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Ricardo De Los Santos Scholarships Awarded

FORT WORTH, Texas – Students from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law’s Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) gathered on Sept. 16, Mexican Independence Day, to recognize the recipients of the 2008-09 Ricardo De Los Santos scholarship.

2L Atalia Garcia and 1L Carol Longoria were each awarded the annual scholarship at an afternoon presentation at the law school’s Bernie Schuchmann Conference Center. The award is presented to deserving Hispanic students at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Richard Roper, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, welcomed attendees and talked about his respect for De Los Santos and what he observes as the “independence movement” in Mexico.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Bleil presented the awards to Garcia and Longoria. He spoke of his respect for De Los Santos and all that he has achieved and given.

“His story is one of the true American dreams,” Bleil said. “He is a public servant. He provides good defense, not making a fortune [for himself].”

This is the eighth year the scholarship has been awarded. It was established by De Los Santos ’94, a member of the law school’s first graduating class. As an older, nontraditional student, De Los Santos put himself through law school and eventually opened his own private practice in Cleburne.

Over 50 members of the law school community attended the event.

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