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NEWS RELEASE

**Corporate Counsel at DuPont, Ramona E. Romero, will
be the Keynote Speaker at Hispanic Attorneys Annual Scholarship Reception**

Ms. Ramona E. Romero is Corporate Counsel at DuPont, where she is primarily responsible for legal oversight of the acquisition of transportation, distribution, supply chain management, and energy resources totaling billions of dollars each year, and oversees related strategic litigation. She also serves as the General Counsel of Sentinel LLC (a DuPont joint venture), and advises the Company's Aviation Group. In prior assignments at DuPont, Ms. Romero managed all facets of DuPont Legal's industry-leading outside counsel and supplier partnering program, oversaw several litigation-related operations, served as liaison between the Legal Department and the Company's external reporting team and independent public accountants on litigation disclosures, and managed complex commercial and antitrust cases. Before she joined DuPont, Ms. Romero was at Crowell & Moring LLP in Washington, DC for ten years where she practiced in the Business Crimes and Government Contracts groups.

Ms. Romero is the Immediate Past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and counts as one of the greatest privileges of her career having testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the confirmation of Justice Sonia Sotomayor. She has served as a volunteer leader of numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Red Cross in the Delmarva Peninsula, the Advisory Council of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, and Delaware Futures (a support program for talented at-risk high school students). She was a co-founder, board member and officer of the Dominican American National Roundtable, and served on the Task Force on the Courts and Corporate Citizenship of the Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary. Currently, she serves on the Presidential Commission on Diversity established by ABA President Carolyn Lamm, as a member of the ABA House of Delegates, on the Advisory Board of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's LLM Program on Corporate Law and Finance, and on the Board of Governors of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Ms. Romero's contributions have been recognized in many contexts. For example, in 2009, *Hispanic Business* honored her as one of four finalists at its Woman of the Year Awards Gala, and featured her in its April 2009 issue. The Dominican Bar Association recognized her "outstanding contributions to the promulgation of ethics and diversity in the legal profession and in our community." She received the Lucero ("guiding star") Award from LatinoJustice PRLDEF and has been identified by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States.

Ms. Romero has been featured, published, or quoted in a broad range of print and online periodicals, *including* The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The New York Times, The International Herald Tribune, Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, Corporate Counsel Magazine, General Counsel Mid-Atlantic, The National Law Journal, Politico, The Huffington Post, La Opinion, Cal Law, Philadelphia Bar Magazine, Legal Times, Delaware Law Weekly, Diversity & the Bar, The National Journal, and The Southeastern Texas Record. She has appeared in numerous television and radio outlets, including the PBS NewsHour, Fox TV, CNN, Univision, HITN, The Associated Press, Comcast Network, Telemundo, National Public Radio, Pacifica Radio, Voice of America, and Radio Caracol, among others. She has spoken at dozens of conferences and events over the last four years.

Ms. Romero earned her BA from Barnard College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. Ms. Romero, her husband Blaise Santianni, and their two daughters live in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Romero will be the Keynote Speaker at the 20th Annual Scholarship Reception held by the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania Legal Education Fund (HBA-LEF), the charitable arm of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania (HBA). Each year, the HBA-LEF hosts a reception to fund scholarships for area law students. Past Keynote Speakers have included Charisse R. Lillie, Senior Vice President of Human Resources of Comcast Cable and Vice President of Human Resources of Comcast Corporation, Stacey J. Mobley, Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, and Pedro A. Ramos, Esq., former Philadelphia Managing Director, now Partner at Blank Rome LLP. This year's HBA-LEF Scholarship Reception will take place on October 14 2009 at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Information about HBA and the HBA-LEF may be found on our website, www.hbapa.com. Anyone interested in attending the event or contributing to the scholarship fund can contact Marlene Gomez at (215) 864-8229 or gomezm@ballardspahr.com.