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On November 24, SALT and LatCrit issued a joint letter to the leadership of the ABA, members of Congress, and to the Governor of Puerto Rico protesting the subordination of free speech and the draconian transmutation of the Colegio from the mandatory bar association on Puerto Rico to a voluntary organization in a way to diffuse its influence and power in the wake of protests against budget cuts, police actions, and suppression of peaceful dissent. [Click here to read the joint SALT/LatCrit letters and for a fuller description of the situation.](#)

This is an update and a call for volunteers: We have learned from Judith Berkan, the Puerto Rican civil rights lawyer who is representing the Colegio, that the Supreme Court declined to take original jurisdiction over the Colegio's complaint. Judith indicated that early next week she is going to file a complaint in the Superior Court, the trial court in Puerto Rico. SALT is considering joining *amicus*, and we are asking SALT members to contact [Beth Lyon](#) if you are interested in helping to write an *amicus* brief or have your law school clinic participate on this project. The time frame is that something would have to be finalized before April 2010.

For further information, contact Beth Lyon, Villanova University School of Law, 610 519-6417, lyon@law.villanova.edu.

STILL TIME TO GET IN YOUR PROPOSAL FOR THE DECEMBER 2010 SALT TEACHING CONFERENCE IN HAWAII

January 15 is the deadline for submitting a proposal to present at the SALT teaching conference at University of Hawai'i. Teaching in a Transformative Era:

The Law School of the Future will examine the most pressing challenges law schools face in the 21st century. Don't miss this exciting opportunity! [Read more about the call for papers and panels ...](#)

WAITING LIST FOR THE SALT ANNUAL DINNER

We are maintaining a waiting list as seats might come open for the SALT Annual Dinner on Saturday, January 9th at the Hotel Monteleone. Contact Elizabeth Luzzi at Eluzzi@saltlaw.org to let her know you want a ticket, and we will notify you as soon as we determine if there will be seats open at law school tables.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP REMAINS ESSENTIAL

Feel free to contact me or Elizabeth to find out if your SALT membership is current. Email me at hweiser@saltlaw.org or Elizabeth at Eluzzi@saltlaw.org. Our credibility as a society of law teachers requires that we maintain a firm base of membership. With new leadership coming in, we have wonderful opportunities to collaborate and make legal education and the legal profession reflective of the values we share: social justice, equality and equity, and academic excellence.

[Join SALT or renew your membership today.](#)

SALT MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Tayyab Mahmud was interviewed for a December 15th article in the Washington Post. [Read what Tayyab had to say about the five young American men being held in Pakistan.](#)

STILL ROOM AT THE CRUZ REYNOSO SNEAK PREVIEW

There are still seats available for the sneak preview of the new documentary Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice, by Abby Ginzberg, jointly hosted by SALT and UC Davis School of Law. Dean Kevin R. Johnson will be hosting a beverage service and moderating a conversation between Justice Reynoso and Abby Ginzberg. To reserve a seat, send an email to rsvp@saltlaw.org.

See your friends and colleagues in the film:

Kevin Johnson, Dean of UC Davis Law School

Christopher Edley, Dean of UC Berkeley School of Law

Dru Ramey, Dean of Golden Gate University Law School

Fred Hart, former Dean of University of New Mexico Law School

Jose Martinez, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico Law School

Leo Romero, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico Law School
Carlos Moreno, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court
Joseph Grodin, former Associate Justice, California Supreme Court
Tony Kline, Judge, California Court of Appeal
Dolores Huerta, co-founder, United Farm Workers Union
Jose Padilla, Executive Director, California Rural Legal Assistance

And may I add my personal thanks to all of you for your dedication to social justice, equity and equality, and academic excellence. Elizabeth and I send our warm greetings for a happy holiday season and a better next year!