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## Recent CBLA Professional Events - Capital Markets & Career Seminars

In collaboration with China Institute, NYU School of Law and Skadden, CBLA recently sponsored a career seminar and a capital markets seminar and panel discussion.

### January 14, 2010 - Capital Markets Seminar and Panel Discussion

On January 14, 2010, CBLA organized a seminar and panel discussion entitled “Chinese Companies’ Access to U.S. Capital Markets.”



The event was co-sponsored by the law firm **Skadden Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP** and **China Institute** at Skadden’s New York office. The panel was composed of four capital markets experts: **Robert M. Chilstrom** (Partner, Skadden), **Crocker Coulson** (President, CCG Investor Relations), **Lawrence Wizel** (Director &

Audit Comm. Chairman, American Oriental Biotech Co. Ltd., 3SBIO, Inc., and Puda Coal, Inc.) and **David Y. Wong** (Managing Director, Investment Banking, Newbridge Securities Corporation). The event was hosted by **Vincent Jiang** from Skadden; the panel was moderated by **Catherine X. Pan** from Goodwin Procter LLP.



(From left to right: Catherine X. Pan, Lawrence Wizel, David Y. Wong, Crocker Coulson, and Robert M. Chilstrom.)



(Robert M. Chilstrom, Skadden.)

The panel discussed issues including different avenues for Chinese companies to access U.S. capital markets and the pros and cons of U.S. capital markets as compared to other capital

markets. The panelists also expressed their respective views regarding the current status and trend of capital markets deals for Chinese companies. The panelists drew from their expertise in investment banking, investor relations, accounting and auditing, law and business, and engaged the audience in in-depth discussions.



*(Lawrence Wizel, Director & Audit Comm. Chairman, American Oriental Biotech Co. Ltd., 3SBIO, Inc., and Puda Coal, Inc.)*

The seminar drew an audience of over 100 people, including members and friends of CBLA and China Institute, as well as guests of Skadden. The event also received enthusiastic media attention. Journalists from The New York Times, London Times, Xinhua News Agency, Ta Kung Pao, Beijing Review, China Business News, and other agencies attended the event. For media coverage, please see the article attached.



*(From left to right: Vincent Jiang, Catherine X. Pan, Meng Ru, and Xiaohu Ma.)*

Skadden provided food, facilities and personnel

services for the seminar. CBLA would like to thank Skadden for its generous support.

### November 19, 2009 - Career Seminar at NYU School of Law

On November 19, 2009, CBLA and the NYU Asia Law Society co-sponsored a seminar at NYU Law School on the practice of law in and related to Asia. The panelists included **Toby Myerson** (Partner and Co-Head of Mergers & Acquisitions, Paul Weiss), **Jonathan Pan** (Managing Partner, New York Office of King & Wood), **Puneet Arora** (Principal/Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers), **Evan Jowers** (Kinney Recruiting; Author of the Asia Chronicles at AboveTheLaw.com) and CBLA's own **Nan-I Chen** (Counsel, Barclays Capital) and **Alex Yong Hao** (Senior Associate, Vinson & Elkins). The panel was moderated by **Alex Heckscher**, President of the NYU Asia Law Society and CBLA's VP for Law Schools.



*(From left to right: Jonathan Pan, Evan Jowers and Alex Heckscher.)*



*(From left to right: Jonathan Pan, Puneet Arora,*

*Evan Jowers, Toby Myerson, Nan-I Chen and Alex Yong Hao.)*

The panelists shared with the audience (which consisted of mostly law firm associates and law students) their perspectives on how to develop a successful legal career in Asia and in the U.S.



Based on the tremendous positive feedback from the audience, CBLA intends to organize additional career related events in the future.

### Recent CBLA Social Events - The Holiday Festivities

We had three holiday events in the past winter and many attended all!

### February 12, 2010 - Year of Tiger Dinner Banquet



On the evening of February 12, 2010, CBLA held a Year of the Tiger Dinner Banquet at **Cafetasia**,

where wood-slatted walls, tropical greenery and a presiding Buddha make up a stylish backdrop for the Eastern-inspired cuisine. Following dinner, our members and friends continued the festivities at Vol de Nuit and the 8th Street Winecellar.



*(From left to right: Nan-I Chen, Qing Wang, and Xiaohu Ma.)*

About forty people, including a fair number of senior professionals, gathered together to ring in the Chinese New Year of the Tiger, which coincides with Valentine's Day this year.



*(From left to right: our two Events VPs, Mingzhang Zeng and Esther Chiang, and our director Xiaoyan Zhang.)*

At the dinner, our directors Meng Ru and Xiaoyan Zhang introduced the new CBLA leadership team to our dinner participants. The Tiger Dinner is one of the largest social events CBLA has organized to date.



### December 18, 2009 - Karaoke Night at K-One

This was our second Karaoke event at K-One, but our singing stars were not a bit tired! Xiaowen Qiu's "黄土高坡" ("Yellow Mud Hills") opened up the atmosphere, followed by Jonathan Pan's and Catherine Pan's PAN Duet "又见炊烟". Min Yuan kicked it up another notch by his "死了也要爱". It was already mid-night and people still did not want to give up the microphone!

### December 12, 2009 - Tea & Conversation at The Radiance Tea House



About 20 people joined our Saturday afternoon tea gathering held at the beautiful **Radiance Tea House** conveniently located in mid-town Manhattan. Attendees observed the traditional Taiwanese style tea ceremony demonstration while enjoying sumptuous Dim Sum and the aroma of many selections of teas such as Oriental Beauty (东方美人) and Golden Root

Pu'er (红景天普洱).



### New Leadership Team

CBLA is proud to announce its new team of Directors and Officers, effective as of February 3, 2010. Specifically, please welcome **Daniel Yeh** and **Nan-I Chen** to join our existing seven-Director team. With the addition of ten new VPs,

we look forward to another exciting year under the expanded leadership.



Here is our new leadership team:

Nine Directors:

- Sean Xiang CAI (蔡祥), Barclays Capital;
- Nan-I CHEN (陳南翊), Barclays Capital;
- Alex Yong HAO (郝勇), Vinson & Elkins; Vincent Zhenyu
- JIANG (姜震宇), Skadden Arps (Hong Kong);
- Catherine Xichun PAN (潘惜唇), Goodwin Procter;
- Meng RU (茹萌), Akin Gump;
- Daniel YEH (葉以理), Weil Gotshal;
- Xiaoyan ZHANG (张晓燕), Kirkland & Ellis; and
- Jie ZHU (祝捷), Milbank (Hong Kong).

Ten Officers:

- VP of Logistics: Stephanie Yue CAO (曹跃), Boutique Firm;
- VP of Marketing: Steve Xi CHEN (陈晞), Jones Day;
- VP of Technology: Yong CHEN (陈勇), Baker Botts;
- VP of Events: Esther Tun-Yu CHIANG (江惇裕), Sidley Austin;
- VP of Administration: Jerry Jianwei FANG (方建伟), Columbia Law School;
- VP of Law Schools: Alexander HECKSCHER (何显德), NYU School of Law;
- VP of China: Simon Bun Wo MUI (梅品和), Debevoise & Plimpton (Shanghai);
- VP of Events: Mingzhang ZENG (曾铭章), Sidley Austin; and
- VP of Media: Lawrence Zhan ZHANG (张展), Fordham Law School.

## Movers and Shakers

CBLA congratulates **Peter Chen** on his move to DeHeng (德衡) Law Firm as a partner in DeHeng's New York office. Prior to joining DeHeng, Mr. Chen was regional tax leader/partner at Deloitte & Touche. His practice encompasses inbound and outbound China/U.S. transactions, with a focus on tax representation and planning for corporations and individuals in both the U.S. and China. Mr. Chen is an active member of CBLA.

CBLA congratulates **Joyce Yusi Xu** (Columbia Law School, J.D. 2000) on her election as a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, effective January 1, 2010. Ms. Xu's practice focuses on advising financial institutions, corporate clients, hedge funds and private equity funds on the structuring, negotiation and documentation of equity derivative transactions and other types of derivative transactions. Ms. Xu has been a frequent speaker and active member of CBLA, including speaking at CBLA's inauguration ceremony.

## About CBLA

Chinese Business Lawyers Association, Inc. ([www.cblalaw.org](http://www.cblalaw.org)) is a New York non-profit organization founded in early 2009 by seven U.S. lawyers with Chinese background. CBLA is a unique global forum of professional and social exchanges for lawyers, law students and other professionals of all ethnic backgrounds with an interest in China.

CBLA now maintains a database of 527 members and friends, including 325 lawyers (270 in New York) – 90 of whom are paying members, 139 students (mostly at U.S. law schools), 61 non-lawyer professionals (mostly finance professionals), one law professor and one judge.

Since its inception, CBLA has successfully organized a number of professional and social events in New York. Our major professional events include the following:

- *April 9, 2009*: Opening ceremony at Goodwin Procter. Bill Allen, former Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery, delivered the opening remarks. A panel consisting of Stuart Cable (Goodwin Procter), Joyce Xu (Simpson Thacher) and Matthew Kerfoot (HSBC) shared their perspectives on law, business, career and China.
  - *June 11, 2009*: Inaugural seminar on "China M&A, Joint Venture and Strategic Alliances" at Vinson & Elkins. Xiaolin Zhou and John Du of the New York office of Jun He Law Offices discussed M&A related laws, career and business development.
  - *September 10, 2009*: Seminar on "China's New Antitrust Law, a Global Perspective" at Crowell & Moring. The panel was composed of experts in antitrust laws in U.S., China, EU and Canada: Robert Lipstein and Olivier Antoine (Crowell & Moring), Jonathan Pan (King & Wood) and Peter Glossop (Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt).
  - *November 19, 2009*: Panel discussion on "Asia Private Practice" at NYU School of Law (organized together with NYU Asia Law Society). The panel consisted of Toby Myerson (Paul Weiss), Jonathan Pan (King & Wood), Puneet Arora (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Evan Jowers (Kinney Recruiting), Nan-I Chen (Barclays Capital) and Alex Hao (Vinson & Elkins).
  - *January 14, 2010*: Seminar on "Chinese Companies' Access to U.S. Capital Markets" at Skadden Arps (organized together with China Institute). The panel was made up of Robert Chilstrom (Skadden Arps), Croker Coulson (CCG Investor Relations), Lawrence Wizel (Independent Director) and David Wong (Newbridge Securities).
- Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) and The Chinese Finance Association (TCFA). Two CBLA directors participated as panelists at the conference.
- *August 29, 2009*: Conference on "Wall Street under the Financial Crisis: Opportunities and Challenges to the Financial Industry in the U.S. and China" at Columbia Business School, co-sponsored with Fudan University Alumni Association USA and Peking University Alumni Association of Greater New York. Three CBLA members and directors participated as moderators.

Recently, CBLA has expanded its board from seven to nine directors, established an officer team of ten, and adopted a comprehensive strategic plan for 2010 with the goal of further enriching the CBLA experience for our members and friends. CBLA has in the pipeline a significant number of professional and social events, and also will unveil diverse programs tailored to specific audiences. Our professional events will cover a wide range of important and timely topics including securities litigation, intellectual property and bankruptcy. We are confident that we will give our members and friends an even more productive and entertaining experience during 2010.

For any questions or comments, including regarding individual or corporate membership, please email [membership@cblalaw.org](mailto:membership@cblalaw.org).

CBLA also has been active in co-sponsoring relevant events with other professional organizations in New York. Our major co-sponsored events include the following:

- *May 30, 2009*: Conference on "China and the Global Financial Tsunami" at Wagner College, co-sponsored with The