



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

March 12, 2010

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances, I am this day appointing Mr. Jorge O. Elorza, of 35 Deborah Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, to the Providence Housing Court for a term to expire on the First Monday in January, 2013, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.N. Cicilline", is written over the printed name.

David N. Cicilline  
Mayor, City of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 15 2010

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
A handwritten signature in black ink is written over the printed text.  
CLERK

# **Jorge O. Elorza**

Associate Professor of Law  
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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI**

*Associate Professor of Law*

*July 2005 – Present*

- Courses include Property, Housing Law & Policy, and Advanced Constitutional Law
- Co-chairman, Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University

### **University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI**

*Adjunct Professor*

*January 2004 – May 2005*

- Taught Business Law course to Juniors and Seniors in College of Business Administration

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **Absentee Landlords, Rent Control, and Healthy Gentrification: A Policy Proposal to Deconcentrate the Poor in Urban America**

17 Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy 1 (2007) (lead article)

- Exploring the externalities caused by the absentee landlord industry and the stabilizing presence of higher income homeowners within a neighborhood. The article then proposes a rent control scheme that reverses the systematic financial advantage held by absentee landlords over resident landlords in blighted neighborhoods.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA**

*Juris Doctor, 2003*

- Teaching Assistant & Fellow for Professor Lani Guinier
- Teaching Assistant for Professor Lucie White
- Co-Chair of Latino Law Student Association
- Freshman Proctor in Harvard College
- Research Paper: Decisional Legitimacy of Judicial and Legislative Action in the HMO Context

### **University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI**

*B.S. Accounting, 1998*

- Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*: #1 in Accounting Class
- President of Latin American Student Association

## LEGAL PRACTICE

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### **Rhode Island Legal Services, Providence, RI**

*Staff Attorney*

*September 2003 – June 2005*

- Litigated race discrimination cases (Civil Rights Act of 1964) in Federal District Court and RI Commission for Human Rights
- Represented private and public housing tenants in Rhode Island District and Superior Court

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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### **Magnan Graizzaro & Associates, Hingham, MA**

*Associate Forensic Auditor*

*September 1999 – August 2000*

- Analyzed and quantified casualty claims
- Wrote reports detailing findings to insurance companies

### **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, New York, NY**

*Associate Auditor*

*September 1998 - June 1999*

- Audited balance sheets and income statements of Wall Street capital markets firms (Broker/Dealers and Mutual Funds)
- Worked under minimal supervision to compile and audit 24 financial statements for a group of large international mutual funds

## SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

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- Presentation, "Secularism and the Constitution: Can Government Be Too Secular?", AALS Section on Socioeconomics, San Diego, January 2009
- Panelist, "Pasts and Futures of Black Politics and Activism", Brown University, Department of Africana Studies, November 2008
- Guest, "Latino Policy Institute: Vision & Future", The Jim Vincent Show, Public Access Television, November 2008
- Panelist and Presentation, "Latino Policy Institute: Vision & Future", Rhode Island Foundation (in collaboration with Brown University, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America), October 2008
- Commentator, Presentation by Scott Bullock, Roger Williams University School of Law, The Federalist Society, April 2009
- Presentation, "Intersection of Housing and Urban Education", Urban Education Task Force, Providence, RI, April 2009
- Guest, "Latino Policy Institute: Vision & Future", Capitol Colors, Public Access Television, March 2009
- Presentation, "Absentee Landlords, Rent Control and Healthy Gentrification", Unity Summit, Providence, RI, February 2009
- Keynote Speaker, "The Importance of Diversity in the Legal Profession", Roger Williams University School of Law, Multi-Cultural Law Student Association, August 2008
- Presentation, "Secularism and the Constitution: Can Government Be Too Secular?", Lat-Crit Conference, Seattle University, October 2008
- Panelist, "Latinos in the United States", University of Rhode Island, September 2008

- Presentation, "Secularism and the Constitution: Can Government Be Too Secular?", NEPOC, Boston University, September 2008
- Panelist, "Latinos in Politics", Brown University, March 2008
- Presentation, "Absentee Landlords, Rent Control, and Healthy Gentrification", Faculty Development Workshop, Roger Williams University School of Law, March 2007
- Presentation, "Absentee Landlords, Rent Control, and Healthy Gentrification", Alumni of Color Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education, March 2007
- Presentation, "Absentee Landlords, Rent Control, and Healthy Gentrification", The Poverty Institute, December 2006
- Panelist, Affordable Housing Forum, Making Connections, Providence, November 2006
- Paper Presentation: "Overcoming Subconscious Racism", Northeast Junior Faculty Exchange, October 2006
- Testimony before Rhode Island General Assembly, House Corporations Committee, March 2006
- Presentation, Being an Effective Poverty Lawyer, Roger Williams School of Law, 2006
- Presentation, After Katrina, Roger Williams University School of Law, 2005
- Facilitator, "Coming into Community" Clinical Education Conference, Roger Williams University School of Law, June 2005
- Commencement Speaker, Community College of Rhode Island Graduation Ceremony, May 2005
- Keynote Speaker, Cum Laude Society, Classical High School, June 2004
- Panelist, "Racial Justice Colloquium", Roger Williams University School of Law, April 2004
- Speaker, Education Opportunity Center Achievement Luncheon, January 2005
- Keynote Speaker, Community College of Rhode Island, Liston Campus Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, April 2004
- Speaker, RI Bar Association Annual Meeting Luncheon, June 2002

## **COMMUNITY**

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- Founder and co-chariman, Latino Policy Institute at RWU, 2009-present
- Board member, The Poverty Institute at Rhode Island College, 2005-present
- Board member, English for Action, 2004-present
- Board member, Latino Dollars for Scholars, 1999-2006
- Counselor, Special Programs for Talent Development at the University of Rhode Island
- Board member, The Worker's Center at Harvard University, 2001-2003
- Student Organizer, Living Wage Campaign at Harvard University, 2001
- Field Plan Manager, Angel Taveras for United States Congress, 2000
- Tutor/Counselor, Upward Bound Program at Rhode Island College, 1999

- Mentor, Children's Crusade for Higher Education, 1997-1998
- Volunteer, Junior Achievement (taught a course on interpersonal skills in business environment to inner city high school students)
  - Bushwick High School, Brooklyn, NY, 1998
  - Central High School, Providence, RI, 1999-2000

## **RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS**

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- Beyond the Call of Duty Award, Childhood Lead Action Project, 2006
- Nominated by U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee for the Senate Hispanic Leadership Summit, 2005
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Achievers Award, Rhode Island Education Opportunity Center, 2005
- Latino Dollars for Scholars Achievement Recognition, 2004
- Thomas F. Black Memorial Scholarship (RI Bar Foundation), 2000
- Outstanding Senior Award (URI College of Business Administration), 1998
- Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, 1996, 1997
- URI Academic Excellence Scholarship, 1996, 1997
- American Institute of CPAs Minority Initiative Scholarship, 1997
- NYNEX Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, 1997
- RI Society of CPAs Scholarship, 1997
- U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, 1997
- Hispanic College Fund Scholarship, 1997
- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, 1997
- Al Morro Outstanding Dedication and Leadership Award, 1994

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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Admitted to Rhode Island Bar, 2003

## **LANGUAGE**

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Fluently speak, read, and write Spanish.