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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 MINORITY FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anglee Angarwal (Chicago '08)
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Candice Chiu (Harvard '08)
K&E DC/New York

Alexis Clowney (Michigan '08)
K&E Chicago

Krishnakshi Das (GWU '08)
K&E New York

Michele Gutrick (Howard '08)
K&E DC

Paul Leaf (Stanford '08)
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K&E San Francisco

Sajjad Matin (Boalt '08)
K&E Los Angeles

KIRKLAND SPONSORS HARVARD'S WLA ALUMNAE CONFERENCE

On February 16, corporate partner Eva Davis and restructuring associate Heather Fowler attended Harvard Law School's Women's Law Association First Annual Alumnae Conference. Kirkland & Ellis was the sole sponsor of this first-ever event at HLS, where we received an award acknowledging our significant contribution to this event. Panel discussions addressed a number of topics, including "The New Girls Network," "How to Define Success," "Rewriting the Rules: The Paradox of Success as an HLS Woman," and other topics of interest to alumnae and students. Several legendary alumnae attended the conference as guests and speakers, including our keynote dinner speaker former Attorney General Janet Reno.

THINK TANK EXPLORES SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAW & PUBLIC POLICY

The Williams Institute held its 6th Annual Update on Sexual Orientation Law & Public Policy on February 23rd. The Institute is a think tank at UCLA School of Law that advances sexual orientation law and public policy through independent research and scholarship, and disseminates it to judges, legislators, and policy makers throughout the country, as well as to media and the general public. Panelists included Boris O. Dittrich, Former Member of the Netherlands Parliament; Evan Wolfson, Executive Director of Freedom to Marry; Alphonso David, Staff Attorney, Lambda Legal; Senior Counsel Jennifer C. Pizer of Lambda Legal's Western Regional Office; and Research Associate Jennifer Macomber of the Urban Institute's Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population.

The full-day conference concluded with the final round of the 3rd Annual National Sexual Orientation Law Moot Court Competition, and Washington State Supreme Court Justices Susan Owens and Barbara Madsen were scheduled to judge along with United States Court of Appeals Judge Raymond Fisher (9th Circuit). A networking reception and VIP dinner capped off the day's activities.


The Los Angeles office was proud to be a Fellows Circle sponsor of this event.



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(Columbia '08)
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Jasmine Singh (UCLA '08)
K&E San Francisco

Josh Strickland (Yale '08)
K&E Chicago/New York

Stacie Torres (USC '08)
K&E Los Angeles

Wilson Tsu (Northwestern '08)
K&E Los Angeles/New York

Cheryl Yuan (NYU '08)
K&E Los Angeles/New York

K&E ATTORNEYS HEAD PANELS AT NBA CORPORATE COUNSEL CONFERENCE

The National Bar Association Commercial Law Section (NBACLS) held its 20th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference on February 22-24 in Miami. LA litigation partner Tony Richardson and Chicago IP partner Michael Parks were among the panelists.

Michael appeared on the "Hot Topics in Intellectual Property" panel discussing nuisance patent assertions, open-source code and internet-based fraud. Tony discussed "Developing a Case Theory & Weaving that Theory Throughout Trial" and spoke in a panel that included attorneys from McKenna, Long & Aldridge, ExxonMobil and Wal-Mart.

The NBACLS was formed in 1987 to consider ways for NBA members in business practice to meet with institutional corporate clients for the purpose of developing professional relationships and to create opportunities for institutional entities to seek out, meet and refer outside legal matters to African-American attorneys.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE SHINES IN MIAMI

Kirkland was a sponsor of the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity's Spirit of Excellence Awards Luncheon, held on February 10 at the Hyatt Regency Miami. The Spirit of Excellence Awards was established by the ABA Commission to celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers who work to promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. Among the attendees were intellectual property partner Bob Krupka and litigation associates Wade Ackerman and Bim Richardson.

AAADF LUNCHEON HELD AT KIRKLAND

Bettina Clark, newly appointed board member of the African American Attorneys at Downtown Firms, hosted a luncheon on behalf of the AAADF on February 23, 2007. "Preserving the History of African-American Attorneys in Los Angeles" was the topic of keynote speaker The Honorable William C. Beverly (Ret.). Litigation associate Amber Quarles was also in attendance.

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MINORITY FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Kirkland & Ellis LLP will support 14 Minority Fellowships for 2008 for \$15,000 each during the recipients' third year of law school, as well as employment as a summer associate for the summer of 2008. The fellowships will apply to the following schools:

**Boalt
Chicago
Columbia
Georgetown
Harvard
Howard University
Michigan
Northwestern
Notre Dame
NYU
Stanford
UCLA
USC
Yale**

FIRM TO BE HONORED AT APADRC CONVERSITY DINNER

On March 29, 2007, the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) will hold its fifth annual Conersity Awards Dinner to honor those in the community who continually contribute to positive human relations through successful dispute resolution. Kirkland, a Peace Maker Sponsor of the event, will be honored at this dinner with the Corporate Leader Award in recognition of our pro bono work in Los Angeles, our ongoing commitment to diversity, and for our contributions to promoting the mission of the APADRC.

The APADRC is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1989 and provides conflict resolution training and direct services to the Los Angeles community. APADRC is one of the few organizations that provides arbitration and mediation services in a wide variety of different languages to service Los Angeles' diverse population. Recently, LA office litigation associate Felix Lebron was invited to sit on their Board of Directors.

FORMER SUMMER ASSOCIATE TAKES SPOTLIGHT FOR V-DAY

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. The V-Day College Campaign invites members of college and university communities around the world to present benefit productions of "The Vagina Monologues" to help support the V-Day cause.

On February 8-10, 2007, Stanford University held its production of the play. Incoming 2007 fall associate Shani Moore Weatherby was the producer and chief financial officer of Stanford's production. 90% of the proceeds from the event will be donated to The Woodhull Freedom Foundation, an organization committed to advancing freedom of speech and freedom of personal sexual expression. The other 10% will be donated to the Spotlight Issue of the National V-Day Campaign. This year, the chosen recipients of the Spotlight Campaign are female survivors of conflict zones.

Kirkland was proud to be a V-Angel sponsor for the production.

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February

Hispanic Bar Ass'n of Orange
County's 29th Annual
Installation Banquet, Irvine Hyatt
Regency, Irvine
February 24, 2007

UCLA Law Fellows Program
Law Firm Diversity Reception,
UCLA School of Law
February 28, 2007

March

NALP Diversity Summit, Hyatt
Regency, Chicago, IL
March 3, 2007

10th Annual Hispanic Law
Conference, American University
Washington College of Law,
Washington, DC
March 7, 2007

Harvard Law School Diversity
Fellowship Presentation
March 8, 2007

SPONSORSHIP HELPS BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

The Los Angeles office was a sponsor of Building a Foundation for Success, Inc.'s (BFS) "Giving is Receiving" fundraising event on December 8th, 2006. BFS connects African-American boys with positive mentors, sponsors academic training programs and holds social and sporting events aimed at encouraging participants to dream big while exposing them to valuable resources.

BALiF TO HONOR ACTIVIST CHAVEZ AT ANNUAL DINNER

Christine Chavez, granddaughter of Cesar Chavez, will be the keynote speaker (and recipient of the Community Service Award) at the Bay Area Lawyer's for Individual Freedom's annual dinner, to be held March 30th at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. The event, sponsored in part by Kirkland & Ellis, is BALiF's largest event and main fundraiser.

BALiF is the nation's oldest and largest bar association of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered persons in the field of law. Founded in 1980, BALiF members and supporters include over 800 San Francisco Bay Area judges, lawyers, law students and legal workers.

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW TO HOST LAW FIRM DIVERSITY RECEPTION

On February 28, 2007, UCLA School of Law will host a Law Firm Diversity Reception, giving firms the opportunity to network with the law school's diverse students and law school applicants who have participated in the successful Law Fellows Program. The Law Fellows Program, now in its tenth year, is a pioneering academic initiative designed to ensure equity, access and excellence in legal education for underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

This program is designed to encourage and prepare high-potential undergraduate and graduated students for a career in law, increase the small number of underrepresented law school applicants with highly competitive academic credentials, and demystify the law school experience. Kirkland is a supporter of this annual event.

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March

Women's Lawyers Ass'n of Los Angeles "Rainmaker Workshop,"
WLALA Board Room, Los Angeles
March 9, 2007

Stanford Law School Diversity Fellowship Presentation
March 13, 2007

Harvard BLSA Spring Conference, Sheraton Commander Hotel,
Cambridge, MA
March 16, 2007

NBLSA 39th Annual National Convention, Atlanta, GA
March 21-24, 2007

Hispanic National Bar Ass'n Mid-Year Conference and Nat'l Moot Court Competition, Hilton Minneapolis Hotel
March 22-24, 2007

THROUGH THE HALLS.....

- At the International Bar Association Litigation Conference, litigation partner Amanda Wong was voted in as a committee member and will be responsible for organizing and chairing the Litigation Forums at the IBA Conferences in Singapore in 2007 and Buenos Aires in 2008.
- Restructuring partner Robbin Itkin has been elected to serve as the 2006-2007 co-chair for the Lawyer Representatives of the Central District of California of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Robbin has also been invited to join the board of the Women's Leadership Council.
- Litigation associate Will Grignon, speaker at ABA Conference of Hiring Lawyers With Disabilities, has written a law firm best practices guide, an edited version of which appears in the *ABA National Conference On The Employment Of Lawyers With Disabilities: A Blueprint For Legal Employers*. Will has also been appointed as a director on the Board of the Braille Institute of America.
- Corporate partner Eva Davis has been appointed to serve as the General Counsel of the Intellectual Property Owners Association. The IPO is a group of Intellectual Property owners dedicated to promoting the interests of intellectual property throughout the world.
- Litigation partner Melissa Ingalls has been named to the Board of Directors of Public Counsel. Public Counsel is the largest pro bono law office in the nation.
- Restructuring associate Erin Brady was elected co-event chair for the Southern California Network of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation.
- Litigation associate Bettina Clark has been invited to serve on the executive board of the African American Attorneys at Downtown Firms.
- Restructuring partner Michael Gottfried participated as a judge for the National Sexual Orientation Law Moot Court Competition, held at the UCLA School of Law on February 10th.
- Incoming fall associate Allison Buchner (Pepperdine '07) is the editor of the Pepperdine Law Review's Symposium entitled "Post Grutter: What Does Diversity Mean in Legal Education and Beyond?," to be held on March 31, 2007. Will Grignon will serve as the moderator of the Diversity and Retention of Students panel.

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March

Southern California Chinese
Lawyer's Association's 32nd
Annual Awards Dinner, Empress
Pavillion Restaurant, Los
Angeles
March 23, 2007

USC Law LaRaza's Judges &
Lawyers Night
USC Town & Gown
March 28, 2007

Asian Pacific American Dispute
Resolution Center Conersity
Dinner, USC Town & Gown
March 29, 2007

CMCP Call & Response to
Diversity Forum,
San Francisco, CA
March 29, 2007

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual
Freedom Annual Dinner,
Embarcadero Hyatt, San
Francisco, CA
March 30, 2007

APALC ANNIVERSARY DINNER HONORS PUBLIC SERVICE

On November 14, 2006, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) held its 23rd Anniversary Dinner to honor corporate and community leaders who have made a tremendous impact in the Asian Pacific American community. The APALC is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1983 and provides such services as domestic violence counseling, immigration and citizenship advocacy, and legislative and litigation support to combat consumer fraud, hate crimes and worker exploitation.

Honorees for the evening included Cyrus Tang (Public Service Award), AT&T (Corporate Impact Award), and NALEO Educational Fund (Community Partner Award). Kirkland is a Bronze Circle Sponsor of the dinner.

LA OFFICE CELEBRATES NATIONAL DISABILITY MENTORING DAY

On October 18, 2006, lawyers at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Los Angeles hosted young adults from the Disability Rights Legal Center as a part of National Disability Mentoring Day. The firm hosted 10 to 15 guests, aged 17 to 25, who have expressed an interest in employment at a law firm. The students and working adults received a tour of the office and were addressed by lawyers, a legal secretary and a law librarian about what they do at work. One of the lawyers to get the ball rolling in Los Angeles was William H. Grignon, an associate with the firm who is blind. He has been involved with the disability rights organization for nearly two years.

WLI SUPPORTS A NIGHT OF RETAIL THERAPY

The LA WLI hosted their "Bring-A-Friend" event on October 16th at Kitson's (the trendy West LA boutique frequented by many celebrities). Attendees were encouraged to bring a bring a woman friend who might be a potential business contact -- a potential or current client, a potential or current referral source, perhaps a woman active in the LA community, with a non-profit, or a professor or a judge.

KIRKLAND SPONSORS AIPLEF

Kirkland is a Gold Sponsor of the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation (AIPLEF). The AIPLEF promotes diversity in the intellectual property bar including educational, mentoring and employment opportunities to minority students actively working to develop a career in IP law.

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April

Japanese American Bar
Association 31st Annual
Installation Gala, Cathedral
Plaza, Los Angeles
April 13, 2007

Lambda Legal at the Asian,
Asian Art Museum, San
Francisco
April 17, 2007

Armenian Bar Association's 18th
Annual Meeting, Le Merigot
Hotel, Santa Monica
April 20-22, 2007

May

California Association of Black
Lawyer's Annual Convention,
Oakland Marriott City-Center
Hotel, Oakland
May 4-7, 2007

Asia Society of Southern
California Annual Gala Dinner &
Conference, Beverly Hilton,
Beverly Hills, CA
May 16, 2007

KIRKLAND & ELLIS NAMED EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR 2006

In recognition of our work/life/family balance, Kirkland & Ellis Los Angeles has been named "Employer of the Year 2006" by the Beverly Hills Bar Association. The award was presented on April 8th at a symposium co-sponsored by the BHBA and Pepperdine Law School: "Balancing Career & Family: A Work-Life Symposium." Kirkland was considered for this award after the Los Angeles Business Journal wrote its article: "In Pregnant Pause, Kirkland & Ellis Thinks Best of Moms." This article was written following a February women's networking lunch hosted by the Los Angeles women partners for our women clients and referral sources.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES MAKE AN IMPACT

Georgetown University Law Center and University of Arizona co-hosted the 2nd Annual IMPACT Career Fair for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities on September 15, 2006, in Washington, DC. Litigation associate Will Grignon attended the job fair as an interviewer for the firm, a Platinum Sponsor of the event. IMPACT was awarded the 2006 NALP Award of Distinction for "providing a meaningful, new way for students and attorneys with disabilities and legal employers to connect."

LAWYERS FOR LITERACY EVENT CREATES BUZZ

The Everybody Wins! LA literacy and mentoring program will hold their third annual Lawyers for Literacy Spelling Bee and Auction in July. The event raised more than \$55,000 last summer.

Founded in 1991 in New York City, Everybody Wins sponsors volunteer reading programs in elementary schools in over 50 U. S. cities, including Los Angeles and Washington DC, where Kirkland provides volunteers and administrative support. We sponsor at any given time about 25 volunteers (including partners, associates, paralegals and administrative personnel) who spend one lunch hour a week reading with second through fifth graders at Tenth Street Elementary School, an inner-city school whose student body is over 95 percent Hispanic and African American.

Corporate partner Eva Davis serves on the Board of Directors, as well as participates as a volunteer reader. The program is always looking for new volunteers; please contact Eva if you are interested in getting involved.