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Rosario Daza, 3L, University of Washington School of Law. Ms. Daza hails from Colombia. She graduated summa cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, with a B.A. in Journalism, English and French. Ms. Daza spent more than seven years as a reporter for several newspapers, including The Arizona Republic, The Seattle Times, and The Oregonian, where she contributed to a series of stories that was runner-up to the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News. As a student at the UW School of Law, Ms. Daza has helped an abused woman secure residency under the Violence Against Women Act, oversaw the recruitment of nearly 70 speakers from around the country to speak at the Tenth Annual National Latina/o Law Student Association Conference, and partnered with two other students to found the UW School of Law's new Minority Alumni Association in order to increase diversity in student enrollment and faculty. Currently, Ms. Daza is a member of UW's Immigration Clinic, and is actively fundraising to ensure that the Clinic continues to serve immigrants, refugees, and asylees, as well as helps train future trial lawyers. After graduating this June, Ms. Daza will work as a clerk for the Washington Supreme Court. Like others whom she admires, she hopes to be an agent of change in the Northwest's minority communities, and to participate in pro bono work on behalf of disadvantaged people.

Héctor E. Quiroga, 2L, Gonzaga University School of Law. Mr. Quiroga was born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia and after high school decided to come to the U.S. to learn English. His objective was to go back and study law in Colombia. In January 18, 2000, he left Bogotá thinking that his trip to the U.S. would be short. Three months into his stay in the U.S., Mr. Quiroga's family was a victim of kidnapping and death threats by guerrilla-insurgent groups. With no choice but to stay, Mr. Quiroga focused on his studies and continued his desire to become an attorney in the U.S. In the eight years since his arrival, Mr. Quiroga has had the opportunity to learn English, become a husband, a father, a homeowner, an economist, and a

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U.S. citizen. He thanks God, the United States, and all of those who believe in him for helping achieve his goals.

Delia Garza, 1L, Gonzaga University School of Law. Ms. Garza was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Her father, a migrant farm worker as a child, and her mother, often encouraged their three daughters to seek a formal education and to participate in their community. Following her undergraduate education in Journalism at Texas A&M University, Ms. Garza worked for the business information online publisher Hoover's as a writer for two years. Always looking for something exciting and challenging, she then decided to follow in her father's footsteps and become a firefighter. She worked for the Austin Fire Department as a firefighter/EMT for six years. During that time she became involved with the Austin Firefighter's Association Local 975. She was appointed to the union's contract negotiating team, was elected a Vice-President, and was the first female appointed to Chair the Austin Firefighter's Political Action Committee. While she left her career as an Austin firefighter with a heavy heart, her passion for public service has led her to Gonzaga University School of Law. There she is a member of the Hispanic Law Caucus, serves on the Women's Law Caucus PAC, and is a 1L representative on the Advisory Council for the law school's career services office.