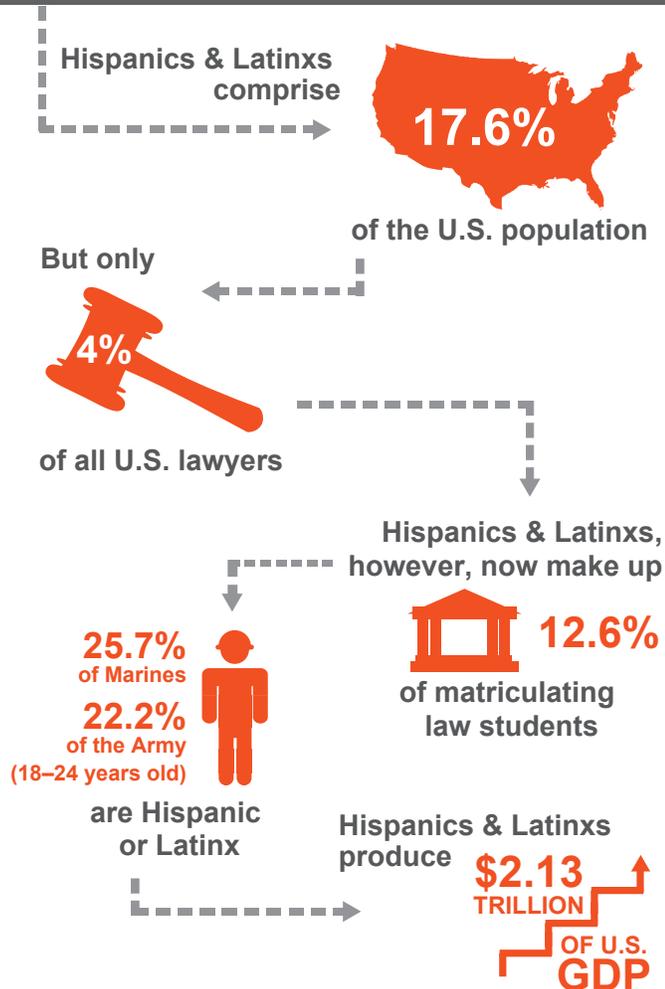


LOCKE LORD DIVERSITY AWARENESS

September 2017: Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx¹ Americans.

DID YOU KNOW?



¹ Latinx is the gender-neutral alternative to Latino/Latina.

En Nuestra Casa ("in our home")

Examples of leaders in our Firm include:



Gina Gamal, Real Estate Partner in Locke Lord's Chicago office, currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Chicago and is a member of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois (HLAI).



Walter Rodriguez, an Associate in Locke Lord's Boston office, currently serves on the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys' (MAHA) 2017 Board of Directors.



For the last two years, our Dallas Office has hosted UT El Paso students, 99% of whom are Mexican-American, in an innovative program to increase the number of Latinx students entering law school. The UTEP students have met with such Firm members as **Marc Cabrera**, Harriet Miers and Kathy Smalley, who this year gave each student a signed and personalized autobiography from U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Sonia Sotomayor**.



Setting Precedent:

Mendez v. Westminster (1947)



When 9-year-old Sylvia Mendez didn't understand why the neighboring all-White school had a nicer playground than the Latinx school she was forced to attend, her parents brought a class action lawsuit all the way to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Their victory ended school segregation in the district and the rest of California followed — it was perhaps one of the cases that paved the way for *Brown v. Board of Education* seven years later.

The heart of Locke Lord lies within our people and the many different experiences and perspectives we share. We recognize, embrace and celebrate our differences and believe we can only provide our clients with the best possible representation if we reflect the diversity of the clients and communities we serve.

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