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DIVERSITY CELEBRATED DURING 2006 SUMMER SEASON

The New York office hosted and participated in a number of diversity-related events throughout the summer. Some of the highlights include:

- On June 7th, the Women's Leadership Initiative ("WLI") hosted one of its monthly lunches to introduce our summer associates to the women at the firm and explain the background and objectives of the WLI. Later that night, the WLI hosted a cocktail party for all summer associates and female attorneys.
- Kirkland was a Gold Sponsor of the New York ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project's Summer Attorney Reception, which took place on June 14th. As part of our sponsorship, the ACLU sent family law specialist, Leslie Cooper, to speak to the New York office on the group's efforts to support gay parenting rights.
- Corporate associate Asha Richards hosted a dinner for our 2005 and 2006 African-American summer associates at Barbuto on June 14th. This informal dinner was intended to foster communication relating to diversity at Kirkland and provide an opportunity for the summer associates to ask questions.
- Corporate partner Kim Taylor, litigation partner Jennifer Selendy, real estate partner Jennifer Morgan and the WLI hosted the Third Annual Women's Dinner at BLT Fish on June 20th.
- Corporate partner Eunu Chun and litigation associate Sudwiti Chanda hosted the Third Annual Diversity Dinner at Del Posto on July 12th.



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DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

In 2007, Kirkland & Ellis LLP will support Diversity Fellowships at 14 schools across the country. The fellowship recipient at each school will receive a \$15,000 stipend during the recipient's third year of law school, as well as employment as a summer associate during the summer of 2007. Fellowships are available at the following schools:

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

DIVERSITY CELEBRATED DURING 2006 SUMMER SEASON (CONT.)

- Kirkland NY joined together with Latham & Watkins LLP, Shearman & Sterling LLP and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP at OW Bar for an inter-firm LGBT summer associate cocktail event. Plans are in the works to hold more inter-firm events during the year.
- A group of women partners hosted an evening of relaxation sponsored by the WLI for the summer associate women at Exhale Spa, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on August 2nd.

SUMMER ASSOCIATES PARTNER WITH NEW YORK CARES

On July 25th, 2006, nearly forty Kirkland summer associates joined forces with New York Cares for a community service project at PS 297 in Brooklyn. PS 297 serves approximately 540 students in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Our summer associates revitalized the school's playground by painting line games and a map on the playlot. They also painted a number of colorful murals depicting healthy foods and activities to be displayed in the school's cafeteria. In addition to dedicating time and energy to the revitalization project, Kirkland made a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to New York Cares on behalf of our 2006 summer associate class.

Founded in 1987 by a group of friends who wanted to take action against the social problems facing New York City, New York Cares brings vital volunteer support to over 850 diverse nonprofit agencies, public schools and other deserving organizations throughout the five boroughs. Today, New York Cares engages more than 27,000 volunteers in service to New York City every year.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August:

Northeast BLSA Job Fair
Marriott Financial Center
New York, NY
August 21, 2006

The Hispanic National Bar
Association 2006 Annual
Convention
San Francisco
August 30-September 2, 2006

September:

Firmwide LGBT Dinner
Ceiba Restaurant
Washington, D.C.
September 6, 2006

Lavendar Law Conference and
Career Fair
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC
September 7-9, 2006

KIRKLAND SPONSORS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

Kirkland & Ellis LLP is a Premier Sponsor of the National Association for Women Lawyers (“NAWL”). On July 18th, a group of associates and summer associates led by litigation partner Marjorie Lindblom attended the Annual Awards Luncheon honoring Judge Katherine S. Hayden of the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, at the Waldorf Astoria. Founded in 1899, NAWL is a national voluntary legal professional organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers and women’s rights.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP HOLDS ITS FIRST ANNUAL LGBT DINNER

The New York office held its first annual dinner for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered attorneys and summer associates at BondSt restaurant in SoHo on July 19th. Twelve attorneys, summer associates and their guests attended the event. By all accounts, the event was a great success and a good time was had by all. Tax partner Patrick Gallagher and corporate partner Andrew Nagel both spoke about the significance of the event and how they welcome it as an exciting new New York office tradition.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES MAKE AN IMPACT


Georgetown University Law Center and University of Arizona will co-host the 2nd Annual IMPACT Career Fair for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities on September 15th in Washington, D.C. Will Grignon, a litigation associate in our LA office, will attend the job fair as an interviewer on behalf of the firm. Kirkland & Ellis LLP is a Platinum Sponsor of the career fair. 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.”



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

Harvard BLSA Job Fair
The Charles Hotel
Cambridge, MA
September 8, 2006

IMPACT Career Fair for Law
Students and Attorneys with
Disabilities
Doubletree Hotel
Crystal City, VA
September 15, 2006

YOLANDE KLEINHAUS JOINS THE NY OFFICE AS PART OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN VISITING LAWYER PROGRAM

Yolande Kleinhaus will join Kirkland's New York office on September 25th as part of the South African Visiting Lawyer Program ("SAVLP"). SAVLP was established in 2002 by the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives, which is part of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The program is an important opportunity for the bar in New York City to play a role in the transformation of the legal profession and development of black corporate lawyers in South Africa.

Yolande is one of just twelve candidates chosen from the pool of South African lawyers who applied for the year-long program. Finalists were interviewed on May 20th and 21st in Johannesburg by a panel of lawyers and judges from South Africa and New York and were placed in law firms or corporate law departments in New York based on the candidate's compatibility with each firm or office.

After graduating from the University of Witwatersrand, Yolande has practiced at Hofmeyer Gihwala & Associates, a commercial law firm in Johannesburg, for four years. Having completed postgraduate training in corporate law through the Irish Law Society, Yolande applied to the Visiting Lawyer Program with the objective of further developing her corporate law skills through a year of practice in the United States.