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# CHLSA

Chicano/Hispanic Law Students' Association

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*Though much has changed in 40 years, CHLSA is still steeped in tradition*

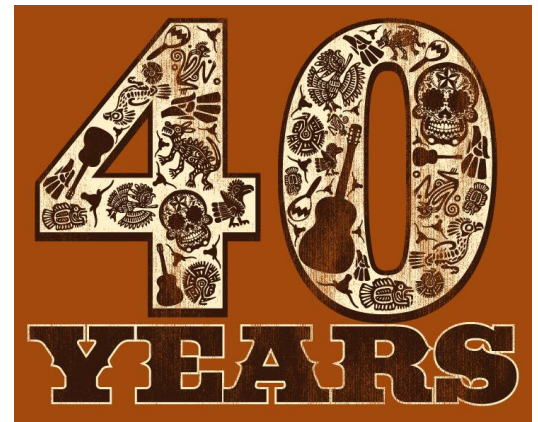
## CHLSA turns 40!

Before the Chicano / Hispanic Law Students' Association, there was The Mexican American Law Students' Association. The fledgling organization began in 1971 with a handful of members hailing from all over Texas. The original goal of our organization was to provide support for the unique challenges faced by our members.

In this respect, not much has changed over the past 40 years.

CHLSA still strives to prepare our students for successful legal careers by providing educational assistance, professional guidance, networking opportunities, and social support.

Many of CHLSA's events are steeped in tradition. Our now semi-annual Fajita Fiesta fundraiser (See pg 3) began in the 1970s and our annual banquet celebrates its 28th year in 2011 with former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson as keynote speaker (See pg 2). More

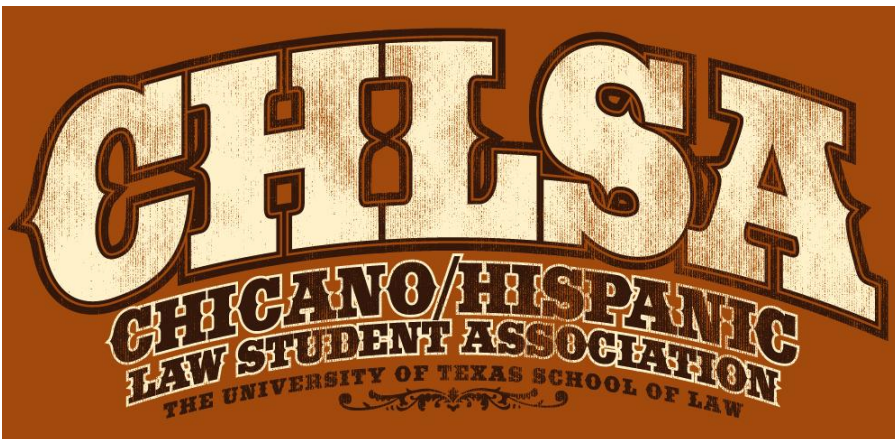


Back of 2010-11 CHLSA member shirt (See pg 3)

recently, CHLSA began partnering with the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society to welcome incoming students each Fall with a Diversity Education Weekend (See pg 4).

In some respects, CHLSA has changed: we are now the largest volunteer student organization at The University of Texas School of Law, our members come from every corner of the country, and we are leaders in the National Latina/o Law Students' Association (See pg 4).

This year, CHLSA continues to honor our rich history while continuing to grow with our membership. From our first boat cruise (See pg 4) to resumé workshops and our monthly meetings, CHLSA's 40th year has been dedicated to the support and success of our members.



Back of 2010-11 CHLSA member shirt (See pg 3)

# Bill Richardson to be banquet keynote speaker

*Former New Mexico Governor to kick off evening  
celebrating 40 years of CHLSA*

Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson will help CHLSA celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as keynote speaker at the organization's annual banquet. The banquet will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Joe D. Jamail will introduce the former governor.

Each year's CHLSA banquet is a dynamic gathering of UT Law alumni and Texas leaders, including legislators and judges, as well as members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and Hispanic Bar Association affiliates across Texas. With Gov. Richardson headlining this year's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the event promises to be even more memorable than ever.

CHLSA is excited to welcome Gov. Richardson, a leader in the Hispanic community who has dedicated his adult life to public service. Richardson began his career in public office by serving 14 years in the United States House of Representatives, serving as Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus for a time. He went on to serve as Ambassador to the United Nations and then U.S. Secretary of Energy during the Clinton Administration. Richardson served as New Mexico's governor from 2003 to 2011.

CHLSA's annual banquet serves as the group's largest fundraising effort. With the generous support of banquet attendees and sponsors, CHLSA is able to award scholarships for textbooks, bar exams, public interest work, and summer school stipends to CHLSA members who demonstrate financial need.

This year's banquet will be held in the beautiful Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, located just across Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. from The University of Texas.



Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson

## Be a banquet sponsor

*Sponsorship money funds member scholarships*

CHLSA greatly appreciates the support of banquet donors and alumni. If you'd like to help sponsor this event, you may deliver your donation by March 18, 2011—along with your email and phone number—to:

Chicano/Hispanic Law Students' Association  
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## Save the Date

**CHLSA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum**

**1800 Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701**

RSVP by March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Ambrosia Ortiz y Prentice via  
phone at 575-650-2632 or e-mail at  
[AmbrosiaOrtiz@gmail.com](mailto:AmbrosiaOrtiz@gmail.com).



CHLSA members feeding hungry UT Law students during *Fajita Fiesta*

# ¡Fajita Fiesta!

**Annual CHLSA fundraiser continues to delight, fill stomachs of UT Law and local law community**

CHLSA members rolled up their sleeves and manned the grills for this year's *Fajita Fiesta*. The twice-annual CHLSA tradition was held Tuesday October 26, 2010.

Each year, CHLSA serves fresh, hand-made fajitas to UT Law faculty, students and staff, as well as members of the greater Austin law community. Patrons had their choice of delicious beef or chicken

fajitas, plus rice and beans from Austin's Chuy's restaurant.

*Fajita Fiesta* benefits CHLSA's Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was created in 2006 in honor of CHLSA-supporter Dean Susana Aleman. *Fajita Fiesta* funds also support scholarships for students taking classes or doing public interest work during the summer.



CHLSA Banquet Chair Ambrosia Ortiz y Prentice loves *Fajita Fiesta*.

## Mark your calendar

Did you miss *Fajita Fiesta*? Don't worry; **CHLSA will host another *Fajita Fiesta* March 22, 2011**. If you would like to order plates for your office, contact *Fajita Fiesta* Chair Javier Perez-Afanador at 512-507-4635 or via email at [j.perezafanador@gmail.com](mailto:j.perezafanador@gmail.com).

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts for sale

**Commemorate 40 years of advancing diversity in the legal profession**

You can own your own CHLSA Fortieth Anniversary Commemorative t-shirt. This burnt orange cotton t-shirt celebrates CHLSA's 40-year history at UT Law.

CHLSA only has a limited number of shirts available, so order yours today!

To order, contact CHLSA via email to [chlsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:chlsa.president@gmail.com).



## Thank you to our past presidents!

CHLSA is currently working to complete a profile of our history with the law school. We were previously known as the Mexican American Law Students' Association and the Chicano Law Students' Association. If you were, or know, an officer in our organization from 1971 until 1979, please send an email to [chlsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:chlsa.president@gmail.com).



2009-10 CHLSA President Christi Caballero (third from right) with former CHLSA members at a 3L send-off in 2010

## Past CHLSA presidents

- 2009-2010 Christi Rhea Caballero
- 2008-2009 Edward Adrian Sandoval
- 2007-2008 Veronica Leal
- 2006-2007 Mauro Ramirez
- 2005-2006 Victor Villarreal
- 2004-2005 Carlos Flores
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- 2000-2001 Brie Franco
- 1999-2000 David Hinojosa
- 1998-1999 Margo Garana
- 1997-1998 Ramiro Canales
- 1996-1997 Diana Saldana
- 1995-1996 Geronimo Rodriguez
- 1994-1995 Mike Torres
- 1993-1994 Jacqueline Sandoval
- 1992-1993 Caesar Perez
- 1991-1992 Cristina Cooper
- 1990-1991 Elia Cornejo-Lopez
- 1989-1990 Patricia Ann Barrera
- 1988-1989 David Calvillo
- 1987-1988 Suzanne Villalon
- 1986-1987 Sylvia Acosta
- 1985-1986 Alia Moses Ludlum
- 1984-1985 Kathleen Doria
- 1983-1984 John David Franz
- 1982-1983 Ricardo Navarro
- 1981-1982 Josefina Jaramillo
- 1980-1981 Margarito Rodriguez
- 1979-1980 David Mendez

# CHLSA co-hosts Diversity Education Weekend

*Annual event helps diverse law students excel in their first year*



**CHLSA and Thurgood Marshall Legal Society students during DEW's lunch reception**

First-year UT Law students of color received practical advice on how to excel in law school and in their lives in the law during the annual Diversity Education Weekend (DEW). The weekend, held Sept. 10-11, 2010, was co-sponsored by CHLSA, the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society, and the Asian Law Students Association.

DEW opened with a mixer at Moonshine Bar and Grill, sponsored by

Bracewell and Giuliani.

The following day, students enjoyed panels from experienced lawyers across varied practice areas. Panel topics included "Working Smarter, Not Harder: Studying Strategies, Exam Preparation, Balancing Stress;" "Mentoring and Relationship Building;" and "Building Your Legal Career."

The weekend is many law students' first chance to meet with potential practitioner mentors. It is never too early to start meeting with attorneys and figuring out how to succeed in class and beyond.

## Volunteer

CHLSA is always looking for seasoned lawyers to share their experience with our members.

If you'd like to participate in next year's DEW, email [chlsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:chlsa.president@gmail.com).



**CHLSA and Thurgood Marshall Legal Society students during a DEW presentation**



**CHLSA board members Claire Rodriguez, Ambrosia Ortiz y Prentice, Nicanor Pesina, and guest Claudia Ordaz**

# Boat cruise kicks off year

*Tour of Town Lake an introduction for new CHLSA members*

CHLSA members kicked off the 2010-11 school year with the annual boat cruise, October 16, 2010. Each year, members hop aboard for a tour of Lady Bird Lake.

For first-year law students, the cruise is an opportunity to meet upper classman CHLSA members. For returning members, the cruise is often the first chance they get to catch up with what their colleagues were up to over the previous summer.

The cruise is open to

any CHLSA member, their guests, and CHLSA alumni. If you'd like to attend next semester's cruise, email [chlsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:chlsa.president@gmail.com).



**CHLSA board members (clockwise from left) Miriam Ayala, Kyle Elliott, and Joey Delgado**

# CHLSA represents at NLLSA

*Annual Latino law student conference held at Yale this year*



**CHLSA members and colleagues at the NLLSA conference**

CHLSA sent six students to 14th Annual National Latina/o Law Student (NLLSA) Conference, held September 30-Oct. 2, 2010 at Yale Law School. NLLSA is focused on advancing Latina/o academic success and commitment to community service. At last year's conference, Nicanor Pesina and Mariza Garza were elected to serve as NLLSA's Mountain Region Chair and national Community Service Chair, respectively.

This year, CHLSA members attended a variety of policy and practice-oriented workshops, and networked with students and practitioners. Attending on behalf of CHLSA this year were 3Ls Miriam Ayala and Kyle Elliott, 2Ls Emma Quintero and Kristian Aguilar, and Bianca Garcia, and 1L Masae Falcon.

# Meet your 2010-11 CHLSA Board!

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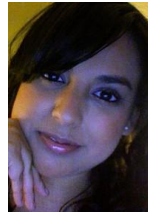
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Florida State  
University



## Alumnus Chuy Ramirez speaks about book

**Author donates \$1,500 to  
CHLSA**

Author and UT Law alumnus Chuy Ramirez visited the Law School to talk about his newly-published book and donate to CHLSA.

During his visit Sept. 27, 2010, Ramirez read brief excerpts from his book, *Strawberry Fields, A Book of Short Stories*, published earlier in the year by First Texas Publishers. Ramirez's speech focused on the attorney's ethical standards in representing both public governmental bodies and corporations.

A Class of 1983 UT Law grad, Ramirez was an active participant in CHLSA. After reflecting on his experiences in CHLSA, Ramirez donated \$1,500 to the student organization for scholarships. Ramirez served as Articles Editor for the *Texas International Law Journal* while at UT Law. The journal also received a generous donation from Ramirez.

In addition to writing, Ramirez practices in commercial transactions and public finance.

## Be a Mentor

CHLSA would like to thank all the legal professionals who took time out to mentor CHLSA members.

This year, CHLSA created formal mentor programs with Dell, The Hispanic Bar Association of Austin, and Fulbright and Jaworski.

If you would like to volunteer as a mentor, email [chlsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:chlsa.president@gmail.com).

# Donate to CHLSA

**Alumni donations are instrumental to CHLSA's success as an organization.** If you would like to make a tax-deductable donation, please complete this form and mail your support to:

The Chicano/Hispanic  
Law Students' Association  
c/o The University of Texas School of Law  
727 E. Dean Keeton St.  
Austin TX 78705-3224

## Making donations online is fast and easy!

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