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James M. Burns Federal Practice Award

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Hon. James M. Burns Federal Practice Awards:

Presented by:

Vivek Kothari, FBA President

-Fidel Cassino-DuCloux-
(Criminal Practitioner)

-Román D. Hernández-
(Civil Practitioner)

Burns Award Recipient Fidel Cassino-DuCloux



Fidel Cassino-DuCloux was appointed as the Federal Defender for the District of Oregon in July 2024, leading a staff of 84 employees dedicated to providing representation to the criminally accused under the Criminal Justice Act. The office provides representation at the trial level, habeas corpus, and appeal implementing federal statutory and constitutional rights.

He joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon as an assistant federal public defender in 2007 and became a supervisor in 2020, as the office was adapting to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. He led and helped support a team of eight attorneys to ensure that clients receive the best possible representation. Within the local community, Cassino-DuCloux has served on the board of Cascadia Behavioral Health and the Federal Bar Association and co-organized the Haggerty Scholars Program and the Behind the Robe Project, both of which provide underrepresented high school students opportunities to engage with the legal and civic communities. He also is an active participant in literacy programs around Portland.

Fidel graduated cum laude in 1995 from Tuskegee University, where he was a Woodrow Wilson International Affairs Fellow. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 1998 and began his legal practice as a staff attorney for the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center, an organization providing legal representation for prisoners on death row. In 2000, he received a two-year Ford Foundation Grant to represent residents of the New Orleans St. Thomas Community Housing Project in criminal, civil, housing and family matters. He went on to work as an assistant public defender for the Orleans Indigent Defender Program's juvenile and felony divisions. Displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he evacuated to Savannah, Georgia, where he worked as a public defender until he relocated to Portland, Oregon, in 2007. He is the recipient of the Gillis Long Public Service Award, New Orleans Drug Court Appreciation Award, and the Pro Bono Project Public Service Award.




Burns Award Recipient Román D. Hernández

Román D. Hernández is a partner at the Portland law firm of Cable Huston, LLP. He has a national litigation practice focusing on employment law and commercial litigation. He has appeared before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He received his

Bachelor of Science degree in General Science with a co-major in Aerospace Studies from Oregon State University (OSU). Following his graduation from OSU, Román served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force for nearly five years before separating at the rank of Captain to pursue his law degree. Román received his Juris Doctor from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2000 where he was inducted into the Cornelius Honor Society upon graduation.

Devoted to his community, Román has a long record of community service. As a second-year associate, Román was one of three founders of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association (OHBA) in 2002. He is the only person from Oregon to have served as National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). He is a Co-founder of The HNBA Legal Education Fund, the HNBA's charitable foundation. Román served on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, including serving as its Chairman. Román is a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, one of the 12 banks that comprise the central banking system of the United States. Román is a former member of the Board of Directors of The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), which is the sixth largest community foundation in the nation. He also is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Health & Sciences University, Oregon's only academic health center and Portland's largest private employer. In 2021, he was appointed by Governor Kate Brown to serve a 4-year term on the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University (OSU), Oregon's largest public university. On July 1, 2024, Román will begin his service as OSU Board Chair, and will be the first Latino or Latinx to lead OSU in this important role.



In recognition of his strong record of service to his communities, Román has received accolades from varied and diverse organizations and institutions, including the “Distinguished Graduate Award” from Lewis & Clark Law School; the “*Ohtli* Award” from the Government of Mexico (the highest award presented to a non-Mexican citizen); the “Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism Award” from the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism; the “Distinguished Business Law Graduate Award” from Lewis & Clark Law School; the “Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award” from the OHBA; the “President’s Diversity & Inclusion Award” and the “Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award” from the Oregon State Bar; the “Civil Rights Champion Award” from the Oregon League of Minority Voters; the “J. Michael Brown Award” from the DuPont Minority Counsel Network; the “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Alumni Legacy Award” from Oregon State University; the first-ever “Judge Learned Hand Emerging Leadership Award” from the American Jewish Committee, Oregon Chapter; the “Distinguished Citizen Award” from the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America; and the “Spirit of Excellence Award” from the American Bar Association; among many other honors.

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