LATINOS WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE: LAWYERS

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PURPOSE

• To show the top obstacles that Latinos face while trying to pursue a career as a lawyer:
  • Tuition for undergraduate and graduate school
  • Discrimination
LATINOS IN THE UNITED STATES

• Latino population in United States is around 18%
• Out of all the United States population only 4% of people are lawyers
• Throughout the United States a little less than 2% of just the lawyer population make up of Latinos
Latinos average household income is a little less than $41,000.

That's both parents income combined.

Latinos are near the bottom when it comes to household income per year average.
AVERAGE COST OF LAW SCHOOL (ROSE, 2011)

• Broke it down into 3 groups of the top 20 law schools (graduate + undergraduate = GT)

• First group – Yale, Stanford, Harvard
  • $136,707 + $76,000 = $212,707

• Second group – George Mason, University of Florida, University of Illinois
  • $114,924 + 76,000 = $190,924

• Third group – University of Tennessee, University of Nevada, Georgia State
  • $112,500 + $76,000 = $188,500
DISCRIMINATION

- Pacific Lutheran University in Washington State asked Latino lawyers if they felt their ethnicity has caused them difficulties in their profession. 46% of the Latinos who took the survey said yes. (Chavez, 2011)

- The majority of people who said no, also stated that they have heard comments.
  - “people don’t take you serious”
  - “lack of ability”
  - “lazy”
LATINO LAWYER BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

• Student has to show they are highly capable and outstanding student.
• Money can be used for school tuition or preparation for the California Bar Exam
• In order to be eligible for the scholarship the student must meet to five requirements
  • Enrolled in a California law school
  • Demonstrate community service
  • Commitment to Latino community
  • Potential to succeed
  • Financial need
LEGALTREK PROGRAM

- DePaul University
- Helps develop skills needed
- Guides you through their recruitment
- Assemble more diverse student population
CONCLUSION

• Even with the high tuition cost for undergraduate school and graduate school being extremely high Latinos face the struggle of becoming a lawyer in the United States. There are many ways they can manage the costs of school like scholarships that are provided for the Latino students.

• Latinos are discriminated by people because they have it engraved into their heads that Latinos are bad people with bad intentions. Even with their law school experience the majority of them have heard discriminating comments throughout their career.
REFERENCES


