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Latino Law Careers: Detour Ahead

by Linda Flores

In countless commencement ceremonies this spring, graduates in caps and gowns are lining up to receive law degrees — their tickets to destinations in our nation's economic and political world.

Traditionally, these graduates will be chosen for leadership positions: more than 50 percent of the current Congress, for example, is legally trained.

However, a glance at those processions reveals a sad fact. Relatively few faces in line will be black; fewer yet will have names like Garcia, Martinez and Gonzalez.

Of 606,000 lawyers in the United States, just 3.6 percent are Black, Hispanic, Asian or American Indian, a 1982 census survey shows.

For the academic year ending in 1982, 954 Hispanics entered their final year of law school; if all graduated, they constituted only 2.7 percent of the nation's graduating law class of '82. (Final figures for 1983 are not yet available.)

economically disadvantaged groups can and do compete successfully in the law school setting. This has been the experience of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, a program established 15 years ago with some federal funding by the major institutions involved in legal education and the legal profession.

Under CLEO, seven summer institutes are conducted by accredited law schools throughout the country to prepare economically and educationally disadvantaged students for what to expect in law school. Some might call it an attorney's boot camp.

The curriculum is not remedial. The students are exposed to an intensive six weeks of legal analysis, writing and research. Those who complete the course successfully are provided both law school placement and financial assistance.

The CLEO effort emerged as a response by the legal profession's gatekeepers to rescue potentially lost brainpower and, at the same time, infuse the country's diverse racial and ethnic groups into the mainstream of American society. They recognized that participation in the nation's largest requires input into the nation's decision-making processes.

Lawyers have this sort of power. They are the key players at policy levels in all three branches of government, comprising almost exclusively the judicial and significant percentages of the legislative and executive branches.

The message seems clear: in the minds of some, involvement by Hispanics in the body politic is no longer a social priority.



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pasado miércoles 25 en el recinto de la Universidad de San Salvador. A la derecha, marineros de la base Oceana en Virginia Beach, cargan sus restos recién llegados de Centro América para su sepultura.

Out of Many Lives: One

by Rolando Hinojosa

At one time, in his youth, my father was an revolutionary. He gave of himself, of his time, and much of his own personally hard-earned money to support the Mexican Revolution as well as to support other emigres of all stations who found themselves in the United States.

I remember playing on our side porch on afternoons when our car appeared as if by magic. I must have stood on the running board, there being no other way for me to see inside. What I saw was a man who had borrowed my father's car to make a business trip or something, and as I stood there on the running board, I saw that the man was bleeding. Again, as if by magic, people appeared and the man was taken inside our home and, directly, to my father's bedroom. The man recovered and lived with us during his convalescence. In gratitude, he gave me a cal.

Later, the man had a falling out with my father; my father never spoke harshly of the man although the man's name would come up in conversations from time to time. A year before my father died, the man came to our home and asked my

All of the preceding is but a bare mention of the many lives led by my father, don Manuel G. Hinojosa who, in his 65 years, also worked as a *peón*, as a gandy dancer, as a shepherd in Wyoming, as a farmer in the Gulf Coast bend, and as a gambler. In another set of lives, he also owned a dairy farm and three dry cleaning shops; he must have certainly had her dealings which I sonally did not know about.

This information, then,

part of our own lives. Her strength, then, went hand in hand with my father's manner of living.

I, too, have lived many lives although, by comparison, they pale and fade away; my lives and the idea of living several lives, however, were made possible, in great part, by his example.

All of this came to mind at a party I attended recently. Everyone talked of what he or she had done at one time or another. Seldom did anyone talk of what was happening now.

My father always talked of what was happening now and what would happen in the future. I believe that I have maintained the same outlook as he did.

Now, as I look ahead to my life, I find that I had a happy childhood; for this I am grateful, but more so, for his life and for the many lives he left me.

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