

The CHBA's 2010 Annual Banquet was a Success!!

“Educate, Emancipate, and Engage” was the theme of the evening at the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association’s 2010 Annual Banquet and Membership Meeting, held January 30, 2010 at the Stonebrook Manor Event Center and Gardens. The keynote speaker was Carlos Sandoval, the producer and director of the documentary “A Class Apart.” Mr. Sandoval began by showing a video clip of his documentary summarizing the little-known story of the Mexican American lawyers who took the landmark civil rights case of Hernandez v. Texas all the way to the Supreme Court. Then, Mr. Sandoval’s sobering, yet hopeful speech about the state of the Latino community inspired everyone in attendance to continue the push toward diversity in the legal profession, and for the advancement of the Latino community as a whole.

Also during the course of the evening, the CHBA distributed its annual awards to four very deserving individuals and organizations. The Chris Miranda Outstanding Hispanic Lawyer award was presented to Elsa Martinez-Tenreiro; the Outstanding New Hispanic Lawyer award was presented to Michelle Martinez; the Outstanding Corporate Commitment award was presented to Arnold & Porter, LLP; and the Community Service Award was presented to the Legal Nights Program. The evening concluded with a performance by Mariachi Àguilas of Adams City High School, as well as an after-party event hosted by the CHBA’s Young Lawyers Division.

All in all, this year’s banquet was an absolute success, with over 350 individuals from all facets of the Denver legal and business communities in attendance. It was with this overwhelming support from the community that the CHBA was able to raise over \$30,000 toward continuing our mission. Thank you all for contributing to this effort, and for making this year's banquet one of CHBA's very best!