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Firm Partner Plays Key Role in Reaching Out to Latino and African-American Business Leaders To Aid Education

The New America Alliance (NAA), a national network of Latino business leaders chaired by Hunton & Williams Partner Carlos Loumiet, will convene leaders from the Latino and African-American communities to address the pressing issue of public education (pre-kindergarten through high school). The goal of the June 18-20, 2009 meeting in Santa Barbara, CA is to develop business-driven action plans to address and help eliminate the key factors that inhibit the academic achievement of Latino and African-American students.

“Latino and African-American business leaders recognize that there is no more important issue facing our communities, or the future of our country, than the proper education of our young people,” said Carlos Loumiet, Chair of the NAA and Partner of Hunton & Williams, LLP. “The problems of public education hit our two communities particularly hard, and they cannot be addressed without the active involvement of those communities. Our business leaders, in turn, must step up and help in any way they can.”

This unprecedented gathering will bring together, by invitation-only, many of the nation’s most prominent Latinos and African Americans in business, as well as other leaders in business, government, philanthropy and education. Participants and invited experts will review the state of public education, public policy issues, and best practices to develop ways through which business can contribute to significant improvement in the academic achievement of both communities.

Georgetown University’s School of Continuing Studies will coordinate the academic planning, represented by Associate Dean Christopher Metzler, Ph.D., and Monica P. Hawkins, Core Faculty. Gilberto Cárdenas, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; Pedro Reyes, Ph.D., University of Texas; and Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D., University of Texas, are among leaders in academia who will lend their expertise.

The New America Alliance (NAA) is a national organization comprised of prominent Latino business leaders united to promote the economic empowerment of the American Latino community through a focus on education, access and control of capital, leadership development and public policy.

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