

ORANGE COUNTY OVERVIEW

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Orange County office has an active diversity committee that is open to all attorneys. The Committee serves an important resource for our lawyers by providing diverse and non-diverse individuals alike a forum for addressing a wide range of issues involving diversity and work-life balance at Gibson Dunn. The Committee's mission is to encourage, organize, fund, support and promote programs, events and initiatives that increase and enhance the diversity and inclusiveness of Gibson Dunn's Orange County office. Under corporate partner Oscar Garza's leadership, the Committee typically meets quarterly and the meetings are widely attended by attorneys in the office.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Although our local diversity committees are open to all attorneys, the Orange County office recognizes that various constituents may have the desire and need to convene to connect and build a community. Thus the local diversity committees are actively encouraged to support the affinity groups. Currently the majority of our affinity groups are LGBT and minority associations in addition to our parent resource groups. Gibson Dunn hosts regular gatherings for our various affinity groups that support our ethnically diverse and LGBT lawyers. In addition to formal events, affinity group activities include social gatherings, attendance at networking events and conferences and engagement in community organizations.

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- Annual Women's Luncheon

RECENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event

The Orange County Diversity Committee hosted "A Date Which Will Live in Infamy: Stories from 4 Pearl Harbor Survivors." Four Pearl Harbor survivors spoke about their experiences from that fateful day, and how that day of infamy has shaped their lives. The program was moderated by Judge Frederick P. Aguirre, retired Superior Court Judge, with an introduction by Gibson Dunn Of Counsel and former California Supreme Court Justice John A. Arguelles.

"Planning for Your Future" Presentation

The Orange County Diversity Committee hosted a presentation by Eric Raines, partner at Albrecht & Barney, on estate planning.

Other recent events include:

- Diversity Update
- Orange County Bar Foundation | Rooftop Brewfest