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**MLK and Diversity in the Courts**

On a day commemorating Martin Luther King Jr., and his fight for civil rights and diversity, the Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association congratulates the Honorable Justice John R. Lopez, the first Latino appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court. We also congratulate the Honorable Judge James Beene appointed to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals. The appointment of these and future Latinos to the bench is an inspiration to our community.

“We must continue to advocate for a diverse bench that reflects the make-up of our community. We have long held that diversity on the bench promotes equal access to justice, and informs the decisions that impact our lives,” said Los Abogados President, Jason Barraza.

Los Abogados appreciates Governor Doug Ducey’s appointments of these well-respected, qualified judges, and we look forward to working with his administration to continue to increase diversity in Arizona’s judiciary.

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