



## **Recently Elected President of Chaldean American Bar Association Sets Goals For Next Term**

At its annual meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Chaldean American Bar Association (C.A.B.A.) announced Krystal D. Hermiz as their 2009-2010 President elect. Mrs. Hermiz commented that she is “excited to have the opportunity to serve my community and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead”.

As an active member in the Chaldean community Mrs. Hermiz co-founded the Chaldean American Student Association in 2002 while attending the University of Michigan where she obtained her B.A. in Political Science. She served as their President for two consecutive years. As she worked toward her law degree at the University of Detroit-Mercy she became an active member of the Arab and Chaldean Law Student Association and in 2008 became a member of C.A.B.A. Mrs. Hermiz hopes to launch a website for C.A.B.A. by late fall of 2009, recruit new members to the association, raise scholarship money for Chaldean graduates and provide networking opportunities to its members. The board is currently planning a reception dinner to be held in September which will honor Chaldean attorneys who have been practicing law for 25 years or more.

C.A.B.A. was established in 1993 to assist and counsel Chaldean community-based organizations and programs. Through the Chaldean Federation of America, C.A.B.A. is involved with providing humanitarian relief to thousands of Chaldean refugees during relocation to permanent residences outside of Iraq and for displaced individuals remaining in Iraq as well as providing legal assistance to refugees, detainees and asylees. It also acts as an advocate for the Chaldean American community, including greater representation of Chaldean attorneys at several levels of the State and Federal judicial branches and in various standing committees and task forces under the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, State Bar of Michigan and Michigan Supreme Court.

In addition to her involvement with C.A.B.A. and other Chaldean based organizations, Mrs. Hermiz also participated as an active member of Moot Court and Law Review at the University of Detroit-Mercy where she obtained her law degree in 2008. She is currently employed with Secrest Wardle in Farmington Hills, Michigan, [www.secrestwardle.com](http://www.secrestwardle.com). Her areas of practice include motor vehicle litigation, premises liability and environmental & toxic tort law.

C.A.B.A. membership is open to all individuals who are willing to commit to furthering the goals of the association. To find out how to become a member of C.A.B.A. contact Krystal Hermiz at (248) 539-2865 or email her at [khermiz@secrestwardle.com](mailto:khermiz@secrestwardle.com). C.A.B.A. correspondence may be sent to P.O. Box 250282, West Bloomfield, MI 48325. Membership dues apply.