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Message from the Directors

Chinese Business Lawyers Association (“CBLA”) is now alive. The opening ceremony was a great success. We sincerely appreciate your support and participation, and will continue to bring you quality events on a regular basis. Please join our facebook group and stay tuned at our website www.cblalaw.org.

Review of Opening Ceremony, April 9, 2009



*Jeff Lehman (middle front), Stuart Cable (second from right), Matthew Kerfoot (center back), Leifan Wang (second from right), Jeff Zhang (fourth from right) and certain CBLA directors.



Chancellor Bill Allen gave the opening remarks.

The opening ceremony was held on the evening of April 9 at the offices of Goodwin Procter in the New York Times Building. At the event, Bill Allen (former Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery) gave the opening remarks and a strong panel shared with audience their perspectives on law, business, career and China. The panel consisted of Stuart Cable (partner, Goodwin Procter), Joyce Xu (senior counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett) and Matthew Kerfoot (senior vice president, HSBC USA).



Panel Discussion



Encouragingly, the event was significantly oversubscribed with a total of 122 attendees, including 81 U.S.-qualified lawyers. Of those lawyers, 68 registered as members of the CBLA on the spot.

Our members come from approximately 40 employers, including 9 of the top 10 law firms (based on Vault 2009 prestige ranking), and obtained their U.S. law degrees from 20 law schools, including 14 of the top 15 (based on US News 2008 ranking). Our members also reflect a wide diversity in terms of ethnicity, country of origin, non-law experience and seniority - their law school class years range over a quarter of a century, from 1982 to 2008.

At the directors' special invitation, a select group of non-lawyer professionals, from investment and commercial banks, private equity funds, hedge funds, rating agencies, government and academia, also attended the opening ceremony. Certain representatives of law students from the NYC-area law schools attended as well.

Cooperation With the Peking University Transnational School of Law



A distinguished guest, Jeff Lehman, met with CBLA directors and attended the reception of the CBLA opening ceremony. Mr. Lehman was the dean of Michigan Law School, where he largely succeeded in defending the law school's affirmative action admission policies, and then president of Cornell University. Since 2007, Mr. Lehman has served as chancellor and founding dean of the Peking University School of Transnational Law (北京大学国际法学院 or "STL") located in Shenzhen. It is China's first American-style law school, where courses are taught in English using the Socratic method with a curriculum designed for a J.D. degree. During he meeting with Mr. Lehman, we discussed the partnership between CBLA and STL. The potential joint programs may include CBLA visiting attorneys' seminars, hosting/mentoring programs for the STL students and establishment of a Center for Business Law Studies.

Upcoming Events

April 24, 2009 – Dinner with Visitors from Zhong Lun Law Firm

Join us for a casual night of dinner in midtown with Yun ZHOU (周贇) from Zhong Lun Law Firm's Shanghai Office (中伦律师事务所) and some of the CBLA directors. Explore the topic of what it is like to have US legal training and international firm background but practice law as a partner in a Chinese law firm.

As we have previously advertised, the dinner party is limited to ten people. Please RSVP to Catherine Pan at cpan@goodwinprocter.com. First RSVP first admitted.

May 30-31, 2009 – “China and the Global Financial Tsunami” Conference

CBLA is co-sponsoring with the Overseas Young Chinese Forum (“OYCF”) and The Chinese Finance Association (“TCFA”) a conference on “China and the Global Financial Tsunami.” A number of the CBLA members are going to speak at the conference, including Joyce Xu from Simpson Thacher, Catherine Pan from Goodwin Procter, Pengyu He from Davis Polk, Angela Zhang from Devoise and Sean Cai from Barclays, along with many distinguished speakers from academia (e.g. Gregory Chow, Princeton), industry (e.g. Chi-fu Huang, formerly Goldman Sachs) and government (e.g. Bin Qi, CSRC). It will also be a great opportunity for participants from many disciplines to connect and share information amid this global economic downturn.

- Time: May 30 and/or 31, 2009
- Venue: Wagner College, One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301

For registration info, please go to <http://www.oycf.org/oycfold/httpdocs/index.html>

More to Come...

Practice Seminar Followed by Career Roundtable

Alex HAO from Vinson & Elkins and Jie ZHU from White & Case will share their experience and expertise in M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances in China in our first practice seminar, followed by a career roundtable in the next few weeks. Details are to follow soon.

Social Night

Our first happy hour will be coming soon... Stay tuned.

Look Forward to Seeing You...

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