Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter

The Business of Diversity and Inclusion
April 2014

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the Business of Diversity and Inclusion! Our newsletter has a new name to reflect the changed name of the Committee. We want you to be part of us! Network at our receptions. Also drop by and say hello to our new subcommittee chairs and vice chairs; more information follows in the newsletter. In particular, we have a great program on Saturday morning "Gay Marriage and the Repeal of DOMA: What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know" Anthony Marks, Sarita Nair, Rob Neis and Judge Olson will discuss the business law implications of the DOMA decision. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and events.

Sylvia Chin - Chair - Women's Business Law Network

Events at ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting

Diversity Programs

Diversity Networking Reception
Wednesday, April 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
JW Marriott, Platinum Ballroom Salon E, Second Level
The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is proud to host the eagerly-anticipated, bi-annual Diversity Networking Reception. This complimentary reception recognizes the steps that the Section has taken to increase diversity and inclusion. This year's reception will feature special guest, Jim Holmes, Chair of the ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee co-sponsored CLE Program: What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know But They Did Not Teach You in Law School
Thursday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
JW Marriott Diamond Ballroom Salon 1 & 2, Fourth Level

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
JW Marriott Plaza 1, Third Level
Join us to discuss upcoming plans for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee including planning for our CLE program to be held at the 2013 Business Law Section Annual Meeting.

Women's Business Law Network Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
JW Marriott Plaza 1, Third Level
Hear a report for Meg Milroy, former Diversity Committee Chair, 2012 Glass Cutter Award recipient and member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

Lawyers of Color Involvement Subcommittee
Thursday, April 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
JW Marriott Plaza 1, Third Level

Icebreaker Reception
5:00-6:00 p.m.
JW Marriott Platinum Ballroom Salon F & G, Second Level
Whether you are a young lawyer, new to the Section, new to the Spring
Meeting, or an experienced Section member, we invite you to attend this reception to break the ice and meet with new colleagues before the Section Welcome reception.

**WBLN Sweet Endings Dessert Reception**  
Thursday, April 10, 10:00-11:30 p.m.  
JW Marriott Platinum Ballroom Salon F & G, Second Level  
Wind-down your evening with desserts, coffee and cocktails at this reception hosted by the Women's Business Law Network Subcommittee of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to celebrates the strides made by women in the Section and the profession.

**Pro Bono Breakfast**  
7:30-9:00 a.m.  
JW Marriott Olympic 3, Third Level  
Join the Pro Bono Committee for a hot breakfast and a discussion about creative and innovative ideas for pro bono work in 2014.

**Lawyers with Disabilities Involvement Subcommittee Meeting**  
Friday, April 11, 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
JW Marriott 333, Third Level

**Diversity and Inclusion Plan Update Meeting**  
Friday, April 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
JW Marriott 325, Third Level

**Law Student Speed Networking Program**  
Friday, April 11, 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Convention Center 503, West Hall  
Law students and mentors - Email Lauren Shores (lauren.shores@americanbar.org) to RSVP

**Young Lawyer and Leadership Diversity Outreach Committee Happy Hour**  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
JW Marriott Platinum Ballroom Salon F & G, Second Level  
The Leadership Diversity Outreach Committee and the Young Lawyer Committee invite you to attend this casual reception to celebrate the up-and-coming leaders of the Section prior to the Section Dinner.

**Co-Sponsored CLE Program: Women in Mergers and Acquisitions**  
Saturday, April 12, 8:00-9:30 AM  
JW Marriott Diamond Ballroom Salon 4, Fourth Level

**Program: Gay Marriage and the Repeal of DOMA: What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know**  
Saturday, April 12, 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
JW Marriott, Diamond Ballroom Salon 1 & 2, Fourth Level

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Involvement Subcommittee Meeting**  
Saturday, April 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
JW Marriott, Plaza 1, Third Level

**Additional Activities:**

**Spring Meeting First-Timer Host Program**  
Email Lauren Shores (lauren.shores@americanbar.org) to serve as a host or to request a host.

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**Leadership Outreach Diversity Program**

The Business Law Section has extended the application deadline for Leadership Diversity Outreach programs! Apply by April 18, 2014 to

http://apps.americanbar.org/buslaw/committees/CL360000pub/newsletter/201404/
participate in this vibrant initiative.

The Leadership Diversity Outreach Programs provide participants free Business Law Section meeting attendance, practice-specific career development, and mentorship opportunities that spring board participants into Section leadership positions. The four programs within this initiative include:

- **Fellows**: ABA Young Lawyers Division members who practice business law and hope to expand their ABA participation to the Business Law Section.
- **Ambassadors**: Lawyers of color who practice business law and belong to an organization or association for lawyers of color.
- **Envoyas**: LGBT lawyers who practice business law and are active in a bar organization for LGBT lawyers.
- **Diplomats**: Lawyers with disabilities who practice business law and participate in an organization for lawyers with disabilities.

Please contact Leslie Archer with any questions at leslie.archer@americanbar.org.

ABA Business Law Section Diversity Clerkship Program

In its seventh year, the Diversity Clerkship Program places nine outstanding diverse law students with business court judges across the country to participate in an eight-week program. Participants for the 2014 program are:

- Anita Alexander, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA
- Kwesi Atta-Krah, The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA
- Alton Bradley, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
- Jeffrey Dorough-Lewis, Barry University - Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL
- Daniel Knudsen, University of Montana School of Law, Polson, MT
- Amanda Reasoner, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- Waleed Ahmed, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- Samantha Hsieh, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
- Peggy Liu, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL

Additional information on the Diversity Clerkship program can be found here.

Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittees

**Diversity Clerkship Program**
Co-Chairs: Mitchell L. Bach, Ben F. Tennille

**Law Student & Young Lawyer Involvement**
Chair: Mauricio Videla
Vice-Chair: Shazia B. Ahmad

**Lawyers with Disabilities**
Chair: Jason Goitia
Vice-Chair: Betty J. Boyd

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Subcommittee**
Chair: John F. Clifford
Vice-Chair: Adonica-Jo Wada
Women's Business Law Network
Chair: Joan Durocher
Vice-Chair: Natalie A. Panossian-Bassler

Lawyers of Color Involvement
Chair: Doneene K. Damon
Vice-Chairs: Lacy L. Durham, Stefanie C. Moon, Ashley N. Wicks

Things to Do in Los Angeles

Check out these websites on things to do during your stay in sunny Los Angeles!!


http://www.laweekly.com/calendar/

http://www.discoverlosangeles.com/what-to-do/events