



Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation

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Event: Ninth Annual Mexican-American Bar Association of
Texas Foundation Luncheon
Date: August 20, 2014
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Doubletree Hotel
Downtown Houston
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MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS FOUNDATION TO HOLD ITS NINTH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Houston, Texas (July 24, 2014)—As many lawyers know, law school can be not only demanding of one’s time and energy, but also on one’s bank account. Fortunately, the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation (MABATx Foundation) will host its Ninth Annual Scholarship Luncheon benefitting Hispanic law students. The Luncheon will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel located in downtown Houston. The scholarships are awarded to outstanding law students who best exemplify leadership, commitment, justice and equality within the Hispanic community and beyond. “It is important that we encourage a new generation of lawyers to not only be great lawyers but to also give back to the legal community,” said attorney Benny Agosto, Jr., founder of MABATx Foundation, and partner at Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston. Scholarships are awarded to law students from each of the three Houston-based law schools. The MABATx Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to encourage justice and leadership within the Hispanic community.

The MABATx Foundation’s Ninth Annual Scholarship Luncheon will include a keynote address from Judge Denise Collins of the 208th Criminal Court. As always the luncheon will honor pioneers of the community who exemplify the ideals of the foundation. This year the honorees include: Michael and David Cordua of Cordua Restaurants (Outstanding Service as Entrepreneurs), Daniel Velasco of the Houston Texas (Outstanding Service in the Media) of Harris County Sheriff Deputies (Outstanding Service as Public Servants) and Judge Elsa Alcala of the Court of Criminal Appeals (Outstanding Service to the State of Texas).

It should be an exciting event for all! We look forward to seeing you there!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS FOUNDATION

For over 30 years, The Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas (MABATx) has made it its business to provide a forum and a means for lawyers to promote the social, economic, and educational advancement of the people of Texas. In addition, MABATx has strived to serve the Mexican-American populous, and all Hispanics, by providing services, assistance, and advice on matters of legal concern to the community; all the while encouraging respect, fairness, justice and equality.

The Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation (MABATx Foundation) was established in 2006 by Benny Agosto, Jr., partner of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston, Texas. Mr. Agosto, a former President of the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas, seized the opportunity to establish a foundation to benefit Hispanic law students by awarding scholarships to the Houston-based law schools. From the beginning, MABATx Foundation has hosted an Annual Scholarship Luncheon as its principal fundraising effort for the year. Thus far, the MABATx Foundation has raised over \$150,000.00 to benefit law students and further the organization's purpose. The Luncheon is an event that is a great experience for all.

The Annual Scholarship Luncheon honors those individuals in the community that best exemplify the MABATx Foundation's goals of promoting justice, fairness and equality within the Hispanic community and beyond. Past award winners include: Justice Eva Guzman, Justice David Medina, Honorable Jennifer Elrod, City Attorney Arturo Michel, Sherriff Adrian Garcia, Constable Victor Trevino, Mike Barajas, Bill Balleza, Hilton Koch, Chief Eddie Corral, and Houston Astros great Jose Cruz—just to name a few. We appreciate the dedication to the community of all of our award winners and look forward to recognizing more individuals in the future.

For more information on the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation, please contact the office of Benny Agosto, Jr. at Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, by letter 800 Commerce Street, Houston, Texas 77002, by phone (713) 222-7211, or by email bagosto@abrahamwatkins.com The Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation is always interested in new partnerships and ideas.

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