

# Diversity Update

---

## Winter 2007

Groom attorneys participated in a number of recent events:

- ▶ In December of 2006, David Levine participated as a panelist in a program on BLSA Lawyers in Professional Sports, held at ESPN Zone in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Roberta Ufford, chair of our Diversity Committee, attended a Law Firm Diversity conference in Chicago, January 29-30. This two-day conference presented by the American Conference Institute included presentations about best practice law firm diversity programs, including information about recruiting policies and programs, mentoring and attorney development, and diversity training programs.
- ▶ On March 2, Christine Parcelli, our Human Resources Manager, attended the 2007 NALP Diversity Conference in Chicago.
- ▶ On March 6, Christina Crockett and Roberta Ufford attended Howard University's BLSA networking event for first year law students.
- ▶ On March 26, Groom sponsored a second evening presentation to introduce law students to careers in employee benefits law. This time the ERISA Career Panel was held at American University and advertised to student affinity groups at the law school. Panelists were Tom Reeder of Treasury, Gail Perry of the Department of Labor, Michelle Pretlow of Littler, Mendelson, Jim Klein of American Benefits Counsel, and Chris Keller of Groom. The event was organized by Ellen Goodwin of Groom. Many of our attorneys attended to meet students after the presentation including Christina Crockett, John McGuinness, Chris Rillo, Alex Ryan, Dipal Shah and Roberta Ufford.