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**Los Abogados Announces 2017 Leadership**

PHOENIX – Beginning the 41st year of the Hispanic Bar Association, Los Abogados is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for the 2017 calendar year:

2017 Los Abogados Executive Officers

Jason Barraza, President  
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“It is an honor to be chosen to lead such a distinguished group of Arizona Hispanic attorneys,” said President-Elect Jason Barraza. “This Board is committed to our bar’s ideals of Diversity, Education, and Advocacy. As we march into our 41st year, we plan to increase our voice in Arizona in the pursuit of a more diversified judiciary and legal profession, and as we have done in the past, we will remain vigilant in our defense of civil rights for all people.”

Los Abogados is Arizona’s Hispanic Bar Association, an affiliate of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and a non-mandatory Partner Bar of the State Bar of Arizona. Los Abogados is committed to enhancing the legal profession by promoting diversity, improving the quality and administration of legal services, encouraging education in the Latino community, supporting the just application of Civil Rights, and advocating for the Latino community.

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