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### Leaders in the Latino Community to Gather for Summit

Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus will host the <u>American Bar Foundation</u> (ABF)'s "Miami Leadership Summit on the Future of Hispanics" on Friday, March 2, 2018.

The summit will bring together leading members of the Hispanic community from Florida, including law and non-law scholars, legal practitioners, and media representatives to explore how leadership in key areas of opportunity will shape the future of Hispanics in Miami and throughout the region. The discussion will address Miami's critical role in promoting a vibrant economy, educational innovation, and broadcasting programs, all of which draw on the needs, interests, and talents of the Hispanic population.

A keynote presentation by **City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez** will take place over lunch Friday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Chapman Conference Room – Room 3210.

The "Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility" is a research project led by a group of nationally recognized scholars under the direction of Rachel F. Moran and Robert L. Nelson. Moran is the inaugural William H. Neukom Fellows Research Chair in Diversity and Law at the ABF as well as Dean Emerita and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA Law School. Nelson is the Director Emeritus and the MacCrate Research Chair in the Legal Profession at the ABF, and Professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University. Boies, Schiller, and Flexner is the co-organizer for the summit.

This nationwide effort is devoted to understanding the current condition of Hispanics in the United States, the structural barriers that impede full equality and integration for this emerging population, and the sites of intervention that promise to be most effective in promoting opportunity and mobility through law and policy. The summit follows in a series of similar events hosted by the ABF, including regional roundtables in the Midwest (Northwestern University) and the Northeast (Yale Law School). The ABF is planning additional roundtables in the West and the South. The "Future of Latinos" project also hosted a planning summit at UCLA for a Network for Justice that is designed to enhance access to law and policy representation for Hispanics. The ABF will hold a culminating national summit at the conclusion of these regional events.

The summit is supported by Boies, Schiller, and Flexner, The Zack Family Foundation, Miami Dade College, and the ABF. The keynote presentation, along with the plenary session, and two forum panels, are open to the Miami community. To register or for more information on the "Future of Latinos" research project, please visit the project's <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages, or email <u>futureoflatinos@gmail.com</u>.

## Media interested in attending should contact:

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# Notes for the Editor:

Members of the press are welcome to attend the opening plenary session, forum panels, and keynote address.

**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018 8:00am – 2:30pm

### Location:

Chapman Conference Center, Room 3210 Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus 300 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132