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Cocktails, Conversation and Crabs Aplenty!

To celebrate the beginning of spring, LFVA hosted a beach themed happy hour on May 29th at Joe's Seafood Prime Steak & Stone Crab on 15th Street, NW in Washington DC. Joe's opened in the Washington DC area this past January and has quickly become a favorite of the DC legal community. Our guests feasted on a huge variety of shellfish and other appetizers and sipped cocktails. It was a lively atmosphere with fun conversation and provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with current friends and meet new ones here in the law firm community.

During the evening, Joe Alvarez, President of LFVA, took time to recognize how much it means to us to get together with our friends and share what's important to each other.

At the end of the evening, our guests were given canvas beach totes embellished with an embroidered red crab. Check out some of the many attendees enjoying themselves at the event!

President's Message



It's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2014 already, and the earlier snowstorms seem like distant memories, or nightmares in some cases. I would like to thank all of our guests who attended the Event at Joe's Prime Steak, Seafood and Stone Crab, and hope you enjoyed the fabulous food, drink and as always, the friendly and warm atmosphere. Our Events Committee once again did a great job!

I'm often asked, "Aside from throwing great parties, what else does the LFVA do?" It's a great question and I am proud to be a part of an organization of "best in industry" firms who believe that aside from managing their businesses to perform at the highest levels, we also believe in giving back. So I want to share with you a few of the charities that we as a group wholeheartedly support.

Once again this year we continue our dedication to and support of the ALA annual charity, the N Street Village. We also support KEEN of Greater DC, an organization that provides free sports and recreation programs to children, teens and young adults with disabilities in DC, MD and Virginia. In fact, KEEN will be recognizing the LFVA with a "Distinguished Service Award" for not only our financial support, but more importantly, for our members who have volunteered to assist with their KEEN Kids programs.

As you can see, 2014 is already becoming a memorable year, and we are just warming up... so hang on! I look forward to seeing all of you at our next event!

All the best,
Joe



L to R: Deirdre Patterson/ Davis Harman, Mark Stanley / Beveridge and Diamond, and Stacy Fischbach / Keno Kozié Associates



L to R: Antonello Musumeci & Kristin Aldan / Gensler.

Joe Alvarez, LFVA President
National Office Systems, Inc.

ALA Capital Chapter Announcements

Quarterly Networking Lunch

July 10, 2014
12:00PM-1:30PM
W Washington Hotel
515 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

11:45AM-12:30PM
Registration/Networking

12:30PM-1:30PM
Lunch

Partner Appreciation

September 18, 2014
5:30PM-9:00PM
Carnegie Library @ Mt. Vernon Square
801 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
*Further details coming soon

For further information on any of these
events, contact Scoti Dodson or call 202-
419-1539.



KEEN Greater DC (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now), a local nonprofit, volunteer-led organization will honor the Law Firm Vendors Association (LFVA) with a Distinguished Service Award at their



L to R: Barbara Mannix / Fish & Richardson and John Quinn / Latham & Watkins.



L to R: Greg Johns / King & Spalding, Courtney Leonard / Washington Express, and Becky Robinson/ Morgan Lewis.

annual gala KEENFest 2014 on November 8, 2014.

KEEN Greater DC provides one-on-one recreational activities to children, teens and young adults with significant developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to the participant or their family. KEEN is based on a simple concept: pair a trained volunteer coach with a young person with disabilities, a KEEN athlete, in environments conducive to fun, physical activities and let them discover what they can accomplish together.

The LFVA and its members have supported the organization for a number of years, both financially and by volunteering their time.

LFVA President, Joe Alvarez of National Office Systems and his daughter Bella are regular volunteers. Everyone enjoys participating with the KEEN athletes and seeing the happiness on their faces. LFVA is committed to giving back to the community and is honored to be receiving such a special award. "We are thrilled to be recognized at this year's event. KEEN is a wonderful organization that is truly making a difference," shared Joe Alvarez.

KEEN Greater DC was founded in 1992 by Elliott Portnoy, Global Chief Executive Officer for Dentons. In 2005 he expanded the organization nationally. Now there is a KEEN USA and seven affiliates in cities throughout the country. It is a great organization. KEEN Greater DC certainly has made a tremendous impact and LFVA is proud to offer our support.

LFVA Welcomes New Member



L to R: Susan Milkie & Joanna Davis / Legal Placements Inc., Mike Miller / Washington Express, and Jeanie Wine / Hogan Lovells.



L to R: Vince Falcone / Steptoe & Johnson LLP and Matt Vester / Hitt Contracting Inc.



LFVA is pleased to announce that Keno Kozie Associates has recently joined our association.

Keno Kozie has a 25 year history of providing IT design, service and support to the law firm industry, and has long term relationships with many of the firms here in DC. Their experience and reputation in the legal marketplace and in Washington makes them a perfect match for the association.

Please join us in welcoming K2, as a great addition to the Law Firm Vendors Association!

Banding Together June 26, 2014



Banding Together is an annual fundraiser that enables Gifts for the Homeless to purchase and distribute bulk clothing at low wholesale prices to

area homeless shelters and others in tremendous need. Join them on June 26, 2014, where 18 bands representing DC law firms perform at The Black Cat, 1811 14th Street, NW, Washington DC, starting at 7:00 pm. You will be amazed at the talent lurking in our local legal community.

Tickets \$10. General Admission tickets go to:

<http://www.blackcatdc.com/shows/banding-together.html>



L to R: Angela Wagner / Arent Fox, LLP, Crystal Boyer / Westerman Hattori Daniels & Adrian, LLP, and LaVerne Anenia / Millen, White, Zelano & Branigan, PC.

Click [here](#) to see all the photos from this event.

LFVA Member Spotlight: Kastle Systems

3 Ways to Stop Your Security from Taking a Vacation



Sadly, criminals look forward to the same things that we do during the summer months: relaxed attitudes, summer hours, and vacation days.

These distractions provide those criminals with the opportunity to discover holes in your security system. In a 2010 report, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) revealed that there were over two million cases of robbery, burglary or larceny-theft at commercial facilities. But, there are ways to put your mind at ease and enjoy the summer, by taking the following steps:

1. Set and confirm security schedules for all of your entry points. Most facilities keep their security system on a schedule that can vary daily, weekly, monthly or seasonally. For example, you may need different tenant and main entrance door alarm scheduling. During the summer months, there are additional security schedules to consider-that can include summer hours of operation.

2. Monitor your facility. Criminals do not want to be identified, so they avoid facilities that are being

LFVA is proud to once again be a sponsor of this event.

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Joanna Davis/Legal Placements, Inc.

surveilled. You can deter them by installing monitored video cameras. The sight of video cameras and signage that lets people know they are being monitored discourages wrongdoers from entering your facility. Furthermore, video recordings can halt area crime by helping local law enforcement identify the would-be criminals.

3. Audit and reevaluate the security of your reception area. BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association) notes that "office thieves are most active at opening, closing and lunch hours, when the maximum traffic flow occurs." Be conscious of these times and verify that each guest has a confirmed appointment through your visitor management system-if they do not, ask them to schedule a meeting. Over the summer, criminals may try to enter your facility when you are distracted and your guard is down. For more brazen visitors, installing a panic button can provide an added layer of security to this area.

Kastle Systems secures 79% of the top 200 law firms across the country. For over 40 years, Kastle's proven turnkey solution has been a comprehensive, integrated offering that saves firms time and money. Kastle's people and processes, combined with their advanced technology, ensure complete protection.

Where in the *Law Firm World* Is Horacio?

As part of a new installment in the LFVA Newsletter, we ask *Where In The Law Firm World Is Horacio?* If you can answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate.

Below you will see three pictures with Horacio Tijman of ADC Corp., each taken at a different law firm that has recently renovated their existing space. Please take a few minutes to look at them and submit your answers by clicking the link below. **The deadline for submitting your guesses is July 18, 2014:**



Where is Horacio #1



Where is Horacio #2



Where is Horacio #3

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