ate from college. Her parents, who run a housekeeping service, came to the U.S. from Mexico as teens without any resources. Martinez was raised in Yuba City, Calif., which is nearly 30 percent Hispanic. Going to a law school where Hispanics were not represented in significant numbers would have been difficult, she said. "It can be intimidating," Martinez said of being in an academic environment that is not diverse. "You feel less free to speak out, to be yourself."

At UC Davis, many of her professors are either minorities or first-generation lawyers or both. That's important, she said. She feels she can reach out to them and they'll be able to relate to her.

Martinez is very active in Latino causes. A third-year student, she's a former co-chair of La Raza Students Association. Her goal is to be an immigration lawyer and return to her community to help those in need.

That's one of the major benefits of diversity, experts say. It helps bring representation to those who lack it. "I definitely want to

## Most Diverse Law Schools A-

	% Hispanic	% Native American	% Asian	% Black	% White	Faculty minor-
	students					ity %
DePaul University	9.3%	0.0%	8.8%	9.5%	72.4%	20.0%
Georgia State University	8.3%	0.5%	10.1%	12.2%	68.8%	16.4%
Harvard Law School	12.4%	0.1%	15.5%	9.0%	62.8%	18.2%
Lewis & Clark College	10.0%	1.8%	8.6%	2.5%	76.7%	14.0%
NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center	40.2%	0.5%	3.6%	9.7%	45.6%	24.7%
Oklahoma City University	11.5%	8.1%	5.6%	7.8%	66.8%	15.7%
Pacific McGeorge School of Law	18.0%	1.2%	13.5%	4.0%	63.1%	14.6%
Pepperdine University	17.4%	0.7%	10.8%	4.9%	66.2%	14.1%
Rutgers University	13.3%	0.5%	7.7%	9.1%	69.5%	19.6%
Santa Clara University	20.9%	0.2%	23.3%	4.6%	50.9%	18.1%
Southern University	2.0%	0.2%	1.3%	61.6%	34.9%	71.2%
Stanford Law School	14.0%	0.4%	12.4%	5.8%	67.4%	19.8%
Temple University	10.9%	0.3%	7.7%	9.7%	71.4%	19.0%
UC - Irvine	17.4%	0.3%	25.1%	5.1%	52.0%	24.0%
UC Berkeley School of Law	16.0%	0.2%	20.9%	4.6%	58.3%	20.5%
University of Arizona	17.3%	8.7%	5.3%	3.7%	64.3%	15.7%
University of Baltimore	5.7%	0.5%	5.8%	20.1%	67.9%	15.7%
University of Florida	19.0%	0.8%	4.9%	9.0%	66.2%	21.7%
University of Maryland	7.3%	0.3%	10.9%	11.7%	69.4%	15.1%
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	20.9%	0.0%	5.2%	7.7%	66.0%	20.3%
University of Pennsylvania	8.2%	0.3%	13.4%	8.4%	69.7%	18.8%
University of San Diego	15.6%	2.2%	14.2%	4.6%	63.0%	9.5%

