

BASF Holds Diversity Summit in Preparation for 2015 Report on Diversity Hiring

November 26, 2012 – San Francisco – The Bar Association of San Francisco’s (BASF) Equality Committee recently held a Diversity Summit in order to prepare for the 2015 Goals & Timetables report on diversity in the legal profession. Thought leaders in the Bay Area legal community were brought together to have an honest dialogue, go beyond the numbers and discuss how old approaches have impeded success in the advancement of diversity.

The summit, titled, “Unmasking Diversity” was held on November 13 and included two panels and seven working group discussions. Panelists included Krystal Bowen, Bingham McCutchen; Bakari Brock, Twitter; BASF President Kelly Dermody, Loeff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein; Andrew Hinton, Google; Josetta Jones, Chevron Corporation; Steven Lowenthal, Farella Braun + Martel; Raymond Marshall, Bingham McCutchen; Christophe Mosby, Hewlett-Packard Company; Michael Tubach, O’Melveny & Myers and Robert Van Nest, Kecker & Van Nest.

The afternoon sessions concluded with the 2012 Minority Bar Coalition Unity Awards Reception. The awards are given by bar associations that belong to the Minority Bar Coalition to members who showcase dedication to working in a unified manner to advance the cause of diversity within the legal profession. The following people were selected as their minority bar association’s choice for the 2012 Unity Award:

Micha Liberty, Alameda Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association
Malcolm Yeung, Asian American Bar Association
Jeff Rosen, Asian American Prosecutors Association
Sanjeet Dutta, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley
Myron “Mike” D. Moye, The Bar Association of San Francisco
The Honorable Angela Bradstreet, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom
Robin Pearson, Black Women Lawyers of Northern California
Deborah Broyles, California Minority Counsel Program
The Honorable Charles A. Smiley, Charles Houston Bar Association
Elena Condes, East Bay La Raza
Mark Punzalan, Filipino Bar Association of Northern California
Jang Im, Korean American Bar Association of Northern California
Donato Tapia, San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association
Aileen Casanave, Santa Clara County Black Lawyers Association
Craig Konnoth, South Asian Bar Association of Northern California
Thuy Nguyen, Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California
Mala Sahai, Women Lawyers of Alameda County



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