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## Chicago Partner Ernesto Palomo Honored as Hispanic National Bar Association 2019 Latino Attorney of the Year

**(CHICAGO) August 29, 2019** – **Chicago** Partner **Ernesto Palomo**, a member of Locke Lord's **Business Litigation and Dispute Resolution** Practice Group and Co-Chair of the Firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, has been recognized as Latino Attorney of the Year by the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). Palomo, who has long been dedicated to serving the Chicago community, will accept the award at the HNBA's 2019 Annual Convention in September.

Earlier this year, Palomo led a team of Locke Lord attorneys that filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of LatinoJustice PRLDEF and 15 other national Latino organizations, including the HNBA, opposing the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 U.S. Census. The brief argued the resulting undercount of the Latino population would cause massive and lasting harm to the Latino community. In its decision in *Department of Commerce v. New York*, the Court effectively blocked the question from appearing on the Census, ruling the federal government's justification for including it was a pretext and remanding the case to a lower court.

Palomo devotes considerable time to pro bono matters through the National Immigrant Justice Center, the Center for Disability and Elder Law and Chicago Volunteer Legal Services. He serves on the Board of Directors for The Chicago Committee, the Chicago Legal Clinic and Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization. He previously served as a Director on the Board of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.

Palomo represents large multinational companies in court and commercial arbitration proceedings around the country, counseling both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex business disputes. He also counsels clients on issues of insurance and reinsurance coverage and has represented domestic and overseas insurers and reinsurers in coverage disputes.

Founded in 1972, the HNBA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, national membership organization that represents the interests of Hispanic legal professionals in the United States and its territories, and is committed to advocacy on issues of importance to the 58 million people of Hispanic heritage living in the United States.

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