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Ms. Kiran Ahuja is the Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF). NAPAWF is a national grassroots organization with a mission to forge a progressive movement for the social and economic justice and political empowerment of APA women and girls. Kiran has been involved in NAPAWF since 1999, as a local and national board member and was involved in starting the D.C. chapter of NAPAWF. She has practiced as a civil rights lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division where she worked on desegregation, bilingual, race, and national origin discrimination issues in education-related civil rights cases.

Kiran immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was two and grew up in Savannah, Georgia. She attended Spelman College (HBCU) and graduated summa cum laude. Following graduation, she worked in the district office of the first African-American Congresswoman in Georgia since Reconstruction and lived in India for a year. Kiran graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law where she was President of the student-led public interest law organization, organized the first public interest law career fair for 300 students, and received the first Equal Justice Foundation, Shelley D. Knox Equal Justice Award for Outstanding Public Interest Student.

*See Ms. Ahuja’s interview on page 25

Mr. Francisco Angones is partner of Angones, McClure, & Garcia. He graduated from University of Miami with a Bachelors in 1972, and from the University of Miami School of Law in 1976. He was the youngest attorney ever to assume the presidency of the Cuban-American Bar Association and the first Hispanic to be elected President of the Dade County Bar Association. He has been, and now is again, a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Victoria Hospital, and on the Metro-Dade Community Relations Board. Mr. Angones is a member of the Dade and Broward County Bar Associations, the American Bar Association, the Cuban-American Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Spellman-Hoeveler American Inn of Court, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the International Association of Defense Counsel. He is also on the Board of Directors of U.S. Century Bank.

*See Mr. Angones’s interview on page 83