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PILSEN NATIVE TO TAKE GENERAL COUNSEL POSITION AT CHA
Jorge V. Cazares to begin at CHA on January 16.

CHICAGO (Jan. 3, 2007) – Jorge Cazares, a partner at Pugh Jones Johnson & Quandt and Chicago native, will become General Counsel of the Chicago Housing Authority. He replaces Gail Neimann, who served for nearly five years.

“I was born in Chicago and raised in the Pilsen area and I am very excited to become more actively engaged in the city’s revitalization and neighborhood redevelopment,” Cazares said. “As the largest landlord in the city, and with the comprehensive renewal underway through the historic Plan for Transformation, the CHA clearly is on the front lines of innovation and exciting growth in Chicago.”

Cazares worked for 15 years at Pugh Jones Johnson & Quandt, and has worked at several other firms. He is a graduate of Chicago’s Loyola University School of Law and received his undergraduate degree at Yale University. Additionally, Cazares is a member of several professional organizations including the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.

As the agency’s general counsel, Cazares will be responsible for legal counseling, litigation and general administration for the CHA, including all legal matters regarding the Plan’s redevelopment efforts.

“Jorge is a wonderful addition to the CHA,” said Sharon Gist Gilliam CHA Chief Executive Officer. “We are excited to have his experience and insights at the CHA as we go forward with the next phase of the Plan for Transformation.”