

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### Letter From The President Of The New York City Bar Association



#### To The Readers Of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*: Tomorrow's Bar

Of all the City Bar's programs, few are more gratifying than the Student Legal Education and Opportunity Program, which provides professional experience, development, and educational programs for inner-city students interested in pursuing legal careers.

This program has several components. Since 1993, the Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program has placed 1,200 high-achieving inner-city high school students with legal employers for the summer. Firms get an extra pair of hands for tasks like filing and data entry, while students familiarize themselves with the tools of the trade and begin to get comfortable in an office environment. In the final week of the program, students shadow attorneys in firms and organizations that align with their career aspirations.

To supplement their internships, the students also attend weekly development programs, including a law class at Columbia, a visit to a NYS Supreme Court judicial chamber, and a variety of career development workshops put on by a diverse group of attorneys. Among other things, the students get tips on the college application process and in preparing for employment, building skills in resume writing, interview preparation, and networking. The final component of the Thurgood Marshall program involves mentoring, matching law-student alumni of the program with current students, and, in turn, matching the law students with their own attorney mentors.

Twice a year, the City Bar hosts the My Rights, My Nation: Constitutional Rights Symposium, bringing together hundreds of regional high school students to discuss how the Constitution affects their daily lives. The program focuses on three different areas of individual rights that are the subject of recent decisions in the U.S. Supreme Court and other appellate courts. Discussions are led by State Supreme Court Justices and lawyers from various City firms and agencies. Past discussion topics have included Terrorism, Warrantless Searches, Gender Discrimination in the Workplace, Free Speech, and Victims' Rights, among many others.

For college students ready to take the next step, this year we introduced a two-day LSAT/Law School Preparation Series, co-sponsored by the biggest names in law-school testing and preparation. This program included three hours of LSAT Prep classes, as well as panels by law school admissions counselors, career counselors, and law students. Participants received discounts on classes and materials from all participating companies, and three full-length courses, as well as full sets of books and audio materials, were given away at the end of the program.

Once students enter law school, they are eligible to apply for other City Bar programs. The C. Bainbridge Smith Scholarship Committee provides scholarships to promising second and third year inner-city law students. And the Thurgood Marshall Fellowship Program provides talented minority law students with year-long internships at the City Bar Justice Center, working on behalf of low-income clients, or on the City Bar's Committee on Civil Rights, participating in research and policy analysis. During the course of the year, the Fellows have membership privileges in the Association.

The Association, through its Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers, also runs a separate Fellowship program for New York City law students from disadvantaged backgrounds or from groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession. Selected Fellows spend the summer after their first year working as summer associates in a law firm or corporate law department. The selection process is highly competitive, and the program is highly valued by the participating legal employers.

The Student Legal Education and Opportunity Program, which has been expertly managed by our Gabrielle Brown, opens the door to law as a career for young people who might otherwise never imagine that they could become a lawyer. If a bar association is the sum of its members, these programs give us the framework to shape tomorrow's bar.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above programs, please contact Gabrielle Brown at [gbrown@nycbar.org](mailto:gbrown@nycbar.org) or 212-382-6624.

Sincerely,  
Patricia M. Hynes

### DRI Holds IP And Business Litigation Conference In New York

The Voice of the Defense Bar (DRI) will present a two-day conference that will focus on Business Litigation and Intellectual Property on Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, at the New York Hilton, 1335 Avenue of the Americas in New York City.

The segments begin on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. and run through 5:15 p.m. followed at 6:00 p.m. with a Women's Diversity and networking reception and a general networking reception at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday the program begins at 8:00 a.m. and adjourns at 1:35 p.m.

Attendees will hear from seasoned litigators and renowned in-house counsel about techniques for trying, managing and resolving business disputes. Participants will learn about the latest developments and trends in intellectual property

law and business torts, as well as gain insight into how to protect business and intellectual property assets while reducing costs and minimizing legal risks. The panel of corporate counsel and litigators will discuss discovery, trial and ADR strategies and cost-effective approaches to managing litigation across multiple industries.

The speaker and panelists include Cheryl E. Diaz, partner, Thompson & Knight LLP; John Taft, assistant chief intellectual property counsel, 3M Company; and Mark A. Saloman, trial attorney, Proskauer Rose LLP.

For information about available CLE credits and fees, visit CLE Events on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorpocounsel.com](http://www.metrocorpocounsel.com).

To register for the program, call (312) 795-1101 or visit [www.dri.org](http://www.dri.org).

### Akin Gump Explores The Art of Stockholder Agreements

The firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld will present *The Art of Crafting Stockholder Agreements*. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 11 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the offices of Akin Gump, One Bryant Park in New York City. The program is free and includes lunch.

The speaker, Ackneil M. Muldrow, a partner at Akin Gump, will discuss stockholder agreements and how they are critical tools for memorializing how parties want to maintain their relationship after the close of a transaction. Mr. Muldrow will address the numerous questions that arise in connection with the rights that stockholders should seek

to protect in the process. Topics will include what corporate governance rights should be sought with issues such as oversight veto rights over mergers and/or acquisitions. Also under consideration will be the kind and types of liquidity that the agreement will provide stockholders, as well as the economic rights of both the stockholder and the company.

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To register for the program, call (212) 407-3059 or visit <http://info.akingump.com>.

### Norris McLaughlin Discusses LSRP Program In New Jersey

Join Norris McLaughlin on Thursday, March 25, as they present *Beware! The Other Side of the LSPR Program*.

The event is at the offices of Norris McLaughlin, 721 Route 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m.

The new Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) program has caused environmental consulting firms to re-evaluate their risk exposure by revising their contracts with clients and revisiting liability insurance coverage. Attendees will learn how to protect their company from unnecessary liability exposure.

Presenters will include Edward

Hogan; John Vanarthos; Pat Collins; John Lushis; Charles Miller and David Harmon of Norris McLaughlin. The speakers will cover topics including balancing risks, responsibilities and obligations of the LSPR, keeping key employees by using employment agreements and noncompete clauses, protecting your assets and limiting personal liability via the corporate structure and effective risk management.

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To register for the program, call (908) 252-4172 or email Cassie Howlett at [chowlett@nmmlaw.com](mailto:chowlett@nmmlaw.com).

### City Bar Ethics Program Explores Friending, Blogging And Tweeting

On Monday, March 15, the New York City Bar will host *Ethical Issues with Blogging, Friending, Tweeting: What Attorneys Should & Should Not Know*.

The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m. and will be located at the NYC Bar, 42 West 44th Street in New York City.

Participants will take part in a panel

discussion that will explore an issue at the forefront of the legal profession in the 21st century: how attorneys are to navigate in the world of blogs and social networking sites. These Internet tools, which are useful and provide for stimulating debate, can also be minefields for the unwitting attorney, whose conduct is governed by a host of ethics rules and

regulations not applicable to other online users.

Attorneys will learn to avoid breach of ethical obligations such as attorney-client confidences or talking about cases they have worked on. Participants will gain insights to better follow the rules of professional conduct while using such sites as Facebook or Twitter.

The program is chaired by Ina Bort of Kornstein Veisz Wexler & Pollard LLP and sponsored by the litigation section.

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