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"IDENTIDAD Y COLABORACIÓN"

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We extend our thanks to Boston College Law School, Suffolk University Law School, and Harvard Law School for your generous support of our conference.

Conference Theme
“Identidad y Colaboración”

Our 2016 Conference theme, “Identidad y Colaboración,” focuses on our role as Latina/o students emerging in the legal field. In an increasingly globalized world, the need for diverse attorneys in the legal field is greater than ever. As Latina/o law students, we have a unique set of qualities that set us apart. By convening together, we intend to discuss what the changing face of the field means for us and how to enter into areas that we have not historically pursued while also maintaining our identity. We also intend to have substantive conversations on collaboration and how we can work together to move us all forward.
Thursday, September 29th
Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

7:00 am: Breakfast & Welcome by NLLSA Attorney General
1st Floor Function Room

8:00 am: Moot Court Competition Begins
Preliminary Round 1

9:30 am: Moot Court Competition
Preliminary Round 2

12:30 pm: Lunch
Function Room on the 1st Floor

1:15 pm: Announcement of top 8 teams to advance

1:30 pm: Quarterfinals

3:00 pm: Semifinals

Friday, September 30th
Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

8:00 am to 9:30 am: Moot Court Competition Finals
Moot Courtroom, Room 425
Honorable Isaac Borenstein
Capt. Meg Larrea
Toni Machowsky, Esq.

8:00 am to 9:30 am: Registration
Reception Area on the 1st Floor

9:30 am to 11:00 am: Conference Introduction and Breakfast
Function Room on the 1st Floor
• Welcome by NLLSA Chair, Eduardo Reyes Chavez and Boston Host Committee
• The Honorable Isaac Borenstein
11:15 am to 11:45 am: Speed Networking Event
1st Floor, Function Room

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm: Career Fair & Lunch
1st Floor, Function Room

1:45 pm to 2:45 pm: Conference Panels

The Rise of Latina/o Lawyers in Big Law
Experienced practitioners will discuss their motivations to practice, experience after graduation, and advice for success in competitive fields.
- Arivee Vargas, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Boston
- Diego Perez Ara, Hogan Lovells, New York
- Martha Martir, Ropes and Gray, Boston
- Valentina Burger-Jimenez, Linklaters, New York

Latino Views on the Criminal Justice System
Panelists will discuss the challenges in the Criminal Justice system from the point of arrest to the prosecution and defense of those who enter the system.
- Judge Isaac Borenstein, Suffolk University Law School
- Adrian Bispham, Suffolk County’s District Attorney Office
- Migdalia Nalls, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Youth Advocacy Division
- Ricardo Arroyo, Committee for Public Counsel Services

Emerging Fields in the Law
This panel will focus on emerging areas in the law from practitioners with experience in transactional work, international immigration law, and civil rights.
- Elke Trilla-Bamani, Ernst and Young, LLP
- Saloman Chiquiar-Rabinovich, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develoment
- Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm: Break and Refreshments

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm: Conference Panels

The Future of Immigration Reform
This panel will focus on a discussion over current immigration policy, identifying crucial areas in need of reform and the impact it has on our immigrant community.
- Iris Gomez, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
- Ragini Shah, Suffolk University Law School
- Alejandra St. Guillen, Executive Director of Mayor’s Office of Immigration Advancement
- Jose Perez, LatinoJustice
The Gavel Gap
Using “The Gavel Gap,” a groundbreaking new study of the demographics of the state judiciary released by the American Constitution Society, the panel will provide a Latino perspective on judicial selection of state court judges and ALJs, identify failings in the current systems and explore the reforms needed to achieve a more diverse and effective judiciary.

- Chief Justice Angela Ordonez, Probate and Family Court
- Justice Diana L. Maldonado, Massachusetts Appeals Court
- Chief Justice Roberto Ronquillo, Boston Municipal Court
- Kate Azevedo, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (Moderator)

Legal Careers in the United States JAG Corps
Members of the United States JAG Corps will discuss the difference between a career as a civilian attorney and a career as a military JAG officer.

- Capt. Justina Hooper, Air Force
- Col. Katherine Estes, Marines
- Lt. Jordi Torres, Navy

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Cocktail Networking Reception
5th Floor, Blue Sky Room

7:30 pm: Social Event
Howl at the Moon, 184 High Street, Boston, MA 02110
[Must arrive before 8pm for free admission]

Saturday, October 1st
Boston College Law School
885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459

There will be a free shuttle provided from Suffolk University Law School. The shuttle will leave promptly at 8:20am and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no parking on campus. Please see map with alternative forms of transportation on p.

8:20am: Bus leaves Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02108

8:00am to 9:15 am: Check-In and Breakfast
East Wing, 1st Floor

9:30am to 10:30 am: Conference Panel

The Latino Impact on the Presidential Election
East Wing, Room 120
This panel will discuss the particular role the Latino community plays in the current election cycle and the major issues at stake in the upcoming election.
• Julio Ricardo Varela, Futuro Media Group
• Leopoldo Martinez, Latino Victory Project
• Irving Burbano, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
• Jabes Rojas, Governor’s Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Access & Opportunity at Commonwealth of Massachusetts

10:45am to 11:45 am: Theme Workshop
East Wing, Room 120

Weaving Theory, Practice and Action: LatCrit Theory, Lawyers and Active Participation in Social Change
The Introduction to LatCrit Workshop, will introduce law students to the “Politics of Knowledge Production,” under LatCrit’s distinctive centering of Latina/o identity in law and society, methodology of multidimensional analysis, and principle of anti-subordination.
• Professor Marc-Tizoc Gonzalez, St. Thomas University School of Law
• Professor Brenda Williams, The University of Washington School of Law
• Edwin Lindo, Community Activist

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm: Lunch
Yellow Room, 2nd Floor

1:15 pm: Featured Speaker

Carmen M. Ortiz
United States Attorney
District of Massachusetts
Carmen M. Ortiz was nominated by President Barack Obama, as the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2009. She is the first Hispanic and the first woman to represent Massachusetts as U.S. Attorney. She oversees the work of more than 200 attorneys and support staff in Boston, Worcester and Springfield.

1:45 pm to 3:00 pm: Community Service Project: CARA Project
Library, 3rd Floor
The volunteers behind CARA are committed to ensuring that detained children and their mothers receive competent, pro bono representation, and developing aggressive, effective advocacy and litigation strategies to end the practice of family detention.
Please bring a laptop if you have one with you!

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm: NLLSA Elections
East Wing 200

3:45pm: Shuttle bus departs Boston College Law School
6:00 pm to 10 pm: NLLSA Banquet and Closing Ceremony
Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Hall
1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138

6:00pm: Cocktail Hour

7:00pm: NLLSA Alumni Recognition
Marines’ Excellence in Leadership Award
Keynote Speaker, David Lopez
General Counsel, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

8:15pm: Closing Remarks, NLLSA Chair

8:30pm: Moot Court Competition Awards, NLLSA Attorney General

8:45pm: NLLSA Election Results

10:00pm: After-Party Social
Latin Night at Guilt, 275 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DAVID LOPEZ

David Lopez was sworn in as General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on April 8, 2010. He was nominated twice by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2010 and 2014. Mr. Lopez is the first EEOC field trial attorney to be appointed as the agency’s General Counsel. He has served at the Commission in various capacities for the past 25 years. As General Counsel, Mr. Lopez runs the Commission’s litigation program, overseeing the agency’s 15 Regional Attorneys and a staff of more than 325 lawyers and legal professionals who conduct or support Commission litigation in district and appellate courts across the country. During his tenure, Mr. Lopez has cultivated “one national law enforcement agency,” encouraging the EEOC’s litigators nationwide to operate more collaboratively and cohesively with each other and other internal partners.

Mr. Lopez has also served as Co-Chair of the committee that developed the Commission’s Strategic Enforcement Plan for 2013 to 2016. He is the Chair of the Commission’s Immigrant Worker Team, a group tasked with strengthening and coordinating EEOC’s enforcement and outreach on employment discrimination issues affecting immigrant and other vulnerable workers. He also convened a work group focused on discrimination issues affecting the LGBT community. Through his leadership on these issues, EEOC filed and settled its first cases alleging sex discrimination on the basis of transgender status and sex stereotyping against Lakeland Eye Clinic and Deluxe Financial.

- 2016 Recipient of the National Religious Freedom Award
- “America’s 50 Outstanding General Counsels” from the National Law Journal
- “Latino Luminary” from Diversity and the Bar magazine
- Friend in Government Award Recipient from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination
- “100 Influentials in the Hispanic community” by Hispanic Business

Prior to joining the EEOC, Mr. Lopez was a Senior Trial Attorney with the Civil Rights Division, Employment Litigation Section, of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Between 1988 and 1991, Mr. Lopez was an Associate with Spiegel and McDiarmid in Washington, D.C. Mr. Lopez obtained his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1988 and graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University in 1985, with a B.S. in Political Science.
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- The MBTA, known as the “T,” is an affordable way to travel. One ride costs $2.25 per ride. You can load money on it at any underground station with cash or a credit card.

- There are many T stops near Suffolk University Law School.
- Blue Line-State
- Orange Line-State or Downtown Crossing
- Green/Red Line—Park Street
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- The closest T stop to Harvard Law School is the Harvard stop on the Red Line.
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