office at the CHBA's annual meeting:

- Maria Garcia, President-Elect, Law Clerk to the Honorable Holly B. Fitzsimmons, United States District Court for the District of Connecticut
- Erick I. Díaz, Vice President, Managing Attorney at the Law Office of Erick I. Díaz LLC
- Alex Toribio, Treasurer, Associate at McCarter & English LLP
- Cristina Madry, Secretary, Associate at Jackson Lewis LLP
- Elizabeth Salsedo-Surovov, Director of Communications, Senior Client Manager at Westlaw Thompson Reuters

Virginia McGarrity, an Associate at Robinson & Cole LLP, succeeds Sara C. Bronin, Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law, as President.

"I am excited for the opportunity to lead the CHBA over the next year," said Ms. McGarrity. "One of my priorities is to focus on improving and expanding our member services and benefits. To that end, the CHBA will offer assistance to its members navigating the judicial selection process, provide a wealth of volunteer public service opportunities, and host more networking opportunities with other bar associations and civic groups within Connecticut."

The CHBA will also continue its commitment of supporting the next generation of lawyers by sponsoring programs for each of the area law schools, and celebrating their achievements with scholarship awards at the CHBA Annual Awards Dinner.

The CHBA is also pleased to announce that the following individuals were elected to its Board of Directors: Dinarmy Arvelo, Albert L. Barrueco, Margaret Castinado, Marilyn Díaz, Elizabeth Fowler, Ilia M. O'Hearn, René A. Ortega, Jessica Torres, and Maximiliano Zayas. Directors elected to the CHBA Board in 2010 whose terms continue during the 2011-2012 year are: Mario Borelli, John R. Flores, Karem Friedman, Cristina Lopez, and Edgardo Ramos.

In addition, CHBA member Walter Menjivar was appointed to continue to serve as President of the Law Student Division.

ABOUT THE CHBA: Founded in 1993, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association works to enhance the visibility of Hispanic lawyers throughout the state; to facilitate communication and sharing of information and resources among our members; to serve as mentors to new attorneys and law students; and to assist the public and private sectors in achieving diversity in their law firms and legal departments. The CHBA also addresses issues impacting the Hispanic community, such as access to the courts, judicial diversity, and other social challenges.