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### **Munck Wilson Mandala's Michael Rodriguez Graduates from Hispanic Austin Leadership**

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**Austin, TX, May 11, 2017 — Law Firm Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP has another reason to be impressed by Austin managing partner Michael G. Rodriguez. In addition to leading efforts to help his law firm open its Austin office last fall, Rodriguez just completed the Hispanic Austin Leadership (HAL) program, sponsored by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. HAL is a nine-month program designed to give business leaders opportunities to develop business acumen, civic awareness and leadership skills as well as build a network of colleagues for life.**

Rodriguez is a member of Munck Wilson Mandala's technology/intellectual property law group, concentrating his practice on patent and trademark preparation and prosecution. His clients are in the construction, electronics, energy, retail, restaurant, telecommunications, pet-care, vehicle manufacturing, and defense industries.

As a college student, Rodriguez was both an athlete and a scholar, playing for the baseball team and studying electrical engineering at Texas A&M University. When an injury ended his athletic career, he realized that having the engineering degree is what ultimately launched his career and forged paths for his success. It's this message that Rodriguez hopes to emphasize in his continued work with the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber and his community. "While being a great athlete can lead to success for a few," said Rodriguez, "focusing on a strong academic performance can bring success for many."

As a graduate of HAL, Rodriguez said he will continue to focus on programs that encourage the Hispanic community to embrace S.T.E.M. education and broaden leadership opportunities in the technology and telecommunications sector. In addition to an engineering background, Rodriguez also served as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, receiving numerous commendations for his actions during active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rodriguez received his J.D. from the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University.

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