

# Diversity Update

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## Winter 2008

Groom attorneys participated in a number of recent events:

- ▶ **Mid-Atlantic BLSA Convention** - On January 30, Will Wilder attended the Mid-Atlantic Black Law Students Association Convention held at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City. Will also judged a mock trial competition for the event.
- ▶ **ERISA Career Panel** - On February 26, Groom Law Group hosted its third ERISA Career Panel for law students. This time, the panel presentation was held at George Mason University. The impressive panelists included Kyle Brown from Watson Wyatt & Company, Tom Reeder from the Treasury Department, Vanessa Scott from Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Bill Taylor from the Solicitor's Office, and Groom's own Mark Nielsen. The event was organized by Ellen Goodwin of Groom, and was co-sponsored by George Mason's BLSA, APALSA, HLSA, and GALLA student organizations. Many Groom

attorneys attended to meet students including Jon Breyfogle, Matthew Calloway, Jim Cole, Alex Ryan, Dipal Shah, Roberta Ufford, Will Wilder, and Donald Willis.

- ▶ **George Washington University BLSA Career Panel** – On March 13, Will Wilder served as a panelist for the George Washington University BLSA Career Panel, and discussed his experiences as an employee benefits attorney and practicing at Groom.
- ▶ **APABA Annual Benefit Dinner** - Groom was a sponsor of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Annual Benefit Dinner which was held on March 28 at the National Press Club in Washington DC. This year, APABA's Educational Fund was honored for its many contributions to the legal community over the last 15 years. Lonie Hassel, Jason Lee, Alex Ryan, Dipal Shah, and Will Wilder are among the Groom attorneys who attended the event.