

## **Press Release**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with**

### **One Hoosier's Journey in the Law: Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel's Path to the Federal Bench**

**Friday, October 6, 2017, 2:00 pm**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (August 29, 2017): On Friday, October 6, 2017, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Bar Association Latino Affairs Committee will sponsor a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana will host the event at 2:00 pm in the Sarah Evans Barker Courtroom (courtroom 216) at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

United States District Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel will be the featured speaker and reflect on his remarkable journey from his childhood in northwest Indiana to his current position as a judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Judge Curiel will talk about his parents, the great opportunities afforded to his family in America, the importance of diversity in our country, and the role of the law in protecting our rights.

President Barack Obama nominated Judge Curiel to the Southern District of California and the Senate confirmed the appointment in September 2012. Prior to his confirmation, Judge Curiel served as a San Diego Superior Court Judge from 2006 through 2012. From 1979 to 1989, he worked in private practice, and from 1989 to 2006, he worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in San Diego and Los Angeles. In the San Diego office, he served as the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Enforcement Section. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he is a Law Alumni Fellow and sits on the school's Board of Visitors.

The program will last one hour and one hour of Continuing Legal Education credit has been approved. **Pre-registration IS required and available by visiting <http://www.inbar.org/event/2017Curiel>.**

A separate, evening program will be held at Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis; information regarding that event will be released by the Indiana State Bar Association and the law school in the near future.

The program at the courthouse is free and open to the public. Photography will be permitted during the program. If you would like to send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the program, or if you have other questions, please contact Doria Lynch at 317-229-3729 or [Doria\\_lynch@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Doria_lynch@insd.uscourts.gov).