

## Founding Editor's Note

From the Desk of Benny Agosto, Jr., '95

This inaugural edition of the *South Texas College of Law Houston Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy* culminates the commitment and hard work of a number of individuals at the law school. For years, it was the dream of some at South Texas College of Law Houston to put together a law journal for the students and faculty, for the policy makers of this great country, and for all to see, reflecting the issues and ideas of the Hispanic community. This journal makes history in the law school's continued hard work and efforts to influence law and public policy that affects the United States and the Hispanic community. We believe that the focus on these specific areas are of great interest to our readership.

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the historic and inaugural edition of the *South Texas College of Law Houston Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy*. Several individuals have significantly contributed to the birth of this journal. First, a special thanks and recognition is included herein to Dean Guter, Dean Dennis, and Karen Baker for their insight and never ending support. Many thanks also goes out to the authors and to the students who participated in putting together the journal in final form for publication. We planned it, we talked about it, and we dreamed, but it took the commitment of many to finally get this edition published. For all the effort and hard work, I want to once again say, thank you.

In our first edition of the Journal, you will find exceptional articles on issues regarding the Hispanic community, immigration, culture, civil procedure, Dreamers, and even election matters. In addition, you will find essays written by current students for your reading pleasure.

The purpose of the Journal is simple, to provide a forum and opportunity for the expression and dissemination of scholarly work on law related issues that affect the United States Hispanic community. We hope that the Journal will help empower students, professors and authors, advocates and leaders to take on challenges, core principles, and to explore and reflect upon the needs of our society in order to find solutions and further progress. It is our responsibility as lawyers to be the vanguard of such advancement in all aspects related to the law.

I hope and pray that this inaugural edition of the *South Texas College of Law Houston Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy* creates an opportunity for the advancement of ideas that will generate positive developments in law and policy in our city, our state, and our nation. With that being said, welcome to the first issue!