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On Thursday October 29th, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association ("EBLRLA") will hold its annual scholarship and judicial excellence awards dinner.

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Remembering the old labor rallying cry, our dinner will be themed **Civil Rights in the Twenty-First Century: An Injury to One is an Injury to All**, and will honor California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno's principled dissent in *Strauss v. Horton*, the Proposition 8 case that upheld the denial of the fundamental privacy right of marriage to lesbian and gay couples, and feature a keynote speech by acclaimed gay Latino author (and California Supreme Court staff attorney), Michael Nava.

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Our scholarship goal is to raise sufficient funds for five \$2,000.00 scholarships for law students who (1) self-identify as Latina or Latino; (2) live, work or study in the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa counties); (3) have demonstrated their commitment to using the law to advance social justice; and (4) can attend the award ceremony.

In previous years, our scholarship was only open to 1L students, but this year we plan to open the applicant pool to include 2L and 3L students. If we reach our fundraising goal, we anticipate granting at least two scholarships to 1Ls, one to a 2L and one to a 3L (for bar study expenses).

Please complete the enclosed application form, append the requested documents and email your complete application as a single .PDF file to marctizoc@yahoo.com, **no later than October 16, 2009 at 5:00 PM**. (Late applications will not be considered.) The EBLRLA Scholarship Committee will review all timely received applications and inform the awardees by October 22, 2009.

On behalf of the EBLRLA board,

Marc-Tizoc González
President, East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- (1) Please attach your resume. We are especially interested in volunteer community service and student organizational work focused on at-risk communities.
- (2) Please attach a personal statement of no more than 500 words. Discuss why the East Bay organization of Latina/o lawyers (and friends to our community) should grant you a scholarship. We are especially interested in hearing about your familial background; past work for at-risk communities; what you plan on doing in law school (or what you have accomplished); and what you aspire to do with your law degree.
- (3) Because this scholarship is partially based on financial need, please attach a copy of your financial aid printout, which you should be able to obtain from your law school's Financial Aid office. The printout should include the calculation of your need as well as the loans and grants that you've already received. **N.B.** This information will be kept confidential; only the EBLRLA Scholarship Committee will see the information and it will then be shredded.
- (4) You may attach a supplemental statement about your financial, but please keep the statement to 150 words.
- (5) Finally, please submit at least one *but no more than two* letter(s) of recommendation. These letters should be from a law professor, supervisor at a clinical legal education program or law internship (including judicial externships) – or (for 1L students only) one of your law school application recommenders.

CERTIFICATION

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association permission to share this information (not including my financial aid printout) for its recruitment, advocacy, public relations, and research activities. Moreover, I agree to attend the award ceremony should I be awarded a scholarship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____