



During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latinos and celebrate the group's heritage and culture. Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.



BALTASAR GARZON

Baltasar Garzón is an international jurist, prominent Spanish lawyer, and former judge in Spain's central criminal court. He became famous for issuing an international arrest warrant for the former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet in 1998. This arrest revolutionized the international justice system and triggered a widespread fight against impunity in Latin America and the rest of the world.

For almost 30 years, Garzón has tackled the most complex and controversial of cases and has won notoriety, as well as enemies among Spain's ruling class. His investigations have implicated or targeted many politicians right across the spectrum over the years. In 2008, Garzón was in trouble when he formally declared Spain's Franco regime to have committed crimes against humanity and ordered the exhumation of 19 unmarked graves in the country.



TOM PEREZ

Tom Perez, the son of Dominican immigrants who worked as a garbage collector as he attended some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and has professional experience as an American politician, consumer advocate and civil rights lawyer, was confirmed by the US Senate as Secretary of Labor on July 18, 2013. The only Latino serving in President Obama's cabinet, Mr. Perez is highly qualified and

brings to the office a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will benefit all Americans. Mr. Perez is a long-standing friend of the HNBA, which honored him with its 2011 Latino Attorney of the Year Award and voiced its early support of his nomination for Secretary of Labor.

**THIS MONTH WE ARE PROUD TO SPOTLIGHT THREE PARTNERS
WHO RECENTLY JOINED EDWARDS WILDMAN:**

CARLOS ORTIZ, Partner – Madison



Carlos is a seasoned trial lawyer with extensive white collar experience. His background as a federal prosecutor for over fifteen years gives him a keen appreciation of the issues facing organizations and individuals when confronted with matters relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), allegations of fraud against government agencies and financial institutions, securities and health care fraud, as well as high-risk tax controversies. Carlos has an acute understanding of the complexities and nuances involved when corporations and financial institutions need to conduct internal investigations, address issues of corporate governance, or face civil regulatory and criminal exposure. His practice includes advising corporations, their boards of directors and their committees, in connection with corporate governance and compliance matters.

RAFAEL PEREZ, Partner - Madison



Rafael Perez is a partner in the firm's Public Finance Department. Mr. Perez has been involved in a wide variety of public finance projects, acting as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, trustee's counsel and borrower's counsel. He has represented investment banks, corporations organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for-profit corporations, cities, townships, boroughs, states and their agencies and authorities. Mr. Perez has also represented corporations and financial institutions in transactional and general corporate matters in the United States, Mexico and South America. Mr. Perez also works with professionals in the Public Policy & Government Relations group, advocating for clients with decision-makers in all branches of local, state and federal government.

ALBERT PINZON, Partner – New York



Albert practices in the Corporate and Capital Markets Groups, focusing on the creation and structuring of complex financial solutions. His finance experience includes Rule 144A project finance bonds, securitizations, private equity funds, project leasing and other financing structures. Albert serves as counsel to underwriters and issuers in public offerings and private placements of funded and synthetic asset backed securities, asset backed commercial paper notes, medium term notes, insurance linked notes, and credit linked notes. Albert advises clients on alternative risk transfer capital markets transactions and on the legal and regulatory issues involved with life, property/casualty, and financial guaranty insurance transactions.

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