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Women's Initiative Network

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Welcome

Reach. Advance. Succeed. Those, simply stated, are the goals of the firm's Women's Initiative Network (WIN), as we strive to recruit talented women attorneys, foster their professional advancement, and help them build satisfying and successful careers.

In this issue of the WIN newsletter, you'll learn about the firm's most recent efforts to promote those goals. You'll also have a chance to read about the latest Women's Leadership Series luncheon featuring noted entrepreneur Donna Dubinsky, learn about how antitrust partner Susan Creighton made the transition from the Federal Trade Commission back to the firm, and get some "Strategies for Success" tips from technology transactions partner Cathy Kirkman, among other features. We've also included a facebook of our women partners and spotlighted some of the remarkable achievements of our female attorneys.

We hope that you'll enjoy this edition of the WIN newsletter and come away with a better sense of the firm's commitment to providing our women attorneys with a fulfilling work environment.

Sincerely,




John Roos
Chief Executive Officer

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI HOSTS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SERIES FORUM

With her trademark wit and candor, Donna Dubinsky—the executive who helped make PDAs and smartphones part of everyday life—delivered a lively portrait of her standout career to the more than 200 attendees at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Women's Leadership Series luncheon. The popular annual event took place on April 20, 2007, at the Four Seasons hotel in East Palo Alto, California.



In his introduction, firm chairman Larry Sonsini called Donna "a visionary, innovator, strategist, and entrepreneur," and she quickly lent credence to these claims in her talk. She traced her path from various marketing and operations positions at Apple Computer and its software subsidiary, Claris, to CEO of Palm, co-founder of Handspring, and, currently, co-founder, CEO, and board chair of Numenta. Along the way, she garnered "Lessons of an Entrepreneur," which she shared with the audience.

Donna explained how from the very start of Palm in the early 1990s, the company understood that the future of personal computing lay not in desktops but in handheld devices that would work in conjunction with those desktops—an approach that helped distinguish Palm's personal digital assistant, or PDA, from earlier devices that had failed to catch on in the market. With this vision in mind, they designed the now-famous PalmPilot to be compact, easy to use, reasonably priced, and easily synchronized with PCs. The result was one of the fastest-selling personal electronic devices in history when it was introduced in 1996, despite the fact that the company lacked a substantial sales force and relied primarily on wildly enthusiastic word of mouth from gadget-oriented business professionals who championed the new device.

She also was frank in detailing the times she and her business associates got it wrong. When Handspring was ready to launch its initial PDA in 1999, the company decided to bypass brick-and-mortar stores and sell the Visor exclusively over the Web. Unfortunately, Internet infrastructure for receiving and filling sales orders was still in its infancy, and the result was chaos. "Addresses were truncated, orders were duplicated—we ended up shipping Visors to everyone we thought *might* have ordered one," Donna said. Handspring recovered quickly, though, and within a year managed to capture 25 percent of the PDA market. However, trouble loomed once again when the dot.com bubble burst a couple of years later, resulting in lower demand for the Visor than the company had anticipated. Donna and her colleagues made the hard call to halt development of new Visor handhelds and focus instead on the smartphone market, resulting in the introduction of the innovative and highly successful Treo.

In 2003, realizing that they had complementary technologies and strategies, Handspring and Palm merged, with Donna appointed to the board, where she continues to serve today.

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Program News

FIRM EXPANDS CHILDCARE AND ELDERCARE BENEFIT OFFERINGS

Knowing how vital good childcare is to our employees, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati recently made a number of enhancements to its benefits package, adding in-home childcare and eldercare components, as well as a nanny-referral service.

In addition to the arrangements previously in place—which includes up to 15 days per year of backup childcare per child at Bright Horizons daycare facilities in Palo Alto, San Francisco, New York, and Washington, D.C.—the firm has added the following benefits:

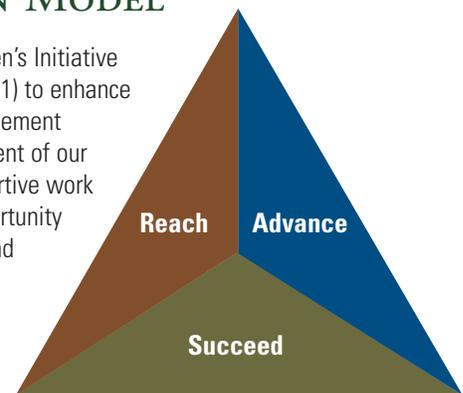
BackUp Care Advantage (BUCA): Available at all Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati office locations, BUCA offers in-home backup care for children and adult dependents, including care for those who are mildly ill. Since BUCA is part of the Bright Horizons network, parents in the Bay Area, New York, and Washington, D.C., may divide their annual 15-day childcare allotment between in-home care and drop-off care at Bright Horizons facilities.

Children's Creative Learning Centers (CCLC): An additional five days of backup care per child per year is now available at CCLC locations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Nanny Network: A service of CCLC, the Nanny Network program offers families streamlined help with finding pre-screened nannies. The service was rolled out to the firm's Bay Area offices as a pilot program in order to evaluate its effectiveness.

WIN MODEL

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Women's Initiative Network (WIN) encompasses three goals: 1) to enhance the firm's recruiting, retention, and advancement efforts; 2) to support the career development of our female attorneys; and 3) to foster a supportive work environment that gives attorneys the opportunity to find satisfaction in their professional and personal lives. The WIN Committee is developing specific goals in each of these areas for 2007 and beyond.



Reach

Recruiting and Building Community

The firm reaches out to women with wide-ranging recruiting efforts and programs that build community among attorneys both within and outside the firm.

Advance

Career Planning and Flexibility & Choice

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati understands that, in order to advance their careers, attorneys need access to career-planning tools as well as flexibility and choice.

Succeed

Business Development and Leadership

The firm helps women succeed by providing outstanding business development and leadership opportunities.

CATHY KIRKMAN: BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND OF EXCELLENCE



Internet moguls, studio execs, even P. Diddy: Cathy Kirkman has worked with them all. Blending entertainment-industry savvy picked up in L.A. with Silicon Valley insight into tech trends, Cathy is the quintessential modern media lawyer. As a partner in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Palo Alto office, she has leveraged her unique background to become a leading national expert in digital media law.

Cathy found her calling while she was still in school and before the technologies she's well versed in became so central to our lives. Her vocation beckoned at Stanford Law School, where she was the research assistant of renowned copyright expert Paul Goldstein. "Paul got me interested in copyright law long before it was the front-page issue it is today," she says. "I was lucky to find my passion so early."

Once out of law school in 1989, Cathy pursued that passion with zeal. Her first job was with the entertainment firm Loeb & Loeb in Los Angeles, where she specialized in film, television, and music deals. In 1992, she returned to Silicon Valley and joined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati "just as multimedia was becoming a meaningful term," she explains. "Ever since then, my practice has focused on the convergence of content and technology, from the dot.com era to Web 2.0 and today's mobile and social networking environments. It's a thrill to be part of that story."

It's now Cathy's 15th year at the firm, and she's still challenged and energized by her work as a digital media expert. "It's always new, because our clients are constantly innovating and the law is complex and rapidly evolving," she says. "It's exciting to practice in this cutting-edge area with the amazing entrepreneurs and talent who are this firm's clients."

Working with cutting-edge clients sometimes means blazing new legal trails, and Cathy's done plenty of that. She worked with YouTube from its start-up days, including its sale to Google, as well as with Google on Google Video. She designed new music and video licenses for Amazon's UnBox service, and worked with the original Napster in its groundbreaking license deal with Bertelsmann. She wrote a new type of copyright license for Creative Commons, using the open-source model to make it easy for people to sample and distribute digital content.

Another unusual aspect of Cathy's career is that she's a high-powered partner who works a flexible schedule, opting to carry an 80 percent load after the birth of her second child five years ago. "As the profession comes to grips with work-life balance issues, alternative arrangements are becoming more mainstream," she observes. "I see that as a very positive trend, since it's vital to attract and retain top talent. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati understands that, which is why the firm offers flexibility options for both associates and partners." She feels that carrying a slightly lighter workload not only helps her balance her family responsibilities, it's made her a better and more successful lawyer. "Working a flexible schedule also helps me be the best that I can be in terms of client service, and in terms of investing in myself as a lawyer and an asset to the firm," Cathy comments. "I have a bit more time in the day to juggle competing demands, including, first and foremost, client service, as well as business development and professional activities."

Cathy's Strategies for Success:

- *Build your professional reputation.* Your professional reputation is based on your service ethic, your excellence as a lawyer, and your integrity—who you are as a person. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended."
- *Develop your personal brand as an expert.* Constantly look at what you're doing in terms of building your personal brand as an expert in a particular area of law or industry. Every task you do is part of the larger mosaic of your skill set. Every document review, case pull, or all-hands meeting contributes to your professional development.
- *Invest in yourself.* Find the time to be an expert on the law and industry in which you practice, and to participate in related professional, business, and community activities. Pursuing excellence and seeking to make a contribution lead to other positives, such as building strong relationships with colleagues and clients.
- *Maintain excellence while seeking balance.* The nature of the practice of law is such that you don't have set hours—you're serving clients whenever they need you. The best way to find a balance that's right for you is to look at your particular practice and figure out how to integrate it with your other responsibilities and interests. But be realistic: You never will find that illusory perfect equilibrium; you're always trying to achieve it.
- *Don't forget the big picture.* For longevity and satisfaction in a legal career, my themes are to approach the practice as a life of service to others and to integrate your personal values and family responsibilities with your work.

WASHINGTON INSIDER RETURNS TO FIRM



Susan Creighton is no stranger to the halls of federal power. She cut her teeth as an attorney with a clerkship for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. While working as a litigator specializing in the antitrust and intellectual property field for Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, she defended clients before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which then recruited her to serve for several years as a senior FTC official. After more than four years as the deputy director and then director overseeing all FTC antitrust enforcement activities, Susan returned to Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in May 2006 as a partner in the firm's antitrust and trade regulation practice. She was the ideal candidate to play a leadership role in setting up the firm's newest U.S. office, which is in a city she knows so well: Washington, D.C.

Looking back at the start of her career in Washington, Susan recalls that working for Justice O'Connor was "incredibly exciting—and a lot of hard work. It was fascinating being there as history was being made every day. I never lost that thrill the whole time I was clerking."

Inspiring as her time at the Supreme Court was, it was her other clerkship, for Judge Pamela Ann Rymer of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, that

shaped her desire to become a practicing attorney instead of a law professor, a path she'd considered as student. "Cases tend to be pretty abstract by the time they get to the Supreme Court," Susan says, "and I found that working for a district judge kept me closer to the human side of the law. I decided that being out in the real world felt good."

Her first job as an attorney practicing in the "real world" was at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Palo Alto office, which she joined in 1987. She began as a securities litigator, did considerable pro bono work on prison rights, then got involved in intellectual property (IP) litigation. "Making the leap from IP to antitrust was easy, since so many of the IP cases raised antitrust issues," she says. "So I guess you can say that I backed into my antitrust practice."

That practice is a perfect fit for Susan's skills and interests. "Antitrust cases usually present very challenging issues," she says. "And when you're working with high-tech clients, all the questions are open. There are no easy answers, since new technologies bring up new issues to resolve."

During her initial tenure at the firm, Susan spent many months in Washington during the course of a lengthy trial against the FTC. "It struck me then that the people who worked in management at the FTC had very exciting jobs," she recalls. "When I was offered one myself, I jumped at the chance. As an antitrust lawyer, working at the FTC is an incredible opportunity." She started in August 2001 as deputy director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition and was named director of the bureau two years later.

One of the best things about working at the FTC, Susan remembers, was that "the chairman kept bringing cases that were in the sweet spot of my interests in antitrust and IP

law." She stayed at the agency until the end of 2005, when she decided that she wanted to spend more time with her family, including her two children, who were then 14 and 11. "My younger child, in particular, needed more time with mom," she recalls, "so I decided I wanted a more flexible schedule."

In May 2006, a few months after she left the FTC, Susan rejoined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, this time in the firm's Reston, Virginia, office. When the firm decided to relocate the office to Washington the next year, Susan was delighted—for both the firm

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and its clients. "I think it's important for the firm's clients that we have a D.C. office, especially as their legal needs become more sophisticated," she says. "We're now able to provide them with specialized practices focused on Washington." For instance, the new office boasts a team of seasoned attorneys with extensive knowledge of how federal agencies work, as well as substantial experience in specialty courts such as the International Trade Commission (ITC).

Besides helping to spearhead the D.C. office opening and continuing to build her antitrust

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TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY MENTORING

The term “mentor” dates back to Homer’s *Odyssey*, in which Odysseus, embarking on his famous adventures, asks a trusted friend named Mentor to watch over his son. More recently, the term gained currency in a business context, in which a typical mentor was an older man shepherding a youthful version of himself along the path to success, imparting tips on the golf course or over brandies at the club. In the past few decades, as more and more women began entering the workplace, especially in high-powered professions such as the law, medicine, and banking, the former old boys’ network had to adjust to include promising female protégés—as well as the seasoned women professionals who often were the ones lending them a hand.



During the course of an attorney’s career, finding the right mentors provides an opportunity to learn from attorneys with not only more experience, but also varied perspectives and personal styles. Mentors may offer career advice, access to new contacts, and advocacy for promotion within the firm. In short, a mentor can help a protégé (or, in modern parlance, a mentee) learn and advance both faster and further.

Although many women are comfortable seeking male mentors, others feel more kinship with other female professionals. If they can’t find such role models within their own firm, they may turn to women-only alumni groups or professional associations that offer formal mentoring programs. This type of mentoring often focuses less on a mentor’s sponsorship of a protégé’s career than on professional learning and development.

Another characteristic of modern-day mentoring is that it involves the active participation of the mentee. In the past, mentors usually picked their protégés, but today many would-be protégés seek out their professional guides. When doing so, most attorneys look for colleagues who have more experience in their practice areas. Sometimes, however, a peer can make an excellent mentor, since he or she faces similar career challenges and may have come up with some innovative solutions.

A good way to scout for a mentor is to identify a field of expertise you’d like to develop, then approach someone who excels in that arena. For example, if you want to hone your trial skills, you might benefit from an association with a top-notch litigator. If you’d like to get better at generating business, you might pick the brain of a successful rainmaker. Whoever your hoped-for mentor is, you’ll make the most compelling case if you’re prepared to explain how the relationship will benefit not just your personal professional development, but the business goals of the mentor and the firm as a whole.

Mentoring can benefit even veteran attorneys. For example, if you’re expanding your practice into new areas of law, you can reduce your learning curve through access to an attorney with years of experience in that field. And if you’re moving to a new firm, you could benefit from a short-term mentoring relationship that helps you pick up the ins and outs of that particular firm—and perhaps gain valuable introductions to contacts and clients.

If you’re acting as mentor yourself, you should share your contacts, wisdom, and war stories, but also be sure to listen to your protégé so you can better address his or her needs—and maybe glean some new insights. An effective mentor is less of an authority than a facilitator, and the best mentoring relationships are learning partnerships that benefit both parties. In those relationships, both mentor and mentee gain a better understanding of themselves, their workplace, and the law itself.

Mentoring at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Besides encouraging informal mentoring, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati has two formal programs to promote mentoring relationships. New associates are assigned a first-year guide who helps introduce them to the firm’s processes and culture. Established attorneys who join the firm later in their careers can benefit from a 90-day lateral-links program, in which firm newcomers are put in touch with an attorney who has a shared interest, like a practice area; or a shared history, such as attendance at the same law school.

“Perhaps even more than most professions, the law has a strong tradition of mentorship,” says Carol Timm, the firm’s director of attorney recruiting and retention. “In the early days, apprenticeship was the primary way attorneys learned their art and craft. And even with the formal academic and accreditation process attorneys undergo today, learning from the experience of others is still one of the most effective ways to develop the skills, knowledge, and insight that advance a legal career. Here at the firm, we try to create an environment where mentoring relationships can flourish, so that senior people are open to becoming mentors, and junior people are looking for mentoring opportunities.”

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Two years later, her entrepreneurial spirit emerged again, and she joined former Palm and Handspring co-founder Jeff Hawkins and mathematician and electrical engineer

Dileep George to form Numenta. The company aims to create software modeled after the functioning of the human neocortex as a platform for intelligent applications. If the company's mission sounds a bit difficult to digest, Donna helpfully demystified the scientific jargon: "Think of it as a giant pattern-recognizer," she said, adding that it might prove useful in fields ranging from

automotive design ("helping to make cars safer") to pharmaceutical research ("figuring out what drugs will work best for a particular patient"). Numenta has made an early version of this technology available for free on the Internet for scientific research.

In addition to serving as CEO and board chair at Numenta and as a director at Palm, Donna is a trustee of Yale University and the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. She and her husband, Len Shustek, also a successful technology entrepreneur, live in the San Francisco Bay Area with their 15-year-old daughter.

The April 20 luncheon was the fourth in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's Women's Leadership Series. These well-attended events provide a forum for the firm's female attorneys, clients, and alumni to hear from prominent business leaders, as well as to network and discuss issues of concern to women in the field of law. Past speakers have included Carol Bartz, former CEO of Autodesk; Cathy Kinney, president of the New York Stock Exchange; and Carly Fiorina, former chairman and CEO of Hewlett-Packard.

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and trade regulation practice, Susan was tapped to serve on the firm's Executive Management Committee (EMC). "Since the EMC is charged with charting the strategic

direction of the firm, I think it's valuable to the committee to have an East Coast—and

particularly a Washington, D.C.—perspective," she says. "And I consider it a privilege to work with the group setting the firm's course for the future."

A big part of that future, Susan foresees, involves women. "I came back to the firm, in part, because I wanted to continue to do

interesting work while structuring a more flexible schedule, one that would allow me to spend more time with my family. So I know firsthand that this firm recognizes the importance of work-life balance. Men need to find that balance, too, but especially early in their careers, women may feel that pull a bit more."

Associate Life

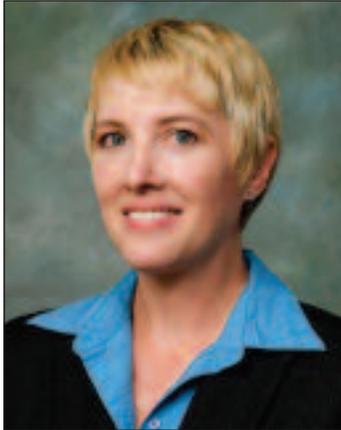
WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

On June 28, 2007, the Women's Task Force sponsored a panel discussion entitled "The Top 10 Things I Wish I Had Known as a Summer Associate," in which six of the firm's partners offered advice to associates and summer associates. Moderated by associate Cameron Hoffman, the panel included Julie Holloway, Cathy Kirkman, Katie Martin, Maura Rees, Beth Saunders, and Allison

Spinner, representing a variety of years in practice and expertise ranging from corporate law and governance to IP litigation. The panelists talked about what they had learned as summer—and then junior—associates and how those early experiences helped contribute to successful legal careers. Held in Palo Alto, the event was videocast to the firm's national offices.

The Women's Task Force, which meets on a monthly basis and currently is co-chaired by Cameron Hoffman and Carolyn Levy, focuses on associates' issues at the firm and in the legal profession in general. The group has been instrumental in conveying associates' input to the firm's partnership, fostering career development, and strengthening ties between women associates.

M. MADELEINE BOSHART



A specialist in the area of employee benefits and compensation, associate Madeleine Boshart has worked at the San Francisco office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati for two-and-a-half years. Here, she talks about staying in love with the law, achieving a work/life balance—and why the firm isn't just a bunch of cowboys.

Why did you decide to join Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati?

I worked at two other firms before I came here in January 2005, and I made the move for two primary reasons. The first was the depth and breadth of the firm's client base. Here you work with companies ranging from small start-ups to Fortune 100 companies. That not only gives you lots of exposure, but the chance to work on an intriguing range of legal questions.

The second reason was the fact that the firm has one of the largest employee benefits and compensation groups in the nation. Other firms claim to have as many lawyers working in this practice area, but they're not true employee benefit specialists, as we are here.

How has the reality of life at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati differed from your initial impressions of the firm?

Before I joined, I feared this place was made up of "cowboys running roughshod over the law," which was how an East Coast lawyer referred to the firm. Granted, that was

partially attractive—I wanted to work at a firm that's practicing cutting-edge law—but it was also scary, since a cowboy attitude can lead to mistakes. But once I got here, I witnessed the amount of thought and preparation that goes into the legal directions the firm takes. It may be cutting-edge law, but it's not cowboy law.

What's the best thing about being an associate at the firm?

Without a doubt, it's the variety of work that I get to do—everything from employee benefits dealing with mergers and acquisitions to executive compensation agreements to retirement and welfare plans. At other firms, they pigeonhole you into one narrow area, like retirement plans. Here, I get to use all my experience and knowledge base.

What's the biggest challenge in your job?

The biggest challenge is really the flip side of my previous answer. A varied workload can mean an incredibly packed workload. I might start the day saying I'll get a particular task done, then several other things come up, and at the end of the day I'll find myself promising that *tomorrow* will be the day I'll get it done.

Why did you choose the San Francisco office over Palo Alto?

No offense to Palo Alto, but in my view, San Francisco is a wonderful city, one of the best in the world. Paris is the only city that compares to it, and I love living and working here. San Francisco's got such great diversity, both in terms of its population and its attractions—not to mention the great restaurants. In fact, the farmer's market alone is a good reason to live here.

What's your advice for new associates joining the firm?

I'd advise them to take the time to learn their field, and learn it well. When you come out of law school, you know what you need to pass

the bar exam, and maybe how to think like a lawyer, but you don't know the practice of law. That can be learned only through experience.

To be really good at what you do, you have to find aspects of your job that you thoroughly enjoy. Every job has its day-to-day, mundane aspects, but you need to find a few things that bring a sparkle to your eye and make you say, "I love this." That way, you'll never forget how cool the practice of law is.

Do you find it hard to achieve a work/life balance?

The more experience you have, the better you can achieve a work/life balance. Really knowing your practice area helps, but there will still be days—or weeks—when work just takes over and the balance is askew. The key is to accept that and figure out ways to readjust. You can't take a week off after every complicated deal, but maybe you can leave work early to go to a movie with friends, or come in late one morning so you can make your family a pancake breakfast.

How do you unwind and relieve stress away from work?

First, I have a robust group of friends who keep me involved with non-legal aspects of life, and I think that's important. And being from Hawaii, I love the beach and the water, so I go to the shore often. I also love Sunday morning hikes, and I work out a lot. A long run or the Stairmaster is great for burning off tension.

Another outlet is cooking and baking. In fact, I think my colleagues can gauge my stress level by looking at the kitchen in our office: If I've brought in lots of homemade goodies, that probably means I'm baking off some stress!

MEET OUR WOMEN PARTNERS



Josephine Aiello LeBeau

Washington, D.C.
Export Controls &
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Josephine
counsels domestic

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Colleen Bal

Palo Alto
IP Litigation

Colleen specializes
in intellectual
property litigation
and complex
commercial

litigation for technology companies. She serves on the firm's Associate Career Development Committee.



Suzanne Bell

Palo Alto
Technology
Transactions

Suzanne's practice
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technology and
intellectual

property transactions—with an emphasis on strategic alliances and outsourcing transactions—for a wide range of companies. She is a leader of the firm's technology transactions practice and serves on the firm's Policy Committee.

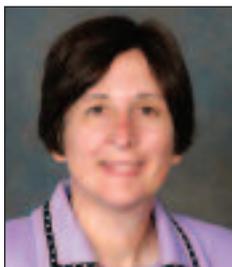


Carmen Chang

Palo Alto/Shanghai
Corporate Law &
Governance

Carmen leads the
firm's China
practice and
previously served

on the Policy Committee. She specializes in corporate and securities law, representing public and private technology companies and financial institutions in the United States and abroad, particularly in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and other Asian locations.



Susan Creighton

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Antitrust

Susan serves as
co-chair of the
firm's antitrust
practice and is a
member of the

Executive Management Committee. Her practice focuses on merger and acquisition reviews by antitrust enforcers, government non-merger investigations, and antitrust counseling and litigation.



Cynthia Ann Dy

Palo Alto
Securities
Litigation

Cynthia represents
companies and
individuals in
shareholder class

actions, derivative suits, contested mergers and acquisitions, and Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.



Michelle Whipkey Edwards

Palo Alto
Corporate Finance

Michelle practices
corporate and
securities law and
is a member of the

firm's China practice. Her practice focuses on the representation of China-based clients, as well as multinational corporations engaging in cross-border transactions.



Sara Duval Harrington

Palo Alto
Technology
Transactions

Sara concentrates
on counseling
start-up companies

and established corporations involved in the development, distribution, and acquisition of technology.



Renata Hesse

Washington, D.C.
Antitrust

Renata's practice
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antitrust litigation
and counseling.

Having previously served as the chief of the Networks and Technology Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, Renata is considered one of the country's preeminent technology antitrust attorneys.

Profiles



Julie Holloway
Palo Alto
IP Litigation

Julie's practice focuses on patent litigation. She has litigated a number of patent

infringement cases in district court and also has tried several cases before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). Julie is a member of the firm's Associate Hiring Committee.



Nina (Nicki) Locker
Palo Alto
Securities
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Nicki specializes in securities litigation and counseling and

has represented companies and their officers and directors in more than 50 shareholder class actions and derivative suits throughout the United States. She serves on the firm's Member Compensation Committee.



Eileen Marshall
Washington, D.C.
Tax

Eileen's tax practice includes all aspects of public and private mergers,

acquisitions, and divestitures, as well as other corporate transactions. She also advises clients on tax issues in connection with public and private equity and debt financings and restructurings.



Catherine Kirkman
Palo Alto
Technology
Transactions

Catherine practices media, copyright, and Internet law, with an emphasis

on counseling, licensing, and commercial transactions. Her background is unique in Silicon Valley, having previously practiced at an entertainment law firm in Los Angeles. She serves on the firm's Nominating and Education Committees.



F.T. Alexandra Mahaney
San Diego
IP Litigation

Alexandra practices in the area of intellectual property litigation,

and more particularly, patent litigation. She has been trial counsel on numerous patent cases in the life sciences arena and other technological fields, as well as on trademark, trade secret, and unfair competition cases.



Katharine Martin
Palo Alto
Corporate Law &
Governance

Katharine represents public companies in all aspects of

corporate and securities law. She is a member of the firm's Executive Management and Finance Committees, a director of the WSGR Foundation, and previously served as the leader of the firm's Business Law Department and a member of the Policy Committee.



Meredith Kotler
New York
Litigation

Meredith focuses on commercial and securities litigation, government and

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Page's practice focuses on emerging growth technology companies,

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Profiles



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Vicki focuses on biotechnology litigation and IP strategy. She has

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Jennifer serves a wide range of technology companies in both IP litigation and

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Donna's practice focuses on growth companies, with a particular emphasis on

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Lisa's practice focuses on government

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Maura specializes in complex commercial and intellectual property litigation,

including issues such as patent infringement, federal and state law unfair competition and antitrust claims, copyright infringement, and the patent policies of industry standard-setting organizations. She is a co-chair of the firm's Education Committee and serves on the Associate Hiring Committee.



Julia Reigel
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Julia counsels large and small public company and private company clients

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Real Estate &
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Susan's focus is on real estate transactional law, including

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Kathleen's practice focuses on corporate finance and corporate law

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Profiles



Elizabeth Saunders
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Litigation

Elizabeth is a member of the firm's litigation department. She

specializes in a variety of areas, including corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property litigation and counseling. She has been co-chair of the firm's Associate Career Development Committee for the past four years.



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Transactions

Stephanie specializes in corporate

partnering and outsourcing transactions. Her clients range from start-ups through the Fortune 50 and include companies within the software, semiconductor, life sciences, retail, and other industries. She serves on the firm's Associate Career Development Committee.



Allison Berry Spinner
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Allison specializes in corporate and securities transactions and

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Nicole Stafford
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IP Litigation

Nicole's practice focuses on patent and complex technical litigation, ITC practice,

appellate practice, and pre-litigation strategic counseling. Nicole has a strong technical background and experience in all phases of patent and technological litigation in diverse technologies—from high tech to biotech and materials/chemical applications.



Stefani Shanberg
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IP Litigation

Stefani focuses on intellectual property litigation, with a particular emphasis on

investigations before the International Trade Commission. She has extensive experience spearheading both domestic and international litigation in the software, semiconductor, Internet, product design, and consumer products industries.



Debra Summers
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Debra is chair of the firm's Real Estate & Environmental

practice. She has been a member of the firm since 1985 and has worked with many of the firm's clients on their most difficult real estate and environmental matters.



Marina Tsatalis
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Marina specializes in employment law, with an emphasis on litigation

matters. She has significant experience serving as lead trial counsel and has successfully litigated a broad spectrum of cases in state and federal courts and in arbitrations throughout the country.



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Governance

Ann primarily represents public companies in

corporate and securities law matters, with a particular emphasis on disclosure obligations and SEC compliance issues. She is very active on a number of ABA committees and previously served as chair of the California State Bar Business Law Section. Ann currently serves on the firm's Education and Opinion Advisory Committees.

News

- In April 2007, **Lisa Prager** and **Josephine Aiello LeBeau** joined our Washington, D.C., office as partners in the export controls and economic sanctions practice. Both had been partners at Miller & Chevalier, and Lisa formerly had served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security. In July, **Stefani Shanberg** became a new IP litigation partner in Palo Alto. Stefani joined the firm from Perkins Coie, and had been an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati earlier in her career. Also in July, **Melissa Mannino** joined the D.C. office as Of Counsel in the export controls and economic sanctions practice. She had been chief of the Enforcement and Litigation Division of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Chief Counsel for Industry and Security.
- As part of the WSGR Foundation's sponsorship of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), antitrust partner **Susan Creighton** and litigation partner **Nicki Locker** were chosen to represent the firm on the NAWJ Resource Board. Founded in 1979, NAWJ is dedicated to preserving judicial independence; ensuring equal justice and access to courts for women, minorities, and other historically disfavored groups; providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues; and increasing the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels. More information on NAWJ is available at www.nawj.org.
- On March 29, 2007, antitrust partner **Renata Hesse** testified before the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission in a joint public hearing examining the implications of single-firm conduct under Section 2 of the Sherman Act. Renata addressed the unique issues that arise in the course of attempting to remedy Section 2 violations in technology markets.
- Earlier this year, corporate partner **Katie Martin** was honored by *California Lawyer* magazine as M&A Attorney of the Year. The award was given in recognition of Katie's lead role representing newspaper and Internet publisher The McClatchy Company in its \$6.5 billion acquisition of Knight Ridder and its subsequent divestiture of 12 Knight Ridder newspapers, valued at more than \$2 billion.

- In the summer of 2006, litigation associate **Laura Merritt** was honored with a Profile in Power Award by the *Austin Business Journal* (ABJ). The ABJ presents the awards annually to women in Central Texas who have demonstrated excellence in the workplace along with community involvement.

Events

- The **Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives** (FWE&E) is an exclusive membership organization for women in senior positions at high-growth companies. Technology transactions partner **Suzanne Bell**, a member of FWE&E's National Board of Directors, hosted a dinner meeting at her home for the organization's General Counsel Network in October 2006. Later that fall, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati hosted one of FWE&E's speaker series events featuring Carol Bartz, Autodesk's executive chairman of the board. In May 2007, the firm sponsored FWE&E's Annual Dinner, at which Marissa Mayer, vice president of search products and user experience at Google, was presented with the organization's Leadership Award. And in July, the firm co-sponsored a CXO, CEO, GC, and Founders Combo Event at which such speakers as Robyn Beavers, coordinator for corporate environmental strategy at Google, and Suzanne DiBianca, executive director of the Salesforce Foundation, discussed corporate social responsibility.
- On June 6, 2007, the firm co-sponsored an **Executive Women's Retreat** with KPMG, a global provider of audit, tax, and advisory services. Held at the Four Seasons in East Palo Alto, the event featured a lunchtime talk by broadcast journalist Jan Yanehiro and former California state senator Jackie Speier, co-authors of *This Is Not the Life I Ordered*. Later on in the day, attendees were treated to spa appointments and a wine reception.
- In July 2007, the firm's women attorneys and summer associates were invited to attend the **Bank of the West Tennis Classic**, the world's longest-running women's tennis event and the first stop of the U.S. Open Series. After a continental breakfast, attendees had the chance to participate in a clinic taught by tennis pro Mary Joe Fernandez and watch the championship match.

Keeping Up with Alumni

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