

PALO ALTO OVERVIEW

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Palo Alto 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 Palo Alto office. Under leadership of Business Development and Recruiting Manager Jennifer Chin, the Committee meets regularly and the meetings are widely attended by attorneys in the office.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Although our local diversity committees are open to all attorneys, the Palo Alto 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.

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Gender Subcommittee

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Parenting Resource Group

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WOMEN OF GIBSON DUNN | PALO ALTO PROGRAMMING

- Monthly All Women Attorney Lunches
- Annual Women's Mentor Event

RECENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

Silicon Valley Urban Debate League Moot Court

Associate Alison Watkins organized a day-long program for student participants in the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League (SVUDL). SVUDL is an organization that the Firm supports as part of our community outreach and partnership efforts with client Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

Other recent events include:

- Hewlett Packard Enterprise Pro Bono Day
- Parenting Group Family BBQ