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Debra Belott



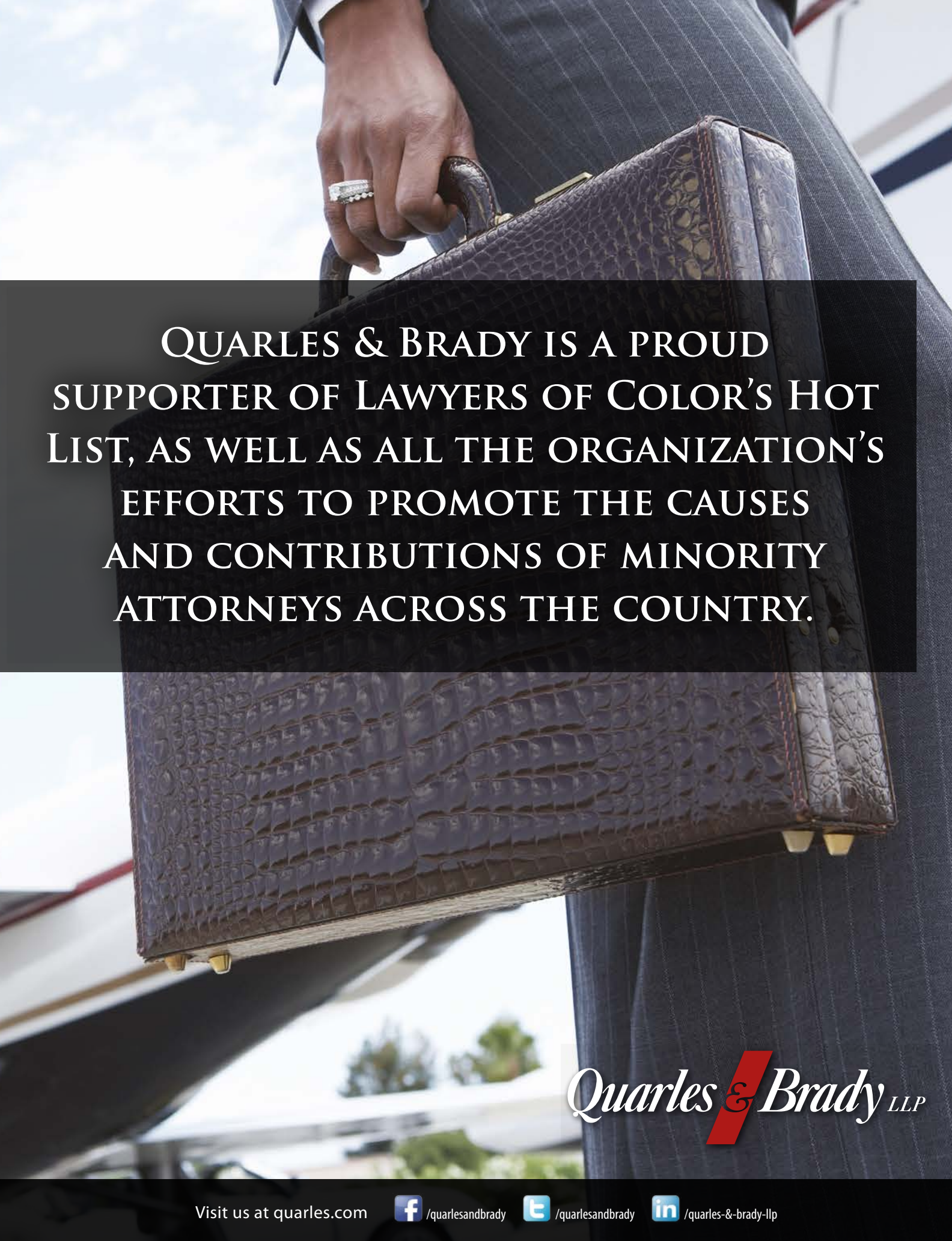
Samir Kaushik



Dash Cooper





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Well done, Wakaba.



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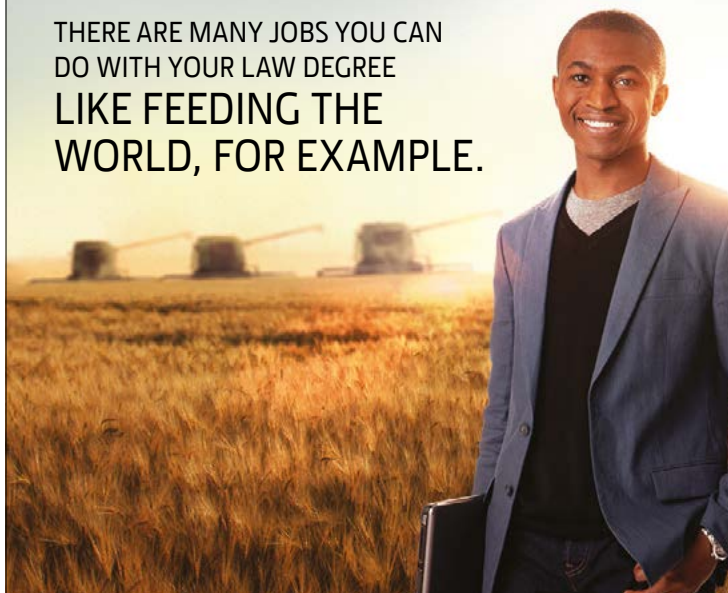
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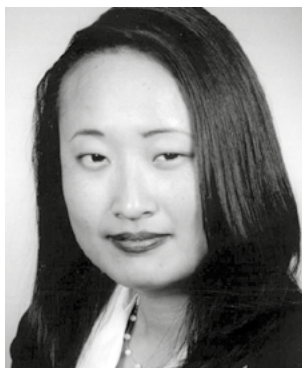
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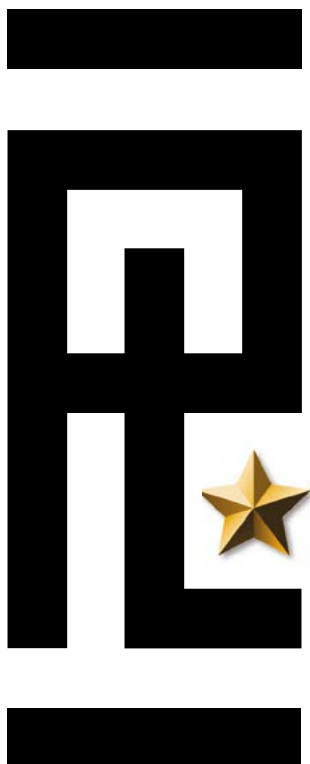
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The Honorable
Andrew L. Carter Jr.

United States Magistrate Judge
for the Eastern District of New York

Judge Andrew L. Carter, Jr. is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Harvard Law School. After law school, Judge Carter served as a fellow for the Ford Foundation. Following this, Judge Carter worked as a public defender where he provided defense representation to those unable to afford a lawyer through the Legal Aid Society and then later through the Federal Defenders of New York, where by the end of his tenure he was Supervising Attorney. In June 2009, Judge Carter was appointed Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, where he primarily handles civil cases, in addition to criminal matters.

From 2005 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Carter worked for the Federal Defenders of New York, first as a staff attorney and then as a supervising attorney. From 1996 until 2005, he was an attorney at the Legal Aid Society, working in the Federal Defender Division from 2000 to 2005 and in the Criminal Defense Division from 1996 to 2000. Judge Carter was a program assistant at the Ford Foundation from 1994 to 1996. He received his J.D. in 1994 from Harvard Law School and his B.A. in 1991 from the University of Texas at Austin.

As a law student Judge Carter co-founded the BELL Foundation, which now provides students across the country with educational summer and after school activities in low-income communities. Judge Carter continues to serve on the board of the foundation, which provides services to thousands of New York City children each year.



The Honorable
Edmond E-Min Chang

United States District Judge
for the Northern District of Illinois

In December 2010, the Senate unanimously confirmed Edmond Chang as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. At that time, Judge Chang was the youngest federal judge in the nation. He is the first Asian-Pacific American Article III federal judge in Illinois, and the second APA Article III judge outside of the East and West Coasts. Judge Chang parent's emigrated from Taiwan to the United States in the 1960s.

Before joining the judiciary, Judge Chang was an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, starting in 1999. After prosecuting a wide variety of federal offenses, including child exploitation, firearms, and drug trafficking crimes, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of the General Crimes Section in January 2004. In July 2005, he was selected to serve as the Chief of Appeals of the criminal division. In this role, Judge Chang supervised the government's litigation in the Seventh Circuit in approximately 350 appeals, and personally handled over 30 appeals.

From 1997 to 1999, Judge Chang practiced employment law at Sidley Austin. Before private practice, Judge Chang served two federal judicial clerkships, with Judge James L. Ryan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and then-Chief Judge Marvin E. Aspen of the Northern District of Illinois.

Since 1996, Judge Chang has taught Civil Rights Litigation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law. Judge Chang earned his law degree with honors from Northwestern, where he served on the Northwestern University Law Review. He earned with honors a Bachelor's of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.



The Honorable
Jay C. Gandhi

United States Magistrate Judge
for the Central District of California

Judge Jay C. Gandhi is a United States Magistrate Judge for the Central District of California. Prior to his appointment, Judge Gandhi was a litigation partner at Paul Hastings LLP, a leading international law firm. Judge Gandhi practiced law for 12 years at Paul Hastings. He specialized in complex business litigation and class actions, and practiced in a variety of state and federal jurisdictions. He represented both plaintiffs and defendants, and his practice areas included securities and finance, real estate, intellectual property, employment, professional negligence and general commercial litigation. During his tenure at Paul Hastings, Judge Gandhi also served as Vice-Chair of the firm's Orange County office and as its Chair of Associate Development.

Judge Gandhi is also an alumnae of the Trial Attorney Partnership with the Orange County District Attorney's office where he worked on a full-time basis as a volunteer Deputy District Attorney.

Judge Gandhi is committed to alternative dispute resolution. He is currently a Vice-Chair of the Court's ADR Committee, and a former Co-Chair of the ADR Committee of the ABA's Litigation Section. Judge Gandhi also sits on the Court's Magistrate Judges Committee, which oversees the selection, appointment, and reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judges.

Judge Gandhi is a board member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Los Angeles and a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Executive Committee for the Litigation Section.

Judge Gandhi is also a board member of SAHARA. SAHARA was founded in 1991, and provides support services to survivors of domestic violence, including safe transitional housing, legal advocacy, mental health counseling, and educational programming.

Prior to joining Paul Hastings, Judge Gandhi was a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt. Judge Gandhi graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Southern California Law School.



The Honorable
George Jarrod Hazel

United States District Judge
for the Southern District of Maryland

United States District Judge George Jarrod Hazel was born in Queens, NY in 1975. He graduated from Morehouse College, cum laude, in 1996 and from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1999. Judge Hazel began his legal career as an associate at the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Washington, DC from 1999 to 2004. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia from 2005 to 2008 and in the District of Maryland from 2008 to 2010 where he served as Southern Division coordinator for Project EXILE. From 2011 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Hazel served as Chief Deputy State's Attorney for Baltimore, Maryland.

On September 25, 2013, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Hazel to serve as a United States District Judge. On May 1, 2014, the United States Senate confirmed his nomination and he received his judicial commission on May 2, 2014

Judge Hazel serves on the Board of Deacons at the Metropolitan Baptist Church and is a member of the Lawyers Round Table of Baltimore, Maryland.



The Honorable
Abdul Karim Kallon

United States District Judge
for the Northern District of Alabama

Judge Abdul Karim Kallon was born in 1969 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Judge Kallon graduated from Dartmouth College in 1990 and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1993. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable U.W. Clemon, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama.

After his clerkship, Judge Kallon joined the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in Birmingham, Alabama, where he became a partner and practiced labor and employment law.

On July 31, 2009, President Barack Obama on July 31, 2009 nominated Judge Kallon to a seat vacated by the Honorable U.W. Clemon. On November 21, 2009, Judge Kallon was confirmed by the Senate. He received his commission on January 4, 2010.



The Honorable
Diana Saldaña

United States District Judge
for the Southern District of Texas

Judge Diana Saldaña was born in 1971 in Carrizo Springs, Texas. She was raised by Blanca Hernandez Rodriguez, a single mother. Beginning at the age of 10 and continuing through law school, Judge Saldaña spent summers with her family as a seasonal farmworker in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Judge Saldaña graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with degrees in history and government. She attended the University of Texas School of Law serving as president of the Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association. After graduating from the University of Texas School of Law in 1997, Judge Saldaña served as law clerk for Judge George P. Kazen of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

In 2006, Judge Saldaña was selected to serve as a magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. On July 14, 2010, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Saldaña to replace George P. Kazen, for whom she previously clerked. On February 7, 2011 her nomination was confirmed by the Senate by a unanimous vote.



Hot List Honorees had a magnificent time at the **Eastern Hot List Reception 2014** hosted by Sullivan & Cromwell in their New York office. CTV and BNN news anchor Chitra Nawblatt emceed the event, which also included remarks by Sullivan & Cromwell partner Bill Snipes and Hot List Honoree Heather Mitchell, as well as Lawyers Of Color publisher, Yolanda Young. Photographer, Thomas Hawkins.













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Ali Fawaz is a senior Associate in Proskauer's Tax Department based in New York. Ali's practice focuses on executive compensation and employee benefits, with a focus on the representation of purchasers and target companies in strategic acquisitions and private equity buyouts. Ali also counsels private and public companies on the structure and design of executive compensation arrangements in corporate transactions, and on the negotiation of high-level executive compensation and termination arrangements. Ali was named a 2013 "Rising Star" by New York Super Lawyers, a distinction awarded to less than 2.5% of New York metropolitan lawyers under 40. Beginning in the fall of 2014, Ali will serve as the Assistant Vice Chair of the Federal Securities Laws subcommittee of the Employee Benefits Committee of the ABA's Section of Taxation.



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Alice H. Wang represents clients in a wide range of complex and commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Pierce Atwood, Alice served as judicial extern in the Pro Se department, Northern District of California. Previously, Alice was a Summer Honors Law Program Intern for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a summer associate with Pierce Atwood. Before attending law school, Alice worked as a economic and financial consultant for a leading global consulting firm and a research, consulting, and advisory firm focused on higher education.



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Alison L. Moore is a Managing Director and Associate General Counsel at JPMorgan. As a senior legal advisor in JPMorgan's Corporate and Investment Bank, Alison advises on legal and commercial matters with a particular focus on products and services provided to investment fund clients (both registered and alternative funds). In addition to her responsibilities as a trusted business partner, Alison is responsible for the management and development of a team of seasoned attorneys. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Adams Street Foundation (the non-profit arm of the Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice) and is the 30th Anniversary Alumni Committee- Co-Chair for (and proud alumni of) the Oliver Scholars Program.



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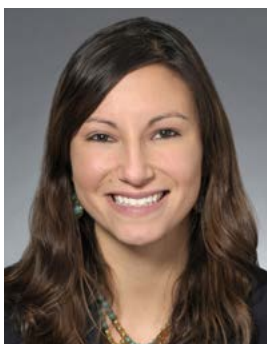
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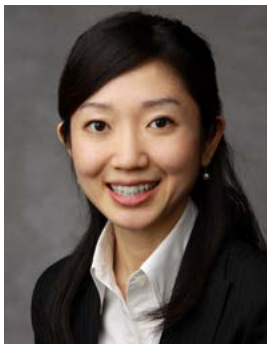


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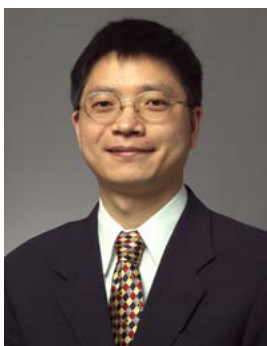


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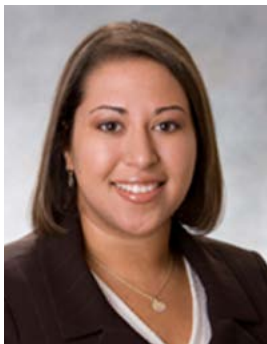


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Hot List Honorees had a magnificent time at the **Western Hot List Reception 2014** hosted by Morgan Lewis in their San Francisco office. Akilah Monifa emceed the event, which also included remarks by Morgan Lewis partner, Daniel Johnson, Jr. and Hot List Honorees Miho Kubota of Wells Fargo and Gabriel Reynoso of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, as well as Lawyers Of Color's Natalie Gunn. Photographer, Cazzle Coronel.













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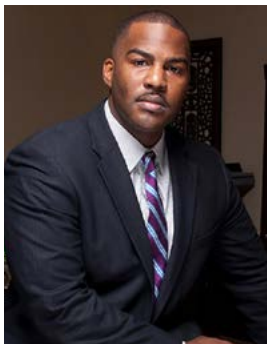


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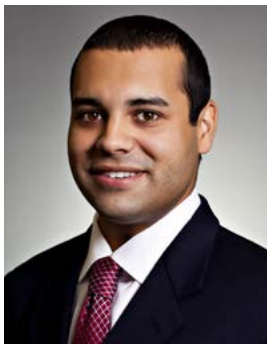
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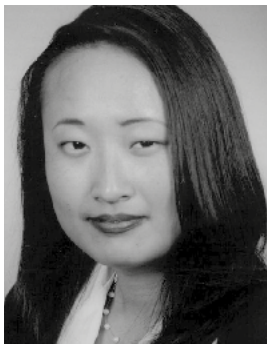


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