



A Diverse Community Working Together

2008 DARE-TO-DREAM SUMMIT

**Thursday, January 24, 2008
Columbus Trade and Convention
Center
Columbus, Georgia**



GUEST SPEAKER



Jorge Vega, Esquire Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP

Jorge Vega joined Hatcher Stubbs on January 1, 2006. Jorge has been practicing law, primarily civil litigation, since his admission to the State Bar of Texas in 1983. He is also admitted to practice law in Washington State (2002), and in 2005 became licensed in the State of Georgia.

From January 1994 until January 1999, Jorge served as the First Assistant Attorney General for the Texas Attorney General's Office where he was responsible for the management and supervision of the entire Office of the Attorney General, comprised of approximately 650 lawyers plus over 3,000 employees. In that capacity, he made all final major litigation decisions, as well as final management, personnel, and administrative decisions and had direct oversight of all contracts and a \$250 million annual budget. Jorge was responsible for communication and contact with all elected and appointed officials, and worked with the Texas Legislature on all matters, including appropriations, legal issues, legislation, etc. He was responsible for meeting with business and community leaders, county and city officials, members of the judiciary, and members of the public to address matters of public importance.

After leaving the Attorney General's Office, Jorge returned to private practice, again, in civil litigation, until he accepted the position of Planning Director for the City of Bellingham, Washington in early 2003. He served in that capacity until relocating to Columbus, Georgia in December 2005 and joining Hatcher Stubbs in January, 2006.

Jorge also taught Constitutional Law at the graduate and undergraduate level at the University of Texas at San Antonio.



DARE-TO-DREAM SUMMIT

Dare to Dream is an annual teen summit which gives local teens (high school sophomores and juniors) an opportunity to discuss diversity, race relations, community issues, and the many life challenges they face. Originally started 15 years ago by Leadership Columbus and supported by One Columbus, Inc. this year One Columbus, Inc. is proud to host this important event. This year's program focuses on Recognizing, Relating and Respecting the differences and diversity of others and how we can work together to build bridges and connect together as a community -- One Community, One Columbus.



ONE COLUMBUS, INC.

The mission of One Columbus, Inc. is to create unity and respect within the diverse populations of the Chattahoochee Valley. The organization does this through Bridge Building and Educational Programs.

- * Bridge Building is designed to promote and encourage multi-cultural dialogue among all sectors and at every level in the community. Some bridge-building programs include dialogue groups and breakfast meetings where constructive democratic dialogue is encouraged.
- * Educational Programs encourage mutual respect among all people by pushing back the barriers of ignorance and misunderstanding. Educational programs include community prayer breakfasts, the annual recognition dinner, and the Dare-to-Dream Summit.

~ DARE TO DREAM AGENDA ~

8:00-8:30 a.m.: Registration

8:30-8:55: Opening Plenary Session

- ☞ Presiding Officer: Brandi Dawson-King, Dare-to-Dream Chair
- ☞ Welcome: Frank Douglass, Dare-to-Dream Board Liaison
- ☞ Greetings: Jim Wetherington, Mayor of Columbus
- ☞ Instructions for the Day: Carl Brown, Board Member

9:00-9:45: Session One

9:55-10:40: Session Two

10:50-11:30: Session Three

11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.: Luncheon Program

- ☞ Welcome: Brandi Dawson King, Dare-to-Dream Chair
- ☞ Grace: Ivelisse Quinones
- ☞ Lunch
- ☞ Introduction of Speaker: Ben Holden, Executive Editor, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
- ☞ Speaker: Jorge Vega, Esquire, Attorney for Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP
- ☞ Response: Carl Brown, Board Member
- ☞ Closing Remarks: Pastor J. H. Flakes, Jr., Chair, Board of Directors, One Columbus, Inc.

1:45-2:00: Evaluations

~ SESSION DESCRIPTIONS ~

RECOGNIZE Presenters: Kelvin Redd, Nathan Klein

RESPECT Presenters: Jed "Coach T" Tuiolosega and Deidre Green

RELATE Presenters: Ben Richardson and Suzanne Goddard

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