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# Locke Lord Chicago Partner Ernesto Palomo Named 2024 Latino Lawyer of the Year by Hispanic Lawyers of Illinois

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Locke Lord Chicago Partner **Ernesto Palomo** has been honored by Hispanic Lawyers of Illinois (HLAI) with the 2024 Latino Lawyer of the Year Award, recognizing his significant contributions to the Hispanic community, service to the legal profession and the administration of justice. Palomo will be recognized at the 2024 HLAI and HLAI Charities Annual Black Tie Gala, Installation Ceremony and Awards Dinner on October 4.

As former Co-Chair and a current member of Locke Lord's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, he has co-led activities focusing on recruitment, retention, equal advancement opportunities and initiatives supporting equal justice and civil rights organizations. Palomo serves on the Board of Directors for numerous organizations, including the LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Greater Chicago Legal Clinic and Just the Beginning — A Pipeline Organization, which is dedicated to developing and nurturing interest in the law among young persons from socioeconomic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession. Additionally in his practice, Palomo has devoted considerable time to pro bono matters through the National Immigrant Justice Center, Center for Disability and Elder Law and Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

An affiliate of the Hispanic National Bar Association, HLAI is a not-for-profit corporation formed to promote high standards of competence, professionalism and integrity with and among Hispanic attorneys and the Hispanic communities within the state of Illinois.