



## **HNBA ANNOUNCES 2017 NATIONAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

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Washington, D.C. – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is proud to announce its list of honorees for the HNBA National Annual Awards to be presented during its 42nd Annual Convention at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri from September 6-9, 2017.



The awards will be distributed during the HNBA National Awards Reception on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Arvest Bank Theatre at the Midland. The Honorable Alexander Acosta, United States Secretary of Labor, will address the audience during the Reception.

### **HNBA "Latina Judge of the Year" Award**



*Hon. Elizabeth G. Macias, Orange County Superior Court Judge, Superior Court of California  
Santa Ana, CA*

The Honorable Elizabeth G. Macias is a first generation Mexican-American. She is the first in her family to obtain a high school diploma. Through example, her parents instilled in her the importance of a strong work ethic. Judge Macias proudly proclaims she is a gardener's daughter, though her father is now retired. She is an Orange County Superior Court Judge assigned to the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, California. Before being appointed to the bench by Governor J. Edmund Brown, Jr., in December 2012, she was a Deputy Federal Public Defender with the Central District of California. Judge Macias graduated from California Western School of Law in 1999, and is a 1995 California State University Fullerton graduate, with bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Chicano Studies and a minor in Spanish. Since 2009, Judge Macias has taught trial litigation skills to attorneys and judges from Spanish speaking countries at the California Western School of Law. Judge Macias holds the honor of having her alma mater high school's Legal Studies Academy named after her.

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**SAVE THESE DATES:**

- **OCTOBER 6-8, 2017:** CJA ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE (*THE GRAND HYATT AT UNION SQUARE*) SAN FRANCISCO, CA
- **MARCH 8-10, 2018:** CJA MIDYEAR/RETIRED CONFERENCE (*MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL*) MONTEREY, CA.
- **APRIL 28 THRU MAY 5, 2018:** CALIFORNIA JUDGES FOUNDATION (CJF) *A CAPITAL EXPERIENCE* (*THE WESTIN GEORGETOWN*) WASHINGTON DC.
- **AUGUST 18 THRU SEPTEMBER 1 2018:** CJA RETURNS TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY (*MERTON COLLEGE*) LONDON/OXFORD, UK!