

## News Release

### **Wally Martinez Named One of “The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America”**

Hunton & Williams LLP announces that Managing Partner, Walfrido J. (Wally) Martinez, was named among “The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America” by *The National Law Journal*.

“Everyone at the firm is excited about the dynamic leadership Wally has provided since becoming managing partner in 2006,” said Thurston R. Moore, who preceded Martinez as Hunton & Williams managing partner and is currently chairman of the Executive Committee. “We congratulate him on this truly deserved recognition.”

The *National Law Journal* list published in May includes lawyers in private practice and government, law professors and in-house counsel; judges and non-practicing lawyers were not included. “We asked our readers to nominate candidates who have had a national impact in their legal fields and beyond during the last five years,” said NLJ Associate Editor Michael Moline. “We wanted to identify attorneys who have demonstrated the power to change the law, shape public affairs, launch industries and get big things done.”

Martinez was a founding partner of the Hunton & Williams’ Miami office, where his practice focused on complex business litigation and white-collar criminal defense. He left the firm for three years to serve as senior vice president and general counsel at Diageo North America. He returned to Hunton & Williams to become managing partner in 2006 at age 39, one of the youngest named to lead a global firm. Martinez has made diversity a firmwide priority, and helped increase minority lawyer retention to 80 percent last year.