

# Diversity Update

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Summer 2008

Groom attorneys have participated in a number of events in the past few months:

- ▶ On July 16, 2008, Lonie Hassel attended the 2008 annual awards luncheon of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL). NAWL was founded in 1899 and is the oldest women's bar association in the country. At the luncheon, NAWL was honored, among others, for its policies, programs, and procedures for advancing women attorneys.
- ▶ In July, Will Wilder attended the National Bar Association Annual Convention in Houston. At this convention, he hosted a reception for GW BLSA and the GW Law Alumni Association.
- ▶ In the July-August 2008 edition of *Diversity & The Bar* (a publication of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association), Groom tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place of law firms with the highest percentage of women equity partners (based on data from 205 law firms appearing in the 2008 edition of the *Vault/MCCA Guide to Law Firm Diversity Programs*).
- ▶ Groom again sponsored a booth at the Vault/MCCA Diversity Job Fair in New York City on August 14 and 15. Approximately 1500 law students and law school graduates attended the job fair.
- ▶ On August 8, Lonie Hassel attended "The Conversation," sponsored by NAWL and the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations. This provided a unique forum to discuss with women lawyers from other law firms and bar associations what efforts can be made to drive the advancement of women lawyers. "The Conversation" was moderated by Karen Kahn and John Mitchell of KM Advisors.
- ▶ New Associate Hisham Amin is the President of the Monumental City Bar Association, an African American bar association started by a group of individuals including Thurgood Marshall. It is the oldest minority bar association in Maryland. It is a Maryland affiliate of the National Bar Association, a nationwide African American bar association. He will hold the office of Immediate Past President beginning mid-October. He also belongs to the Defense Research Institute's Life, Health, and Disability Committee's Diversity Subcommittee.
- ▶ On August 30, 2008, Groom participated in the Mid-Atlantic Black Law Students Association's Job Fair. Doug Ell interviewed several students at the Job Fair in Washington, DC.