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*30<sup>th</sup>  
annual*

**LORENZO  
PATIÑO  
BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 | 5:00 - 9:30 P.M.**  
**SACRAMENTO MASONIC TEMPLE | 1123 J ST. | SACRAMENTO, CA**

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The Lorenzo Patiño Banquet is a public service awards ceremony and scholarship fundraiser named in memory of Judge Lorenzo Patiño, whose career exemplified the commitment to public service and diversity that defines King Hall.

The Patiño banquet funds scholarships for students whose work helps bring justice and equality to underserved communities nationwide. The Patiño award recognizes a student who has demonstrated extraordinary service and dedication to underserved communities.

Patiño, a 1973 King Hall graduate, was appointed to the Municipal Court of Sacramento in 1980 and co-founded the University of Northern California in 1983 before succumbing to leukemia the following year.

## EVENT PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:  
**JUDGE DAVID DE ALBA**  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

- 5:00 P.M.** NETWORKING AND  
COCKTAIL RECEPTION
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- 6:00 P.M.** WELCOME AND THANK YOU
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- 6:30 P.M.** SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
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- 7:10 P.M.** PRESENTATION OF THE  
GRADUATING CLASS AND  
THE PATIÑO AWARD
- 
- 7:45 P.M.** KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY  
**RAMONA ROMERO**  
GENERAL COUNSEL, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
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- 8:40 P.M.** PRESENTATION OF THE  
2012-2013 LRLSA BOARD
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- 8:55 P.M.** CLOSING REMARKS
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GENERAL COUNSEL, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

Ramona Emilia Romero was nominated as the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on June 28, 2010 by President Obama, and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on December 22, 2010. Ms. Romero serves as the Chief Legal Officer of the USDA and oversees the work of about 300 legal professionals who provide legal advice and support to all components of the Department.

Before joining the Administration, Ms. Romero was a Corporate Counsel at E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont). While at DuPont, Ms. Romero led various initiatives aimed at promoting diversity in the legal profession and was a frequent public speaker on that subject.

Ms. Romero has served on multiple boards and been affiliated with several professional organizations, including the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, both the House of Delegates and the Presidential Commission on Diversity of the American Bar Association, the Advisory Committee of The O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative at the University of Denver, The Justice at Stake Campaign, the American Red Cross in the Delmarva Peninsula, and Delaware Futures. She also served as National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (2008-2009), and was a founding member and officer of the Dominican American National Roundtable. Ms. Romero is the recipient of many honors, including the Lucero ("guiding star") Award from Latino Justice PRLDEF (formerly known as the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund) and *Hispanic Business Magazine's* recognition in 2010 and 2007 as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States.

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JUDGE DAVID DE ALBA

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT



Judge De Alba earned his law degree from UCLA School of Law in 1979. He has served in a variety of public-service assignments: Special Assistant Attorney General, California Supreme Court Law Clerk, adjunct professor of Law at University of Northern California School of Law and McGeorge School

of Law, Arbitrator for the State Bar, and President of La Raza Lawyers Association of Sacramento. He began his career as a Judge at the Superior Court of Sacramento County in 2001. Judge De Alba is the recipient of several awards including the Governor's Safety Award, Sacramento County Unity Bar Award, Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Achievement, and the 2011 Sacramento County Bar Association Judge of the Year.

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