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Centro Legal Welcomes New Officers to Board of Directors

Milwaukee-based nonprofit law office adds experience with four new officers

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – July 18, 2008 – Centro Legal, a nonprofit organization that offers affordable legal services in family and criminal law, is pleased to announce the addition of four new officers to its Board of Directors. The newly-elected officers are Harvey Kurtz, president and chairman, Daniel Vaccaro, vice president, Jessica Poliner, secretary, and Domingo Cruz, treasurer. In their new roles, they will help guide Centro Legal in its mission to educate and support low-income individuals in need of legal counsel and representation.

Harvey Kurtz brings a wealth of board experience as the past chair of the Employee Benefits Section of the Milwaukee Bar Association and the past president of the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee, Friends of Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and the Shorewood Foundation. Kurtz is a partner in the Tax and Individual Planning and Tax and Employee Benefits practices at Foley & Lardner LLP.

Daniel Vaccaro is an experienced trial attorney and partner with Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. He specializes in white collar criminal defense and complex commercial litigation. Vaccaro is a past member of the South Milwaukee Lion's Club Board of Directors and a current member of the Eastern District of Wisconsin's Criminal Justice Act Panel. In 2005, Vaccaro was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's leading lawyers for business.

Jessica Poliner, a current member of the Marquette University Law School Alumni Board and Marquette Moot Court Executive Board, is an attorney practicing commercial and shareholder litigation. Poliner's Spanish fluency and experience living in Argentina shaped her desire to work with agencies serving Spanish-speaking clients. This fall, Poliner will be awarded the "2008 Future of Change Award" by Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee in recognition for her dedication to community service in Milwaukee.

Domingo Cruz is a graduate of The University of Chicago Law School where he was a strong supporter of the Latino Law Students Association. Cruz was also involved in an ESL grade school tutoring program when he was a student at Yale University. Since 2000, Cruz has worked as in-house counsel for The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company practicing real estate law. He is passionate about serving Milwaukee's Latino community and addressing the need for low-income legal services.

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Founded in 1991, Centro Legal's mission is to provide affordable legal representation in family law and criminal misdemeanors to Milwaukee families so they may maintain stable homes and remain employed in the face of legal difficulties. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.centrolegalwisconsin.org.