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Gordon & Rees LLP would like to congratulate partner Larry Garcia on receiving the 2011 St. Thomas More Award

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*October 5, 2011*

- **Welcome**
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- **Invocation**
  Bishop Soto

- **Dinner**

- **Award Presentation**
  Joe Symkowick

- **Keynote Address**
  Larry Garcia

- **Acknowledgements**
  Tom Johnson

- **Benediction**
  Rev. Mark Richards

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**History of The Red Mass**

The "Red Mass" is a historical tradition within the Catholic Church dating back to the Thirteenth Century when it officially opened the term of the court for most European countries.

The celebrants — government officials, lawyers and judges — would proceed into a church clothed in red vestments or red garments, signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit's guidance to all who pursue justice in their daily lives.

This important historic tradition was introduced into the United States in 1928 in the Church of St. Andrew, located in New York City, and is currently celebrated in dioceses throughout the United States to invoke God's blessing upon the members of the Bench, Bar, Legislature, Law Enforcement and Governmental agencies, all protectors and administrators of the Law.

The Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, bestows the Sixth Annual Saint Thomas More Award upon Attorney Larry Garcia, who has, both as a lawyer and as a Catholic, demonstrated integrity in the practice of law, leadership in both the greater Sacramento community and the Catholic community, and faithfulness to Gospel values in both his personal and professional lives.

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**Honoree ~ Attorney Lawrence B. Garcia**

Lawrence B. Garcia has nearly 35 years of experience as a practicing attorney. Mr. Garcia’s experience encompasses the counseling and representation of clients in highly regulated business environments with a heavy concentration in providing support for healthcare providers, senior living providers, and small businesses. Mr. Garcia’s practice activities include mergers, acquisitions, financings, commercial transactions, healthcare law, construction law, and facilitated conflict resolutions, as well as the representation of clients before regulators.

In his current practice as a partner at Gordon & Rees, LLP, Mr. Garcia works with hospitals, health systems, federally qualified health centers, medical group practices and senior living providers in the design and implementation of “value-added” business relationships that are designed to improve the quality of clinical care provided by his clients. He also serves as legal counsel to the California Association of Primary Care Association, the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, Marshall Medical Center, and St. Rose Hospital. In addition to his active legal practice, Mr. Garcia also serves as the President of Garcia Consulting Group Inc., which provides business consulting services in the areas of healthcare, long-term care, business development and education consulting.

Mr. Garcia has served as Corporate Counsel for Catholic Healthcare West ("CHW"), a major non-profit, multi-corporate healthcare system in the western United States. CHW is the largest non-profit healthcare organization in California and operates hospitals and clinics in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Mr. Garcia is a founding member of the Institute for Senior Living, a think-tank of leaders that works as a catalyst for innovations to meet the needs of the aging population. The Institute for Senior Living is a leader in the development of creative solutions to the problems of the nation's growing senior population.

Mr. Garcia has been happily married for thirty-six years and actively involved in the raising of their children: Gabriel (31), Vanessa (27), and Damian (24).