

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO'S

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Rep. Alonzo Urges Potential Lawyers to Attend CLEO Program on Sat, Sept. 29th in Fort Worth At Texas Wesleyan University Law School

As a successful attorney and alumni of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) program, Rep. Alonzo urges all those interested in a legal career to attend an important seminar taking place on **Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth** as follows:

- **When:** Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Where:** [Texas Wesleyan School of Law](#) Fort Worth, Texas. Click [here](#) for directions
- **How:** Click here - [CLEO College Scholars](#) to register online
- **Who:** All college students

"Founded over 4 decades ago as a non-profit project of the American Bar Association, the CLEO program is a tremendously successful, and life-learning educational experience that I highly recommend to anyone interested in joining the law profession. As an alumni of the program myself, the experience was instrumental in my decision to become an attorney and choosing the legal profession as my professional career. Most importantly, however, I think it is programs like CLEO that are helping us increase the diversity of minorities in the legal profession, particularly among Latinos and African-Americans, who are so underrepresented in this chosen field. I urge anyone interesting in becoming an attorney to take advantage of this rare opportunity and event coming to the DFW region on September 29 and then consider applying for the program," said Rep. Alonzo.

In 1968, the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) was founded as a non-profit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education to expand opportunities for minority and low-income students to attend law school. In 1998, Congress passed the Higher Education Amendments Act, creating the Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program, which they deemed be administered by CLEO.

CLEO is committed to diversifying the legal profession by expanding legal education opportunities to minority, low-income and disadvantaged groups. Since its inception, more than 8,000 students have participated in CLEO's pre-law and law school academic support programs, successfully matriculated through law school, passed the bar exam and joined the legal profession. CLEO alumni, many who had less than traditional academic indicators of success, yet were given an opportunity to attend law school, are represented in every area of society, including: private law firms and corporations, law schools, federal and state judiciaries, and legislatures across the country. The influence of CLEO alumni in the legal profession, in particular and throughout the country in general, is an indication of the important role CLEO has played in helping to provide a voice to underrepresented groups.

To ensure the success of students who participate in the CLEO Program as well as accomplish its mission to diversify the legal profession, CLEO provides placement assistance, academic support and counseling, financial assistance, bar prep orientation, online tutoring programs and weekend seminars and workshops. The seminars and workshops generally address the continuing need for legal services to under-served and low-income communities, and stress the importance of the students' commitment to serve those communities upon graduation. In addition, as a means of extending the legal education pipeline, CLEO also provides training and workshops to college students who are interested in attending law school and pursuing a career in the legal profession. Since its founding in 1968, the CLEO program has helped more than 7,000 low-income and minority students become successful members of the legal profession. The College Scholars Program (CSP) seeks to continue this standard of excellence through a collaborative effort between CLEO and colleges and universities throughout the United States.

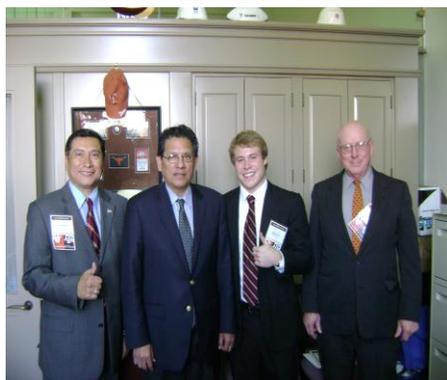
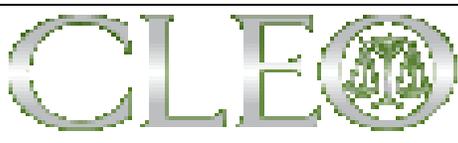


Photo Above: As part of **Orange & Maroon Day** at the Capitol during the 82nd Legislative Session, Rep. Alonzo met with representatives from both the University of Texas and Texas A&M University to discuss higher education issues.



Interested in Becoming a Lawyer & Prepare for Law School?

Register & Attend the FREE CLEO Seminar on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, in Fort Worth

See Details to the right

