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**Pendergast Governing Board President Martin Quezada Honored by Los Abogados**

*Quezada receives the Emerging Leader Award from Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association.*

**Phoenix, Arizona** – At the recent [Los Abogados](#) gala, PESD's Governing Board President Martin Quezada was presented with the Emerging Leader Award. The Hispanic Bar Association of Arizona was founded in 1976 and incorporated in 1988, and members include private and public attorneys, judges, businesspeople, paralegals, and law students. Members practice throughout Arizona and presently serve as officers and directors of county, state, and federal bar associations. Los Abogados is an affiliate member of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA).

In addition to being honored as an emerging leader, Quezada completed his Master of Boardsmanship from the [Arizona School Board's Association](#) Academy of Board Development. The ASBA's Academy of Board Development program is designed to equip board members with the knowledge and techniques necessary to develop policies and practices to support the organization's instructional leadership role. Martin has a strong belief in being an effective board member to serve the students, staff, families and communities of PESD. "The more we learn about the workings of a school district and its schools, the better job we can do as board members. It is important as board members that we engage in our own professional development as role models, just as we expect our teachers to do."

Mr. Quezada is a native of Phoenix and a graduate of Arizona State University West and graduate of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. While in law school, he served as President of the ASU Chicano/Latino Law Students Association and served in the Graduate & Professional Students Association representing the law school in ASU's graduate student government. Mr. Quezada was honored with Congressman Ed Pastor Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the 2008 Hispanic Convocation. Mr. Quezada has been a community activist for several years and has served on numerous boards and commissions in the community. He was named as one of the Univision Radio/AZ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Top 40 Hispanic Leaders under Age 40. Mr. Quezada practices law at the "Law Office of Martín J. Quezada, PLLC," where he practices in the areas of criminal defense, domestic relations, immigration and election law.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast Superintendent is, "Extremely proud of Martin and all that he has accomplished. He represents the best in a Governing Board president and community advocate. We are fortunate to benefit from his leadership."

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