

## Washington, D.C., Office Hosts SABA-DC Reception

In partnership with the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C., Kirkland hosted a reception for Mythili Raman, the acting assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, in the Firm's Washington, D.C., office on June 25, 2013. Mythili discussed her career as a federal prosecutor and answered questions. Litigation associate Ritu Kelotra led Kirkland's involvement in this event, and 15 Firm attorneys attended the reception along with members of the South Asian legal community.

## Kirkland Hosts New York City Mayoral Forum

On June 3, 2013, Kirkland's New York office hosted a New York City mayoral forum organized by the Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) and featuring candidates Adolfo Carrión, Jr., Bill de Blasio, John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson and Anthony Weiner. Firmwide Diversity Committee Co-chair Eunu Chun delivered the event introduction.

## Firm Participates With Bay Area Urban Debate League

Kirkland participated in two recent events with the Bay Area Urban Debate League (BAUDL), which fosters debate teams in urban public schools with limited resources and currently serves 15 schools and 400 students. The Firm was the top fundraiser for the BAUDL 2013 Champions of Diversity Challenge, raising \$48,300 with donations from more than 50 employees. On March 16, 2013, intellectual property associates Brandon Brown and Claire Thompson and corporate associates Christopher Hagenbuch and Navneeta Rekhi served as volunteer judges at the BAUDL 2013 March Madness tournament.



(left to right): Deputy Director Matt Strieker and David Codell from The Williams Institute, Christine Van Aken from the city of San Francisco and Christopher Stoll from NCLR join litigation partner Nicholas Kacprowski before the July 16, 2013, panel discussion.

## Kirkland Panels Discuss Same-Sex Marriage Cases at U.S. Supreme Court

Kirkland's LGBT Subcommittee hosted two recent Diversity Leadership Series (DLS) panel discussions focused on the same-sex marriage cases at the U.S. Supreme Court. On July 16, 2013, the Firm's San Francisco office hosted The Williams Institute for an event titled "The Road Ahead: The Supreme Court Rulings on Proposition 8 and DOMA." David Codell, Visiting Arnold D. Kassoy Senior Scholar of Law and Legal Director of The Williams Institute, served as moderator for the panel that included Christopher Stoll, senior staff attorney at the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), and Christine Van Aken, deputy city attorney for the city of San Francisco. Christine was counsel for the plaintiff-intervenor in *Perry v. Hollingsworth*, the Supreme Court case that successfully challenged Proposition 8.

On May 13, 2013, Kirkland's New York office hosted an event titled "Marriage Equality at the Supreme Court: What Should We Expect?" with Michael Kavey, lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School, and Rose Saxe, senior staff attorney with the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Projects. Rose served as co-counsel for Edie Windsor in *Windsor v. United States*, the Supreme Court case that challenged Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act. Both panels were simulcast to all of Kirkland's U.S. offices.

Kirkland filed amicus briefs on behalf of The Williams Institute in both the *Windsor* and *Perry* matters.

## Accolades for Two Firm Attorneys



Nimalka Wickramasekera



Tarnetta Jones

*The Recorder* honored intellectual property partner Nimalka Wickramasekera among its list of 50 California "Lawyers on the Fast Track." The list recognized attorneys' career achievements and leadership roles within their practices, organizations or the community. The publication also selected corporate partner Hamed Meshki to this year's list.

Lawyers of Color selected Kirkland corporate associate Tarnetta Jones to its inaugural Hot List of 100 early- to midcareer minority attorneys from the Eastern Region. The publication selected honorees from nominations by mentors, peers and colleagues, as well as from researching attorneys with noteworthy accomplishments or active in legal pipeline initiatives.