

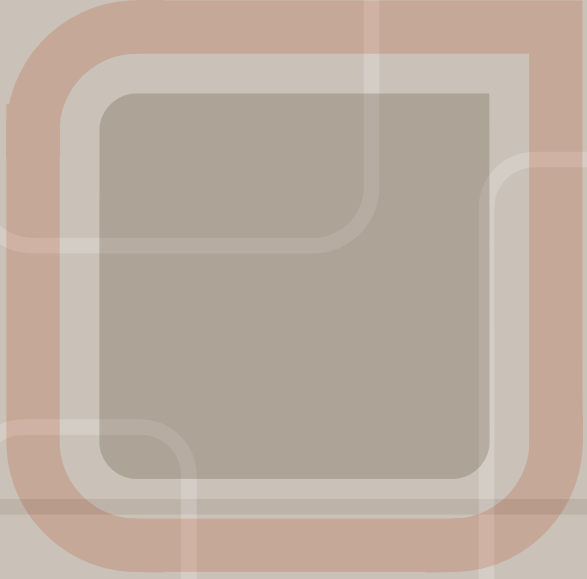
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In recent years we have often been approached by larger firms asking whether we would be interested in a merger. After exploring a few of these opportunities (including one that had the effect of postponing this letter), we have finally decided to just say no.

A primary reason we have resolved to stay independent for the long haul is our conviction that we can provide a unique value proposition to our clients. We believe strongly that our current position in the market provides important benefits to our clients, and we do not wish to place those benefits at risk. Instead, we strongly prefer to fulfill our own vision of providing services rivaling those of our larger competitors in quality and sophistication, while maintaining close personal relationships with our clients and a culture that values each lawyer and staff member.

Our model works especially well for companies that are involved in the global economy and so need sophisticated legal assistance. We can meet these clients' needs in a high-quality, cost-effective manner while providing our services on a human scale and in a personal way. This is our value proposition. And, as we move forward, we aspire to become a better version of ourselves.

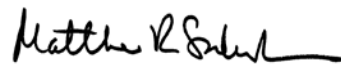
In our quest to assure that we uniformly provide services of the highest quality, we have been greatly assisted by clients who have shared candid assessments and ideas through our regular client survey program. In 2007 and early 2008 we interviewed numerous clients in person and surveyed more than 400 clients by email. We received high marks across the board, particularly in key areas such as expertise, legal skills, responsiveness, and our understanding of clients' goals and objectives. We will also make every effort to respond to the request in your survey responses that we remain cost effective and efficient.

More generally, we thank all our clients and business associates for partnering with us in 2007. We hope you enjoy a highly successful 2008.

With warm regards and thanks from everyone at Garvey Schubert Barer,



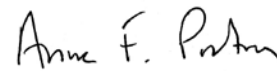
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GSB has long been privileged to represent a wide range of companies nationally and internationally. Clients such as Tokyo Marine and the Quileute Indian Tribe (who we have represented for more than 35 years) have given us the opportunity to learn the intricacies and nuances of a wide variety of industries and services. It is the sheer diversity of our client base that makes our jobs challenging, interesting, and rewarding.

Each client, individual or entity, faces unique business challenges that require specific legal needs. As their interests change, their operations expand or contract, becoming globalized or constrained by economic conditions. GSB is constantly adapting to help clients make the most of their business opportunities and challenges. Our legal expertise and experience is as diverse as our clientele. Our success is largely dependent upon the strength and diversity of the clients we serve.

Information about Tokyo Marine and the Quileute Indian Tribe is available at:

[www.tokyomarine.net](http://www.tokyomarine.net)

[www.quileutenation.org](http://www.quileutenation.org)

GSB clients Tokyo Marine and Quileute Indian Tribe meet in Puget Sound waters near Anacortes, Washington. The Quileute Indian Tribe is on the yearly canoe journey, an event in which members of many Northwest tribes travel a common canoe path and visit various Washington reservations.



COURTESY OF MELVIN MOON, JR., QUILEUTE INDIAN TRIBE

### ▶ Nautilus Sells Pearl iZumi for \$69.4M

GSB Corporate Finance lawyers represented Nautilus, Inc. in the sale of its subsidiary DashAmerica, Inc. d/b/a Pearl iZUMI USA, to Shimano American Corp., a division of cycling and fishing equipment provider Shimano, Inc. Pearl iZUMI is a leading provider of high-performance fitness apparel and footwear for cyclists, runners and fitness enthusiasts. GSB lawyers have been involved in all Nautilus acquisitions in recent years, including those involving top brands such as Nautilus®, Schwinn® Fitness, StairMaster® and Pearl iZUMI®.

Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, Nautilus, Inc. (NYSE:NLS) is a global fitness products company providing innovative, quality solutions to help people achieve a healthy lifestyle. Additional information is available at [www.nautilusinc.com](http://www.nautilusinc.com).

### ▶ Spiration Raises an Additional \$18.5M in Preferred Equity Financing

GSB Corporate Finance lawyers helped Spiration, Inc. raise capital through a late-stage preferred equity financing led by Versant Ventures. Also participating in the financing were Olympus Medical Systems, New Enterprise Associates, New Leaf Venture Partners, InterWest Partners, Investor Growth Capital and Three Arch Partners. The financing included the exchange by the participating investors of their existing preferred stock for a newly created “shadow” series of senior preferred stock.


Since 2000, GSB Corporate Finance lawyers have represented Spiration in six other preferred equity financings totaling \$94.8 million.

Located in Redmond, Washington, Spiration, Inc. is a privately-held company committed to developing novel therapies that improve the quality of life for patients with acute and chronic lung ailments. Spiration’s IBV valve system, a therapeutic device for the treatment of emphysema, is currently in clinical trials in the U.S. and Europe. Additional information is available at [www.spiration.com](http://www.spiration.com).

### ▶ Bruce Packing Company Closes International Asset and Stock Sale

GSB Business and Tax lawyers represented Bruce Packing Company (BrucePac) in a major two-part, international sale of assets and stock. This transaction included the sale of Valpon, Inc., (BrucePac’s affiliated holding company for its Brazilian meat packing operation) an assignment of Brazilian leaseholds, the transfer of domestic and foreign trademarks and intellectual property, and the sale of BrucePac’s “World Kitchens” brand of beef jerky products to international food conglomerate Link Snacks, Inc. This multi-faceted transaction required GSB lawyers to navigate complex provisions of several different legal systems. It also required a sophisticated understanding of culturally diverse approaches to doing business.

Bruce Packing Company is a privately-held, multi-million dollar meat packing and meat products supplier located in Silverton, Oregon. Additional information is available at [www.brucepac.com](http://www.brucepac.com).





**GSB hosts reception for visiting Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong**

GSB attorneys left to right:

Hank Wang, Jonathan Kroman, (and far right) Gregg Rodgers  
with Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong and Madam Xie Shumin

COURTESY OF SEATTLE CHINESE POST / NORTHWEST ASIAN WEEKLY

**GSB** hosted a reception for Zhou Wenzhong, China's Ambassador to the United States, in August 2007 welcoming him to the Pacific Northwest. During his visit, the ambassador reinforced China's desire to partner with the United States on mutually-beneficial research, development, and clean energy technologies. GSB's reception was attended by high-level state and local representatives as well as community leaders and corporate executives.

Partnering with the Oregon Fujian Sister State Association, GSB sponsored a lively panel discussion with Ambassador Zhou. More than 150 people attended this event, which addressed China-U.S. sustainability and development as a gateway for Oregon growth. The panel included leaders from Oregon's business, economic and development sectors, who are interested in promoting Oregon's relationship with China.

► **Paine & Partners Acquires Icicle Seafoods, Inc.**

GSB lawyers served as maritime counsel to private equity firm Paine & Partners (formerly Fox Paine & Company), in connection with its acquisition of Icicle Seafoods, Inc., a large, diversified seafood company with fishing, fish processing and marketing operations in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. GSB was hired for this transaction because of our recognized expertise in maritime financing matters and in-depth understanding of regulations affecting investment in companies that own vessels engaged in fishing, fish processing and coastwise operations.

Founded in 1997, Paine & Partners specializes in providing solutions and capital for management buyouts, public-to-private transactions and growth capital investments. Additional information is available at [www.foxpaine.com](http://www.foxpaine.com).

► **UCC Ueshima Coffee Co., Ltd**

GSB Litigation and International lawyers represented Ueshima Coffee Co., Ltd. (UCC), a world-renowned Japanese coffee producer, processor and seller, in a dispute over UCC's exclusive license rights to use the Tully's brand name in Asia. The dispute, which triggered a lawsuit in federal court, resulted in an undisclosed settlement between Tully's Coffee Company and our client.

Founded in 1933 in Kobe, Japan, UCC Ueshima is involved in a number of coffee-related ventures and is the undisputed leader of Japan's coffee industry. Additional information is available at [www.ucc.co.jp/eng](http://www.ucc.co.jp/eng).



► **\$70M Acquisition of Global Supplier of Communication Systems**

GSB Corporate Finance and International Group lawyers acted as counsel to a publicly-traded Japanese company in its \$70 million acquisition of a global supplier of communication systems used in mission-critical applications. Both our client, a consumer electronics and communications products manufacturer, and the target company have operations in Europe and other continents. Lawyers from five countries were involved in bringing this transaction to a successful conclusion.

► **UDRP/Domain Name Dispute Wins**

GSB Technology and Intellectual Property lawyers successfully obtained transfer of domain names infringing on trademarks of three GSB clients. Using the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) arbitration process, we negotiated or compelled transfer of disputed domain names for two federally recognized Indian tribes and FIT Bearings, a Fremont, California based manufacturer of heavy-duty truck bearings and related products. A decision by a panel of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) allows our clients to use the domain names for their own business purposes and prevents others from benefiting from goodwill created by that use.

Information on FIT Bearings is available at [www.fitbearings.com](http://www.fitbearings.com).

► **GSB Helps Securities Firms Successfully Navigate the Regulatory Maze**

GSB Securities Industry Practice Group (SIPG) continues to help clients succeed in a demanding regulatory environment. The Group advises clients on newly developing areas such as Regulation NMS compliance, proper handling of short sales under Regulation SHO, and maximization of newly created opportunities for floor brokers to trade in the over-the-counter markets from the floor of the NYSE. To help clients comply with increasing regulations, SIPG provides preventive counseling, responds to FINRA and SEC field audits, and defends disciplinary investigations and proceedings. SIPG also has the resources and expertise to represent clients in every aspect of sub-prime litigation, including those involving collateralized debt obligations and other complex securities issues.

“I was somewhat skeptical whether the Win<sup>2</sup> program could truly streamline the litigation process to resolve cases in a cost-effective, compassionate manner and in less time. But after my experience with Win<sup>2</sup>, I was surprised and pleased with both the approach and the results. We are very open to using Win<sup>2</sup> whenever possible in the future. It is a valuable and workable alternative to the traditional litigation process.”

*Ryan Dudley,  
CEO/President, Grange Insurance*

**Win<sup>2</sup> Achieves Early and Effective Resolution of Client Cases**

Last year's Annual Letter described an innovative system called Win<sup>2</sup> that we created as an alternative to traditional litigation. Win<sup>2</sup> was developed by our Employment lawyers (with input from the plaintiffs' bar). It eliminates much of the burden and cost of the traditional litigation process. Many of our clients have used Win<sup>2</sup> in a wide range of claims, primarily in the employment area. All but one resolved within three months, and all were resolved without either significant cost to clients or disruption to their operations.

Win<sup>2</sup> has saved clients hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and allowed them to focus on operations rather than the legal process. In other words, Win<sup>2</sup> has been a resounding success.



**GSB Client Rapper Ludacris (Chris Bridges) Wins Two Grammys**

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Ludacris won best rap album for “Release Therapy” and best rap song for “Money Maker” at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards in February 2007. “Release Therapy” quickly rose on the hip-hop charts. “Yes, this is what rap music has been waiting for since the beginning of the millennium,” critics said.

GSB represents artists and entertainers in a variety of legal matters, including negotiation of employment and endorsement contracts, intellectual property, real estate, immigration, and corporate matters. We represent a large, diverse array of both regional and national clients. These include some of the world’s top recording artists, songwriters, performers, producers and music supervisors. We also represent independent record and music publishing companies, concert promoters, personal managers, business managers, talent agencies and music industry executives. Our lawyers have extensive experience forming and developing production companies, record labels and publishing and licensing companies.

### **GSB New York Office Relocates to 100 Wall Street In Lower Manhattan**

Seven years ago GSB opened its New York office, where we focus on securities and general commercial litigation, securities regulation, sports, entertainment, intellectual property and business transactions. To better serve our New York clients, in March 2007 we moved to a larger, upgraded office on Wall Street.

Thanks to sophisticated technology that seamlessly links our five offices, we can provide the entire firm’s resources to our New York clients. The city is home to the world’s most competitive legal market. New Yorkers know quality and value and appreciate GSB’s ability to deliver both.

New GSB Office on Wall Street



## GSB Public Service Contributions

In its strong commitment to *pro bono* and community service, GSB is at the vanguard of law firms nationally.

▶ In 2007, our lawyers and paralegals collectively contributed 6,127 hours of *pro bono* legal work to the communities in which we live and practice. Valued by our standard hourly rates, this contribution amounted to more than \$2 million.

▶ Lawyers Robert Weaver and Sam Kauffman, both from GSB's Portland office, and Eldon Greenberg from our D.C. office, volunteered to represent two detainees at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba. Since 2005, the three lawyers have devoted thousands of hours representing these men, who have been held without charge and virtually incommunicado. Subsequently, GSB has taken on representation of two additional detainees. For the complete story, visit the Public Service page at [www.gsblaw.com](http://www.gsblaw.com).

▶ A large group of GSB lawyers and staff helped launch the new Urban Indian Legal Clinic (UILC), which had its grand opening in March 2008 at the Chief Seattle Club. UILC provides free legal services to low-income Native Americans living in the Seattle area. The Clinic is sponsored by the Northwest Indian Bar Association and the Indian Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association. GSB, along with another Seattle law firm, is providing logistical support to the clinic for the next 12 months.

▶ GSB Owner Rob Spitzer and his wife, Kathleen, were honored at the Seattle Chapter Hadassah's Annual Gala for their dedication, commitment and leadership. Their ongoing volunteer efforts to promote education and outreach, community programs for women and youth, and favorable policies and perceptions towards Israel have been in the same spirit as Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. GSB was a sponsor of the Gala.

▶ GSB Of Counsel Stan Barer received the Human Relations Award from the Greater Seattle Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. The award is given annually to an individual or corporation for outstanding contributions to the well-being and improvement of our community-at-large. At the awards ceremony, Executive Director Rabbi Anson Laytner said:

*Through his career and personal interests, Stan has passionately worked to ensure that civil and human rights are enjoyed by and protected for all. The American Jewish Committee works to build bridges of mutual respect and understanding among the diverse ethnic and religious groups in our community, our nation, and around the world. Given this mission, it was only natural that Stan should be recognized for all he has accomplished during his career.*



This painting was created by a three-year-old girl at Childhaven's Broadway Branch and presented to GSB in appreciation for its efforts to further the agency's mission.



Childhaven's Creative Therapy Program is designed to utilize the therapeutic role of the arts to alleviate the negative effects of abuse that children have experienced. Because young children rarely possess the verbal skills to express their feelings about these events, Childhaven uses art in form of music, dance, drawing and painting to engage them in self-expression.

► GSB represents the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights on a *pro bono* basis. In a recent lawsuit we filed on behalf of the Center, the court ordered the U.S. Department of Treasury to release hundreds of documents about water and sanitation projects in Haiti. In ruling in the Center's favor, the court found the Treasury had no legal basis under the Freedom of Information Act to withhold the documents, which showed the U.S. government's role in stopping the projects. GSB is now working with the Center to increase Congressional awareness of Haiti's need for safe drinking water.

The RFK Memorial aims to fulfill the legacy of Robert F. Kennedy through promoting the full spectrum of human rights within the United States and throughout the world. Additional information is available at [www.rfkmemorial.org](http://www.rfkmemorial.org).

► GSB represents Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) on an ongoing and *pro bono* basis. In 2007, our efforts included helping CAP with an AIDS awareness media campaign. It also included prosecuting two of CAP's trademarks: "My friend with AIDS is still my friend" and "AIDS Walk Portland." Over the years, GSB has represented CAP in a wide variety of legal matters, including real estate and business matters. GSB Owner Michael O'Connor from our firm's Portland office serves on CAP's current Board of Directors. The collective contributions of GSB lawyers and staff play a significant role in helping this valued organization carry out its mission, which includes preventing new HIV infections and caring for people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS.

Founded in 1983, CAP is the oldest and largest community-based provider of HIV services, housing, education and advocacy in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Additional information is available at [www.cascadeaids.org](http://www.cascadeaids.org).

► GSB Owner Scott Warner and paralegal Julene Delo from our firm's Seattle office helped Childhaven develop a plan to protect its intellectual property. GSB's *pro bono* assistance focused on copyrights in materials created to train therapists working with at-risk families. The legal issues involved licensing Childhaven's trademark rights in its logo and a trademark owner's obligation to protect a mark from infringing uses.

Childhaven's mission is to prevent and stop the cycle of abuse and neglect through scientifically-supported programs that protect and treat children ages one month through five years, and their families. Additional information is available at [www.childhaven.org](http://www.childhaven.org).

► Consistent with GSB's strong commitment to public service, we opened the doors of our recently relocated New York City office to local artists to showcase their creations, a vivid collection of more than 30 original works ranging from acrylics, to oils, to mixed media. The artists selected for the program included both well-established artists in the New York art scene as well as rising stars.

## 2007 Dallaire Public Service Award Winner



Gregg Rodgers, an Owner in GSB's Seattle office whose practice focuses on management-oriented immigration and employment law, received the 2007 Dallaire Public Service Award. This award recognizes GSB lawyers and staff members who have made extraordinary contributions of community service or *pro bono* services. Gregg, who provides *pro bono* legal services to poor and disadvantaged individuals, has been a model and inspiration to all GSB employees. His *pro bono* clients come to him through a variety of channels, including:

- ▶ Referrals from the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project – those Gregg represents often are victims of political persecution in their home countries.
- ▶ Referrals from Volunteer Attorneys for People with AIDS, a King County Bar Association program – typically these clients, though otherwise eligible for immigration relief, could be precluded because they have HIV or AIDS.
- ▶ His volunteer staff work at the King County Bar Association's Neighborhood Legal Clinic Program helps many people who have immigration problems.

Gregg also chairs the Pro Bono Committee of the Washington State Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. In that role, he has been expanding the *pro bono* work of immigration lawyers statewide. A current project involves orchestrating a statewide Citizenship Day. Although Gregg's *pro bono* focus has been primarily immigration, he has made important contributions in other public service areas:

- ▶ He is active in Lambda Legal, which works to end discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ▶ He is active in the Washington State China Relations Council, which promotes educational, cultural and commercial ties between China and Washington State.
- ▶ He mentors students at his *alma mater*, Seattle University School of Law, as well as students at the University of Washington School of Law.

Overall, Gregg has worked continuously and tirelessly to protect and advance the legal rights and dignity of those coming to our country to better themselves. He inspires others to do the same and fully supports their efforts.

## Promotions and Additions

Seth Berntsen



► **Seth Berntsen**, who joined GSB as an Associate in 2000, has been promoted to Owner. Based in our Seattle office, Seth focuses on commercial litigation, including labor and employment litigation. He represents employers in disputes involving wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation and other employment issues. Seth has considerable experience litigating and advising clients on wage and hour and business protection issues.

Seth obtained his J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law (2000) and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Washington (1997). He is a volunteer member of the Downtown Seattle YMCA Board of Managers and Membership Committee. His contributions to the YMCA include fund-raising to support the organization's community programs.

► **Nancy Cooper**, an Owner in GSB's Portland office, practices labor and employment law. She brings more than 10 years of experience counseling clients on issues of wage and hour, discrimination, discipline, investigations and harassment complaints, as well as labor negotiations, strikes, labor arbitrations, and negotiation and interpretation of collective bargaining agreements. Nancy works closely with employers to establish effective preventative practices that help minimize the potential for litigation. She is a frequent lecturer and writer, a regular columnist for *Inc.com* and a member of several local and state organizations.

Nancy earned her J.D. in 1995 from the Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College and her B.S. in 1980 from the University of Arizona.

Nancy Cooper



► **Carla DewBerry**, an Owner in GSB's Seattle office, practices healthcare law. She represents healthcare clients in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement matters, including related audits and litigation. In addition, she is an experienced tax and business counselor representing clients in mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, joint venture operations, licensing, and federal and state taxation matters. Carla counsels clients in other areas as well. Her experience includes working as a practicing CPA at a large accounting firm where she was a member of a firm-wide healthcare group. Because of this background, Carla brings to her law practice a practical, in-depth understanding of how financial information is generated, stored and retrieved in the healthcare industry. This understanding is especially helpful when representing clients in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement matters.

Carla earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley in 1980 and her B.S. from the University of San Francisco in 1977. She is admitted to practice in Washington and California.

► **Matthew Hoyer**, an Associate in GSB's Washington, D.C. office, is a member of our Government Contracts group. Matt counsels clients doing business with federal, state and local government. This includes helping them successfully resolve disputes arising from the award and performance of government contracts. Matt also is experienced in transportation (particularly government transportation), litigation (administrative hearings, trials and appellate cases), and labor and employment law.

Carla DewBerry



Before joining GSB, Matt was a lawyer with the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), where he worked on transportation procurements and labor and employment matters. Matt served more than six years on active duty with the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Air Force. In that capacity, he provided legal advice on criminal matters, government contracts, fiscal law, tort claims, labor and employment law, military operations, the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, and government ethics.

Matt earned his J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 1999. He earned a B.A. in History and another in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Rochester in 1996, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, New York and Massachusetts.

► **Daniel Margolis** recently joined GSB's Communications & Information Technology Group in our Washington, D.C., office. He comes to GSB as a third-year Associate with extensive experience representing broadcast, wireless and wireline telecommunications companies.

Dan received his B.A. in 2001 in Communications, *magna cum laude*, from Temple University. He graduated in 2004 from New York Law School where he was staff editor of the *New York Law School Journal of Media Law Policy* and a visiting student at the Georgetown University Law Center. He clerked for the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and in the Office of Commissioner Michael Copps. Dan has also worked for the Media Access Project and the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

Matthew Hoyer



Daniel Margolis



Jonathan Mishkin



Leo Peng



John Rothermich



Akane Suzuki



Jamal Whitehead



▶ **Jonathan Mishkin** is an Associate in GSB's Tax Group in our Portland office focusing on tax (including tax controversies) transactions, mergers and acquisitions, estate planning, and charitable organizations. He appears before the IRS at both the examination and appeals levels. Jonathan's past career experience includes working for Deloitte & Touche in Washington, D.C. at the National Tax Office and most recently at the Houston law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski. He has lectured on numerous tax topics including estate planning and tax controversies.

Jonathan earned a LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, where he received a Graduate Tax Policy Fellowship. He earned his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.

▶ **Leo Peng** has been appointed Chief Representative and Managing Director of GSB's Beijing office. Leo, who was previously an attorney in GSB's Seattle office, relocated to Beijing in 2007 to help spearhead our firm's greater China growth plans, which include representing Chinese interests in the United States, with a particular focus on trade, anti-dumping and immigration matters. GSB's Beijing office, which opened in 2004, provides a strategic base from which we can deliver superior, cost-effective legal solutions to both U.S. and Chinese clients.

▶ **John Rothermich**, an Associate in GSB's Portland office, is a litigator. He joins GSB from the New York office of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, where he spent three years defending clients in securities cases, class actions, bankruptcy adversary proceedings and other complex commercial matters.

At GSB, he represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial disputes, including securities claims, contract disputes and real estate matters. John clerked for the Honorable Maryanne Trump Barry of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein of the United States Court of Appeals for the Southern District of New York.

John earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Fordham University School of Law in 2000, and his A.B., with honors, from Brown University in 1995. He is admitted to practice in Oregon, New York and before the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

▶ **Akane Suzuki** has been promoted to Owner. She joined the firm as an Associate in 2000 and practices in the Seattle office. She focuses on all facets of the estate planning process, from basic planning for young families to complex trusts, to family LLCs, to family business succession planning, to charitable giving. She also handles probate and trust administration and advises tax-exempt organizations about tax issues. Fluent in Japanese, Akane has worked with a number of Japanese-speaking as well as other clients on international estate planning and related legal matters.

Akane earned her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law (2000), and her J.D., with honors, from the University of Washington School of Law (1999). She also has a B.A. in East Asian Studies, with honors, from Lewis & Clark College (1995). She has helped obtain tax exemptions for a number of nonprofits on a *pro bono* basis. Additionally, she continues to do *pro bono* estate plans for persons of limited means, particularly terminally ill individuals.

▶ **Jamal Whitehead**, an Associate in GSB's Seattle office, is a litigator. He earned his J.D. from Seattle University School of Law in 2007, where he focused on Civil Advocacy. While in law school, he was inducted into the Order of the Barristers. Jamal also worked in the school's Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic representing clients in predatory lending matters involving home mortgages, debt collection and other unfair lending practices.

Jamal earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Washington in 2004, where he was a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. He has been a board member of the Northwest Defenders Association since 2006, and a member of the Loren Miller Bar Association since 2005. He is admitted to practice in Washington.

## Awards, Recognitions & Appointments

► GSB was selected by corporate directors as one of the top five corporate law firms in Portland, Oregon. The firm was featured in the July/August 2007 issue of *Corporate Board Member*, in a section featuring America's Best Corporate Law Firms. To determine the best corporate law firms, the magazine designed 25 surveys for 25 metropolitan areas, including Portland. Directors of public corporations in each area were asked to choose the top five local firms they believe would best provide general legal advice for their corporation. Nearly 1,000 corporate directors were surveyed.

► GSB lawyer Jim Dunstan, an Owner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, was appointed to a one-year term on Virginia's Joint Commission on Technology and Science Aerospace Advisory Committee. Jim is the only practicing attorney who was appointed to the Committee. The JCOTS was created by the 1997 Virginia General Assembly as a permanent legislative commission. The Commission is charged to generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies. The role of the JCOTS Aerospace Advisory Committee is to advise the Virginia legislature on legislation and other measures they should consider to attract aerospace business into the Commonwealth.

► In September 2007, Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire appointed GSB Owner Bruce Heller from our firm's Seattle office to the King County Superior Court. Heller filled the newly created 52nd judge position, which was effective October 1, 2007. Bruce is not the first GSB lawyer appointed to the bench.

He joins a select group of former GSB lawyers: Washington State Court of Appeals Judge J. Dean Morgan (retired), Washington State Supreme Court Judge Bobbe Bridge (retired), and King County Superior Court Judge Sharon Armstrong.

► Paul Kelly, Jr., Of Counsel in GSB's Portland office, was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to a four-year term on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE), effective October 1, 2007. The OSBHE is the statutory governing board of the seven university Oregon system. Twelve members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate. In addition, Paul Kelly recently accepted an award presented by Governor Kulongoski on behalf of the Governor's Task Force on Equality for Defending Oregon's Domestic Partnerships & Anti-Discrimination Laws. Paul chaired the Governor's Task Force on Equality, which was recognized for its work in 2006-07 on passage of Oregon's Anti-Discrimination and Domestic Partnership Laws which went into effect in early 2008.

► GSB lawyer Hank Wang was appointed by University of Washington (UW) President Mark A. Emmert to serve as vice president of the UW China office. Hank is combining in an Of Counsel role with GSB. In August 2007, Emmert announced that the UW will open an office in Beijing as part of an effort to expand its presence in China. Hank's role, a critical one, is to identify, promote and facilitate UW research and learning opportunities with the Chinese government as well as with the country's universities, research institutes and industry. Hank manages a China-based staff that connects the work of UW faculty, staff and students with UW programs related to China.

► Ten GSB lawyers were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

The list includes:

- Timothy Burkart (Trusts and Estates)
- Carla DewBerry (Health Care)
- Cynthia Fraser (Alternative Dispute Resolution)
- Robert Griffith (Project Finance Law)
- Barbara Holland (Maritime Law)
- Bruce King (Maritime Law)
- Gregg Rodgers (Immigration Law)
- Kenneth Schubert, Jr. (Trusts and Estates)
- Edward Sullivan (Land Use & Zoning Law)
- Robert Weaver (Commercial Litigation, Non-White-Collar Criminal Defense, and White-Collar Criminal Defense)

The *Best Lawyers* lists is compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of top U.S. attorneys confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The 2008 edition is based on more than 2.1 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

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