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**THE CONNECTICUT HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION FULLY SUPPORTS THE
NOMINATION OF EDGARDO RAMOS FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

The Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA) congratulates President Barack H. Obama on his decision to nominate an esteemed member, long-time supporter, and current director, Attorney Edgardo Ramos.

Attorney Ramos has compiled an exemplary record, possessing over two decades of practical experience in both the public and private sectors. A graduate of Yale College in 1982, Attorney Ramos received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1987.

Attorney Ramos served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York for ten years, obtaining convictions in significant cases involving, among other things, bank and tax fraud, public corruption, and international narcotics trafficking. He has argued over two dozen cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. For his efforts, Attorney Ramos received an award for superior performance and the enduring regard of his colleagues.

Attorney Ramos's years in private practice are just as distinguished. He has skillfully advocated for his clients, most recently as a partner at Day Pitney LLP. He has practiced in both the Connecticut and New York courts and is a well-known leader in his primary practice area of white collar criminal defense.

Attorneys who know Attorney Ramos recognize his integrity, sound judgment, and modesty. Despite his busy practice, Attorney Ramos has always found time to serve as a mentor to young attorneys and law students, through the CHBA and other organizations. He also serves as a Commissioner on the New York City Commission to Combat Police Corruption, an appointment he has held since 2003.

The CHBA fully supports the nomination of Attorney Ramos to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and urges Connecticut Senators Richard Blumenthal and Joseph Lieberman to do the same. We anticipate that the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee from both parties will treat Attorney Ramos with the respect he deserves, examine his contributions to both the private and public sector thoughtfully, and perform their constitutional duty to advise and consent expeditiously.

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.