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THE CONNECTICUT HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION PRAISES THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE CARMEN E. ESPINOSA TO THE CONNECTICUT APPELLATE COURT

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The Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA) commends Governor Dannel P. Malloy for diversifying the Judicial Branch by appointing Judge Carmen E. Espinosa to the Connecticut Appellate Court.

An esteemed member and long-time supporter of the CHBA, Judge Espinosa was originally nominated to the Connecticut Superior Court in 1992 by then-Governor Lowell P. Weicker. She was the first Latino state court judge appointed in Connecticut and is now headed to becoming the first Latino appellate court judge.

Judge Espinosa has compiled an exemplary and distinguished record. A graduate of Central Connecticut State College in 1971, she went on to earn her law degree at the George Washington University School of Law. Judge Espinosa also earned a master's degree in Hispanic Studies at Brown University.

Judge Espinosa has demonstrated a strong commitment to equal opportunity and equal justice throughout her career. Judge Espinosa chose to serve the American public as an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and later as a federal prosecutor in the District of Connecticut. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, she was selected to receive the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award and the Department of Justice Special Achievement Award.

As a Superior Court judge, she has served as a presiding judge in the criminal court, taught criminal law courses for the Judicial Branch's Education Committee and served on the Client Security Fund Committee and Sentence Review Division. In addition to her work within the Judicial Branch, Judge Espinosa has demonstrated active involvement in local bar associations, charitable and cultural organizations. Judge Espinosa served on the Advisory Board to President Judd of Central Connecticut State University regarding Latino Affairs and has also been involved with Community Mental Health Affiliates. In addition, she has been an inspiring mentor to a number of students while remaining an active member of the CHBA.

In recognition of her accomplishments, the CHBA honored Judge Espinosa in 1994 with its Achievement Award at its Annual Awards Dinner.

The CHBA fully supports the appointment of Judge Espinosa to the Connecticut Appellate Court and urges our state legislature to do the same. We anticipate that the members of the state legislature from both parties will treat Judge Espinosa with the respect she deserves, examine her record and contributions to the legal community thoughtfully, and approve Judge Espinosa's nomination without obstruction.

Founded in 1993, the CHBA 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 lawyers and law students; and to assist the public and private sectors in achieving diversity in their law firms and legal departments. The CHBA also serves to address and respond to issues impacting our Hispanic communities, including the issues of access to the courts, judicial diversity and other ethnic and social challenges. For more information, please visit our website at www.ct-hba.org.

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