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### Chief Judge Castillo Delivers “Pope & John Lecture” at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Chicago, Ill.- On March 18, 2019, in remarks entitled “Reflections After Four Decades as a Trial Judge/Trial Attorney,” Chief Judge Rubén Castillo delivered the “Pope & John Lecture” at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Judge Castillo reflected on his upbringing on Chicago’s West Side; his education, including his time at Northwestern School of Law; his legal career as an attorney at two major Chicago law firms, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and as director and regional counsel for Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF); and his time on the bench, including his work as vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission and as the first Latino chief judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Castillo emphasized the need for diversity in education and the law. He criticized several Supreme Court decisions and indicated jury trials should be changed by eliminating peremptory challenges. The Pope & John Lecture Series on Professionalism, which focuses on the many dimensions of a lawyer’s professional responsibility, including legal ethics, public service, professional civility, pro bono representation, and standards of conduct, was established in 1991 by the Chicago firm of Pope & John Ltd.

