## **Press Release**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

## The Immigrant Experience: Latinos in Indiana and Beyond Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the U.S. District Court and Indiana State Bar Association

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 7, 2023): The immigrant experience in Indiana and across the United States is challenging and multi-faceted. As immigration laws continuously change and evolve, it falls to lawyers to assist individuals and families seeking residency status or citizenship. Attorney Alfredo Estrada has helped many people on their immigration journeys and seen first-hand how people overcome the many roadblocks that stand between them and legal status in the U.S.

On Friday, October 6, 2023, at 2:00 pm EDT, Mr. Estrada will share stories and discuss immigration law in a presentation called "The Immigrant Experience: Latinos in Indiana and Beyond." His remarks will be the keynote address at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Bar Association Latino Affairs Committee's seventh annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

The program will be held at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis, in The Sarah Evans Barker Courtroom (courtroom 216). It will also be available virtually via Zoom. Grupo Bembe, a Latin band that originated in 2007, will also perform at the event.

Mr. Estrada is a partner at Burke Costanza & Carberry LLP, the chair of its immigration practice group, and a member of the firm's litigation practice group. He was the first Latino president of the Lake County Bar Association and served on its Board of Managers. He is also a past president of the Rudy Lozano Bar Association, formerly known as the Northwest Indiana Hispanic Bar Association.

A former steelworker and a life-long resident of Northwest Indiana, Mr. Estrada earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Purdue University Northwest, where he now is an Adjunct Professor teaching immigration law. After graduation from Purdue University Northwest, he continued his pursuit of education and earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law. While at Valparaiso, he was a full-tuition scholarship recipient and graduated magna cum laude.

The program will last one hour and one hour of Continuing Legal Education credit has been approved. Pre-registration is required and is available by emailing <u>insd\_cle@insd.uscourts.gov</u>. There is no cost to attend, and the program is open to the public.