

Diverse Partners Network Newsletter

October 12, 2012

Dear All,

Set out below is our newsletter for this week. I wish to thank each of you for your support of our Diverse Partners Network.

Remember to submit your notices of events as early in the week as possible. We welcome your suggestions on how we can continue to provide a valuable service to the DPN members.



“Too legit to quit!”

Industry News

A. Scott Bolden Honored with Chamber’s Choice Award

A. Scott Bolden, Managing Partner of Reed Smith’s DC office, will be honored with the DC Chamber of Commerce’s “Chamber’s Choice” award at its annual gala on Saturday, October 27. The Chamber’s Choice Awards Gala is the Chamber’s most prestigious affair attracting over 1,300 of DC’s most prominent leaders, decision-makers, dignitaries and elite sponsors. Tickets and Sponsorships are still available for this black tie event. Please [click here](#) to go to the Gala’s website for additional information.



Singleton McAllister Named “Lawyer With Influence”

OnBeingABlackLawyer.com, in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus meeting last weekend, published a [guide](#) to members of the CBC and staff as well as a list of "Lawyers With Influence, " - and included our own Singleton McAllister on that list. Singleton has been practicing government relations and public policy law for more than 20 years and has served in numerous positions within the U.S. House of Representatives, including Associate Staff on the House Appropriations Committee and as senior counsel to the House Budget Committee. She was appointed by former President Clinton as the general counsel to the United States Agency for International Development. Ms. McAllister was also a former chair of the National Women Business Center and a past president of Women in Government Relations, Inc. Singleton also served as a member of the Advisory Board of the African Development Foundation for ten years. Congratulations Singleton!



Terri Brown-Edwards Elected President of Delaware State Bar Association

Theresa V. Brown-Edwards, a partner in the Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Group of Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, was elected President of the Delaware State Bar Association effective July 1, 2012. She is the first woman of color to be elected to this position. Terri concentrates her practice on corporate reorganization and has significant experience representing Chapter 11 debtors and debtors-in-possession. She also focuses her attention on the protection of creditors' rights, including the representations of official creditors' committees, ad hoc committees, lenders, landlords, equipment and aircraft lessors, and trade creditors. Ms. Brown-Edwards has been recognized by *Chambers USA: American's Leading Lawyers for Business (2011 and 2012)* as a leading lawyer in bankruptcy/restructuring and was also ranked in the 2011 and 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Congratulations Terri!



Gina Simms Joins Ober Kaler's Government Investigations Group

Gina Simms has joined Ober Kaler's Government Investigations and White Collar Defense Group. A former Assistant US Attorney, Ms. Simms has over 17 years of experience in complex white collar and other criminal matters. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Simms served as an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. While there, she was a Criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator who screened health care fraud cases and supervised all aspects of investigations. Ms. Simms also served as an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia for four years. During her tenure as a government attorney, Ms. Simms was an Associate Independent Counsel as part of the team investigating a former Secretary of Labor for campaign finance-related violations. In addition to her litigation experience, Ms. Simms recently served as an Investigative Counsel at the Department of the Interior's Bureau of



Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement. As a member of the Investigations and Review Unit, she pursued allegations of wrongdoing by oil and gas companies engaged in offshore oil production.

Events and Fundraisers

NBA Business Development Conference, Jackson, MS, October 18, 2012

Join the NBA for “A Legacy of Service. A Promise of Justice. Gateway to Success: Navigating a Legal or Corporate Career in a Global Economy” Conference October 18, 2012 at Jackson State University in Jackson, MS. This dynamic one-day conference will feature some of the nation’s most accomplished corporate attorneys and brands. Hosted at the historic Jackson State University, Strategies for Success offers a valuable opportunity for focused professionals looking to sharpen their skills and expand their networks. This year’s conference will feature panelists from many of the top companies in the country. We are also collaborating with the Political Science Department and School of Business at Jackson State University and giving scholarships to students that plan to attend law school. Please go to the NBA’s ‘meetings and events’ [page](#) and log in to register for this event.

Ollie May Cooper Award Presentation on October 23, 2012

On October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., the Washington Bar Association will present the Ollie May Cooper Award to Dovey Johnson Roundtree, Esquire. This program will be held in the Moot Courtroom of the Howard University School of Law. Professor Larry S. Gibson is the lecturer for this event. Dovey J. Roundtree was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. She established a law firm in Northwest Washington, D.C. in 1955 and practiced in the area for most of her legal career. Throughout her career, Ms. Roundtree represented many noteworthy clients and earned the respect of her clients and the legal community. In 2000, the American Bar Association presented her with the coveted Margaret Brent Award, which she donated to the Howard University School of Law. Her granddaughter, Charlene Pritchett Stevenson, will accept the Ollie May Cooper award for Ms. Roundtree. Professor Larry S. Gibson is a practicing attorney and professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law. His book, *Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice*, will be released in the fall. The book examines Justice Marshall's formative years and provides, among other things, a look at what went into forming his personality, his priorities and his work habits. Please join us for this FREE event.



Hispanic Bar Association 35th Anniversary Equal Justice Awards Nov. 8

The Hispanic Bar Association of DC will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Equal Justice Awards on Thursday, November 8 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. For additional information, and to register for the event, please click [here](#).

Delaware Barristers' Louis L. Redding Benefit and Awards Gala

The Delaware Barristers Association, the Delaware affiliate of the NBA, will hold its annual dinner and awards gala on Friday, November 9, at the Hotel Dupont's Gold Ballroom. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7p.m. For more information, and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Girls, Inc. Benefit at Atlas Theater November 27

Girls Inc. of the Washington DC Metro Area will present its Fall Benefit, featuring the Off-Broadway show, *Fried Chicken and Latkes*, at the Atlas Theater. The show, written and performed by Rain Pryor, the daughter of Richard Pryor and Shelley Bonis, centers on growing up bi-racial in America. The benefit will also honor Girls Inc.'s very own trailblazers Roselyn Payne Epps, MD, noted pediatrician and women's health advocate; and Artis Hampshire-Cowan, Secretary and Senior Vice President, Howard University. Individual tickets for this event can be purchased at the Atlas Theater box office or [online](#). For sponsorship information, please [click here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Senior Associate, Privacy, Sidley Austin LLP

The ideal candidate is a fifth to seventh year associate with background in privacy and data security, particularly with some experience with HIPAA. Please contact [Fiona Philip](#) if interested.

Multiple Opportunities, Major, Lindsey & Africa

MLA Global is currently recruiting for multiple in-house positions, in the DC area and nationally. Please go to their [website](#) to view opportunities, and contact [Sonya Olds Som](#) with any questions.

Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, George Washington University

The Director for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) is responsible for leading the Equal Employment Opportunity department for staff positions across the entire University and the campus wide implementation of the affirmative action program. The individual in this role is responsible for implementing initiatives which support the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion and in recruitment, selection, and employment. Interested parties should contact [Marian Carrington](#) for additional details and a full copy of the job description.

General Counsel, Steben & Company, Rockville, MD

Steben & Company is seeking a new General Counsel with 8-12+ years of experience in financial services, including top tier law firm training and in-house financial services experience. Experience with the '33, '34 and '40 Act are important as is exposure to alternative investment products, including commodity pools. They offer a very competitive salary and a discretionary bonus for the right candidate. The legal department and the company itself is very collegial and offers the chance to do cutting edge legal work as the company brings out new products. For more information please contact [Denise Rubin](#) at LateralLink.

Assistant Attorney General, Maryland State Retirement & Pension System

The Office of the Attorney General is seeking applicants for an Assistant Attorney General vacancy at the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System. The position will represent the Agency's procurement unit and provide legal advice regarding the distribution of retirement benefits. Responsibilities include reviewing and/or drafting and approving RFPs and contracts, handling change orders, amendments and defaults, and providing advice on the procurement process. In addition, the position will provide administration of and advice regarding all domestic relations orders, guardianship orders, powers of attorney, child support orders, taxes, and other liens. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of five years legal experience, and admission to the Maryland Bar is required. Must be detail-oriented and have excellent analytical, writing and research skills. Familiarity with family law, procurement law, pension law or administrative law is preferred. Interested persons should submit their resumes to Deborah B. Bacharach, Principal Counsel, Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, 120 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by close of business on **Monday, October 15, 2012**.

Litigation Fellow, Cohen Milstein

The Public Client Practice at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC is accepting applications for a special litigation fellow with 4-6 years of experience. Cohen Milstein's nationally recognized Public Client Practice offers a unique opportunity to represent states and municipalities as outside counsel in civil law enforcement investigations and litigation. State Attorneys General engage the Public Client Practice on high-profile and high-stakes matters that serve important policy interests, such as stopping widespread consumer and health care fraud. Our extensive portfolio includes litigation and investigations in the mortgage, banking, health care, labor and education industries, as well as a bipartisan client list. Excellent academic credentials and superb legal research and writing skills are required. Applicants who have completed federal or state supreme court clerkships (not internships / externships) are strongly preferred. Experience litigating complex cases, including handling large-scale civil discovery and drafting substantive briefs and motions, both with minimal supervision, is required. A background in the areas of consumer protection, health care fraud and false claims is desirable. Candidates also must demonstrate the sophistication necessary to interact with high-level government officials and the discretion required to manage confidential information. Strong organizational and time-management skills are necessary, as is the ability to work independently. The position is at will, the fellowship has a two year term, with the potential for longer-term employment dependent upon the needs of the Public Client Practice. Salary is commensurate with experience. Applicants should e-mail a resume and law school transcript to [Shehani Goonewardena](mailto:Shehani.Goonewardena).

Asst. Attorney General, Labor, Licensing & Regulation (Part-time)

The Office of the Attorney General is seeking applicants for a Part-Time (50%) Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation. Primary responsibilities of this position involve representing the Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors in enforcement cases before the Office of Administrative Hearings and on appeal in circuit courts throughout the State. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of three years of litigation experience, excellent writing skills, and admission to the Maryland Bar. Interested persons should submit their resumes to Susan M. Cherry, Chief of Litigation, Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, 500 North Calvert Street, Suite 406, Baltimore, MD 21202, by close of business on **Friday, October 12, 2012**.

Paralegal at Cohen Milstein

Cohen Milstein seeks an entry-level paralegal to work with the Antitrust Practice Group of the firm. This position involves assisting attorneys with all aspects of antitrust litigation.

on a full-time basis. This position requires attention to detail, flexibility with overtime hours, strong analytical and interpersonal skills, a team-player attitude, the ability to work independently, and to handle multiple priorities. A four-year degree with strong academic credentials is required. Experience with internet research, LEXIS/NEXIS, Westlaw, Microsoft Access, and prior related experience are pluses. We offer a competitive salary, excellent benefits, and a wonderful work environment. Candidate must be available to start very soon. Regular hours will be from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Preference will be given to candidates who will make a two-year minimum commitment to the position. Candidates should note any foreign language skills in their cover letter and resume. Qualified candidates should submit their resume and a cover letter by **October 17, 2012** to [Shehani Goonewardena](#)

Attorney, NBC Sports Group, Stamford, CT

Interested applicants should visit [NBCUniCareers.com](#), set up an account, and search for job numbers 7116BR, 7117BR and 7118BR.

For additional opportunities, please check the Metropolitan Corporate Counsel's [Hot Jobs List](#)

Announcements

Judges Needed for DC Moot Court Competition November 10

The Annual William H. Karchmer Local High School Moot Court Competition, proudly presented by the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 at the AU's Washington College of Law. If you are interested in judging the competition, please [click here](#) to sign up.

For more information about the Diverse Partners Network, please contact Benjamin F. Wilson at bwilson@bdlaw.com.