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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2009

At SUMMIT GROUP

315 Fifth Ave South Suite 1000; Seattle, WA

6:00-8:00 PM

The following LBAW Director 2010-2012 Nominations will be voted upon:

Lourdes Fuentes graduated from the University of Washington Law School in 1996 and has had a rich and varied legal career. Since graduating she has worked as a clerk for the Honorable Charles Z. Smith of the Washington State Supreme Court, an associate attorney for the law firm of *Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland*, partner at *McDonald Hoague & Bayless*, Director of the Immigration Clinic for the UW Law School, and most recently as the Director of Lawyer Recruiting and Diversity at *Stoel Rives*. Lourdes' community service has been demonstrated through her mentorship of law students; service on charity and non-profit boards; and tireless effort in keeping legal opportunities available for everyone. Lourdes came to this country from Cuba as a refugee.

Hector Quiroga immigrated to the United States in January 2000. Being a Colombian immigrant has not been easy. When he first arrived, he had no knowledge of the English language, and was trying to escape the Colombian civil war.

In nine years, he has learned the English language; put himself through Gonzaga University where he graduated with honors from both undergraduate and law school programs. He resides in Spokane, Washington, has become a business owner, a homeowner, a husband, a father, a writer, and last but not least, a United States Citizen.

His past experiences include serving as a law clerk to Honorable Chief Robert H. Whaley, July 2008 - 2009; and working as a Rule 9 for Etter, McMahon, Lamberson & Oreskovich P.C., January 2009 - July 2009.

Today, Hector Quiroga works as a partner at the Quiroga Law Office, PLLC, where he focus his practice on immigration, criminal defense, civil rights, constitutional law, employment and labor disputes, workers compensation, bankruptcy, and personal injury. He is admitted to practice in state court and U.S. District Court of Eastern Washington.

Norma Linda Ureña: Since graduating from UW Law School in 1994, Norma has dedicated herself to securing justice for low-income clients. Norma served as a legal aid attorney in her native Idaho from 1994 to 1997, before returning to Seattle to work with Northwest Justice Project and Columbia Legal Services from 1997 to 2002. She entered private practice in 2002, in part, to allow more flexibility in her practice. These days, in addition to a thriving private practice serving family law and employment clients, she takes a steady stream of pro bono referrals arising through the KCBA Community Legal Services (CLS) Program. Since 2002, Norma has appeared in more than 20 cases referred through CLS's Wage Claim Project, and six complex matters through the Family Law Mentor and Volunteer Attorneys for Persons with HIV/AIDS programs. Norma is a past president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (formerly the Washington Hispanic Bar Association).

Fé Lopez: I ask for your vote for the privilege to serve the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (LBAW) for another term. Should I be elected to serve as a director for another term, I will seek the President-Elect position. LBAW has many great programs and opportunities in the works, and I want to continue working with the leadership team to coordinate and facilitate those programs for our profession and community.

The following is a sampling of my work and dedication to the LBAW during my last two years on the board:

Co-Vice President and Co-Chair of the Judicial Evaluations Committee

- Approximately 53 evaluations were performed during this time
- Currently serve as the Vice President and Co-Chair for Socials and Banquet Committees with Ciarelle Jimenez Valdez (below are a few of the socials that we hosted)
 - LBAW Reception at the Capital Grille

- LBAW Day at the Mariners Game to support the Martinez Foundation
- LBAW/WWL Reception to celebrate Extraordinary Judges
- LBAW Law Student Potluck (coming in November)
- Currently planning the 2010 LBAW Gala on January 29, 2010
- Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee where I co-administer the LBAW Legal Clinic with Co-Chair M. Lorena Gonzalez.
 - Our clinic runs once a month from March to October and we have served nearly 400 community members and had coordinated attorneys in over 10 practice areas including immigration, family, criminal, landlord-tenant, and others.
- Participated in the planning committees of the Youth and Justice Forum and Pre-Law Conferences in Tri-Cities and Yakima.
- Represented LBAW in several meetings with community organizations, including WSBA and Columbia Legal Services, dealing with issues of diversity and pipeline programs.

I hope to continue to work on the board with my fellow dedicated LBAW board members to enhance our reach to our community, legal community, law students and supporters. I have the great fortune to work at Seattle University School of Law where I have the full support of the administration to continue our work.

If you have any questions, please contact the LBAW Membership Director: [Moses Garcia \(mgarcia@lbaw.org\)](mailto:mgarcia@lbaw.org)

Members who have not paid their 2009 dues may do so prior to voting at the annual meeting.

Thank you,
Moses Garcia