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Diversity News for the Los Angeles Office Summer 2007



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anglee Angarwal (Chicago '08)
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Candice Chiu (Harvard '08)
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Alexis Clowney (Michigan '08)
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Krishnakshi Das (GWU '08)
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Michele Gutrick (Howard '08)
K&E DC

Paul Leaf (Stanford '08)
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Karen Lee (Georgetown '08)
K&E DC

Xiao Li (Stanford '08)
K&E San Francisco

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

Uzoma Nkwonta (Columbia '08)
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KIRKLAND SUPPORTS LATINO SCHOLARS

The Mexican American Bar Foundation held their Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala on June 9, 2007, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Kirkland was not only a sponsor of this event but was proud to award a scholarship to a local law school student. LA summer associate (and diversity fellowship recipient) Paul Leaf was among the attendees.

This year's honorees included Patricia Pineda, Group Vice President and General Counsel of Toyota Motor of North America; Tom Unterman, Founder and Managing Partner of Rustic Canyon Partners; and Harley Frankel, Executive Director of College Match.

CAUSE HONORS THE NEXT GENERATION

On July 20, 2007, Kirkland sponsored a table at the 2nd Annual CAUSE Next Generation Project Luncheon held at the California Club. Attendees from the LA office included: Shirley Cho, Eric Shen, Cheryl Yuan, Elizabeth Kim, Alice Yuan, Michelle Schultz and Wilson Tsu. Also sitting at K&E's table were John Chiang, Controller for the State of California, and Victor King, General Counsel for Cal State L.A. Panelists included John Chiang, Carol Lam (Sr. V.P. and Legal Counsel for Qualcomm, Inc. and Former U.S. Attorney for the S.D. Cal.), Ted Lieu (California State Assembly member), and others.

CAUSE (Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the political mobilization of Asian Americans.

LA SUMMERS HEAD TO THE MOVIES

The Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) hosted a reception and movie screening of "Live Free or Die Hard" on June 27th. Attendees included summer associates Matt Dysart, Sajjad Matin, Chris Lawless, Ian Wang, Daniel Jonathan, Sharre Lotfollahi, Alice Yuan, Paul Leaf, Maggie Hughes and Guarav Krishan; and attorneys Will Grignon and Shelley Cordova.


The mission of the DRLC is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public interest in and awareness of those rights by providing legal and related services. Litigation associate Grignon is a member of their Young Professionals Board.



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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

UPCOMING DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS

IMPACT Career Job Fair
August 10, 2007

National Black Law Students
Association Southern California
Job Fair
August 18, 2007

Lavender Law Conference
September 6, 2007

EVERYBODY WINS WITH THE ABCs OF FUNDRAISING

The Everybody Wins literacy mentoring program was the recipient of funds raised from their annual silent auction and spelling bee held on July 10, 2007. Corporate partner and EW board member, Eva Davis captained a team of spelling champs including attorneys Becca Wahlquist and Will Grignon; summer associates Chris Healey, Chris Lawless, Annalisa Peterson and Ian Wang; and staff members Eitan Alexander, Wendy Mitchell and Jolanda Tedford.

AAADF HOSTS ANNUAL SUMMER ASSOCIATE EVENTS

Kirkland was a sponsor of the African American Attorneys in Downtown Firms annual summer associate networking events. The AAADF cocktail reception was held at the City Club on June 7th and their annual summer dinner was held on July 26th at the Omni Hotel. Associate Bettina Clark and summer associate Sierra Colbert were among the attendees at the dinner that featured guest speaker Connie Rice, co-director of The Advancement Project.

GLBT SUMMER BBQ HITS THE SPOT

On July 15, 2007, litigation associate Wade Ackerman hosted a BBQ for GLBT (and friends of) attorneys, summer associates and staff. Among those enjoying the fantastic food and great company were attorneys Becca Wahlquist, Michael Gottfried, Melissa Ingalls, Marc Cohen, Erin Brady, Shaun Paisley and Grace Kao; summer associates Chris Lawless, Paul Leaf, Alice Yuan, Chris Healey, Tyler Tassin, Stacie Torres and Sierra Colbert; and staff members Elise Esquivel, Kelly Warren, Lisa Gonzalez and David Perry.

WLI SUPPORTS A NIGHT OF RETAIL THERAPY

The LA WLI hosted their summer networking event on July 12th at The Rox in Studio City. Fabulous refreshments took a back seat to stylish deals and great conversation. Attendees included attorneys Pantea Yashar, Bettina Clark, Amber Quarles, Amanda Wong, Peter Massumi, Sasha Danna, Eva Davis, Lindsay Casamassima, Sarretta McDonough and Melissa Ingalls; and summer associates Sharre Lotfollahi, Annalisa Peterson, Cheryl Yuan, Alice Yuan, Erin Cooke and Stacie Torres.