

LFVA On The Move

An Update & The Low Down From LFVA
Winter 2013



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**President's
Message**

Holiday at the Hamilton

The new Hamilton Live downstairs nightclub at 14th & F Streets, NW was a fabulous tiered venue to celebrate our LFVA 10th Annual Holiday Party. If you missed it, definitely put this on your "Places to Visit" list for 2013. Soul Crackers provided the live music with a surprise performance of "Soul Man" by the Blues Brothers +1 (aka LFVA members Kevin Ward, Craig Church, and Gil Carpel). It was a great night celebrating our 10 year anniversary with friends, old and new. The food went down easy, and the drinks helped draw most everyone to the large dance floor.



Soul Crackers perform on stage while photos of 2012 LFVA Events flash behind them.



On the occasion of the New Year 2013, I have the great pleasure to offer my sincere greetings and best wishes for a bright and prosperous year.

As I look back and reflect on 2012, our organization celebrated its 10 year anniversary. We continued to support our charity of choice, Keen of Greater DC, and we hosted some great events such as our holiday celebration at the Hamilton. That event was one of a kind. The Hamilton was a wonderful venue and the memorable "Blue's Brothers" act highlighted a fabulous evening. The party was a great way to cap another memorable year at the LFVA.

As I look forward to the new year, I am very excited to continue our mission: to create a relaxed atmosphere where friends, business associates, ALA members and supporting vendors, can interact and release the external pressures we all face.



Left to Right: Luis Ruiz, Latham & Watkins; Maira Giron; Gabriella Rodriguez and Leo Juezan, Latham & Watkins.



Left to Right: John Ladson, Rosslyn Young and Fred Olive, all with Vinson & Elkins LLP.

While we aim to make our social events enjoyable and stress-free, behind the scenes we are doing much more than planning parties - we are managing our individual businesses, as well as strengthening the future of this organization.

This year brings a very special event for all of us in the legal industry; the ALA National Conference will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. This is a great opportunity for the LFVA members to continue to strongly support our friends at the ALA Capital Chapter. The LFVA will be well represented at the exposition and throughout the conference.

Additionally, in the great tradition of our organization, we will continue to challenge our Events and Marketing Committees to keep having fabulous events and we will continue to support our charitable causes.

Together with the rest of the member firms. I look forward



Left to Right: Joe Alvarez/2013 LFVA President, Dot Mooney/2013 ALA Capital Chapter President, and Jim Durfee/2012 LFVA President.



Blues Brothers +1 (aka Kevin Ward, Craig Church and Gil Carpel) perform on stage with Soul Crackers.

to a fabulous 2013!

Regards,

Joe

Joe Alvarez, President
Law Firm Vendors
Association

**ALA
Capital
Chapter
Announcements**

**Member
Appreciation/
Change of
Gavel**

March 21, 2013
11:45am -
2:00pm
W Hotel
515 15th St., NW
Washington, DC
20004

Free to members;
Business Partners
By Invitation
Only .

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Left to Right: Kevin Ward/incoming LFVA Events Chair, and Carla Enterline-Heger/outgoing LFVA Events Chair. Note how Kevin's new position has given him a lift.



Guests dance & enjoy the music at the LFVA Holiday Party.

View our photos on [flickr](#)

LFVA Member Highlight

Saving the Planet...One Chair at a Time

Whether you believe climate change is man-made or not, it is hard to dispute that as the world population grows, so grows its landfills. What can you do to help slow that growth? The next time you are planning an office furniture purchase, consider the sustainability characteristics of the chair, desk or cubicle. For the past 20 years, the sustainability movement has been strong and most manufacturers now offer products that have an environmentally friendly conscience.

Start by considering how much of the product's content is from recycled materials; and on the flip side, how much of its content can be recycled. Many upholstery fabrics available on office seating are made from recycled material, and still wear very well. FSC certified wood furniture is another environmental distinction. The Forest Stewardship Council is a non-profit organization that advocates responsible management of the world's forests and its standards ensure that forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible way that takes into account economic viability, and social responsibility.

Beyond furniture, using moveable walls is another option to consider, since they eliminate the waste of metal studs, drywall, taping, sanding and painting involved with conventional construction. Additionally, moveable walls are modular systems, and most will accept furniture components hung from them, reducing the need for furniture supports, creating a less cluttered, cleaner look, with the added benefit of less items that will eventually find their way to the local landfill.

Many manufacturers post their environmentally friendly practices on their websites. Don't be afraid to ask these questions. For now, it's the only planet we have.



Carla-Enterline Heger
Principal



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