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June 11, 2009 - Inaugural Night of Seminar and Panel Discussion



The inaugural night was held on the evening of June 11 at the offices of Vinson & Elkins LLP. The event featured a presentation in English by Alex Hao, a senior associate from V&E and a director of CBLA, on the topic of M&A, Joint Venture and Strategic Alliances in China, followed by a panel discussion in Mandarin on law, career and business development in the U.S. and China. The panel consisted of two partners from the New York office of Jun He Law Offices, Xiaolin Zhou and John Du. The event was moderated by Jie Zhu, an attorney from White & Case and a director of CBLA.

As with previous CBLA events, this seminar & panel discussion was well attended. There were

approximately sixty attendees including attorneys, non-legal professionals and law students from the NYC-area law schools.



(Alex Hao from V&E)



(From left: Jie Zhu, Xiaolin Zhou, John Du, Alex Hao, and Meng Ru)

Vinson & Elkins provided personnel, facilities and catering for this event. CBLA would like to thank Vinson & Elkins for its generous support. A limited number of hard copies of the seminar materials, including the presentation and select articles on hot topics in China M&A are still available upon request.



(From left: John Du from Jun He, Alex Hao and Michael McKay from V&E)



(Everyone loved the delicious food there.)

A number of new members joined CBLA at the event. We have 84 members now and we expect CBLA will keep growing!

May 30, 2009 - "China and the Global Financial Tsunami" Conference



(Sean Cai (left) and Pengyu He (right))

CBLA co-sponsored with The Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) and The Chinese Finance Association (TCFA) a conference on "China and the Global Financial Tsunami" held on the weekend of May 30 at Wagner College,

Staten Island. A number of CBLA directors and members spoke at the conference, including Sean Cai from Barclays, Pengyu He from Davis Polk, Catherine Pan from Goodwin Procter and Angela Zhang from Deboise, 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 provided a great opportunity for participants from many disciplines to connect and share information amid our current global economic downturn.

Cooperation with The Peking University School of Transnational Law (STL) in Shenzhen

STL launched its first class of a U.S.-styled legal education program in Fall 2008. CBLA directors and Jeff Lehman, Dean of STL, had initial contact at CBLA's inauguration ceremony on April 9, 2009. On May 24, 2009, CBLA directors Xiang Cai and Alex Hao and others had a follow-up teleconference with Jeff Lehman regarding the potential long-term cooperation between STL and CBLA. Programs discussed included establishing a Visiting Attorney Seminar Series with the visiting attorneys selected from CBLA's members and friends, assisting with the opening of STL's Center for Business Law Studies, coordinating the publication of law and business articles on STL's school journal, and developing a mentoring program for STL's students.

Social Events

April 24, 2009 - Dinner with Visiting Attorney from Zhong Lun Law Firm

Ten CBLA members and friends joined us for a casual night of dinner in midtown with Yun Zhou from Zhong Lun Law Firm's Shanghai Office and some of the CBLA directors. They explored 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.

May 8, 2009 - CBLA Second Friday Series - Happy Hour

Our first happy hour was held on May 8, 2009 at Redemption Lounge. Twenty-nine attorneys and non-legal professionals went to the gathering and had an enjoyable evening.



(CBLA members and friends at happy hour)



(CBLA members and friends at happy hour)

Future Events

August 2009 - China's New Antitrust Law Seminar

CBLA's second Seminar and Panel Discussion in August will be focusing on China's new antitrust law. The seminar will feature presentations from the perspectives of China, US and EU legal practitioners and is expected to be co-presented by Olivier Antoine (senior counsel, Crowell & Morning - New York), a partner from King & Wood and a partner from Herbert Smith (subject to change). CBLA directors had met with Mr. Antoine and Mr.

James Jiang (Partner, King & Wood - New York) on June 26, 2009 and discussed logistics of the seminar.

July 10, 2009 - CBLA Second Friday Series- Karaoke Night

Our CBLA Second Friday Series - Karaoke Night with CBLA members and friends will be held at 7pm, Friday, July 10, 2009 at K-one Karaoke, 97 Bowery Street. For detailed information please see the invitation letter.

Help Needed

We are looking for a volunteer IT Specialist who is experienced with web development tools such as Yahoo's SiteBuilder to help maintain and develop CBLA's website. No legal training is needed.

If you are interested in getting more involved in CBLA activities by becoming a CBLA officer, please contact us. CBLA is looking for dedicated talents with various backgrounds and skills, including photography, web design, marketing/PR, and text and graphic editing. More generally, if you are interested in participating in CBLA's activities and would like to help us out in any matter, please email us at networking@cblalaw.org.

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