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THE HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES MIAMI ATTORNEY RAMÓN ABADIN AS HE IS SWORN IN AS THE 67TH PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA BAR

Washington, DC – The Hispanic National Bar Association congratulates Miami attorney Ramón Abadin as he is sworn in as the 67th President of the The Florida Bar, one of the largest unified bars in the United States.

Abadin, a graduate of Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, is a Shareholder in the Miami office of Sedgwick LLP, where he focuses on complex commercial and tort litigation. He immigrated from Cuba with his family when he was 2 years old, and worked odd jobs to pay for college.

Abadin's leadership and service to the community have been recognized by numerous organizations, including the Haitian Lawyers Association, the Cuban American Bar Association (of which he is a past President), and the Florida Bar, from which he received the prestigious G. Kirk Haas Award, given annually to only one attorney in Florida. His peers have also recognized his lawyering skills, as he is certified "AV" by the Martindale Hubbell peer review rating system. He has also served on numerous judicial commissions and committees, including the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. Abadin is also a member of the Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Civil Justice, and was recently appointed to serve on the Court's Long Range Strategic Planning Workgroup.

"The Hispanic National Bar Association could not be more proud of Mr. Abadin's accomplishments and service to the community. He leads by example and serves as an inspiration to everyone in the legal profession. I have no doubt that under his leadership, the Florida Bar will rise to new heights," said Cynthia D. Mares, HNBA National President.

"Ray Abadin is by far one of the most well-known and well-respected figures in the Miami and Florida legal communities. Not only is he a terrific lawyer, he is simply an excellent human being. As a member of the Florida Bar, I am excited about his term as President and look forward to working with him," said Irene Oria, HNBA Regional President for the Florida Region. Abadin recently appointed Irene Oria to serve on the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion for 2015-17.

"Ray's commitment to our community, the profession, and the Bar is unparalleled. His ability to work with others and create a collaborative environment leads to success in whatever challenge he undertakes! I am so excited that he will be leading the Bar and I know that Florida's lawyers, whether we are in small firms, large firms, or solo practitioners, will benefit tremendously from Ray's leadership!" said Mercedes M. Sellek, Abadin's former partner and past HNBA Latina Commission Co-Chair who is a principal of Maspons, Sellek, Jacobs, LLP.

Abadin is married to Kimberly Cook, managing partner of Sedgwick's Miami office, and they have three children, Michael, David and Julia.

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About the Hispanic National Bar Association

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, law students, and legal professionals in the United States and its territories. Since 1972, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession by creating opportunities for Hispanic lawyers and by helping generations of lawyers to succeed. The HNBA has also effectively advocated on issues of importance to the national Hispanic community. While we are proud of our accomplishments, we are mindful that our mission is as vital today as it was four decades ago, especially as the U.S. Hispanic population continues to grow.

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