

KCLA News

Korean Canadian Lawyers Association Newsletter

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Welcome to a New Era!

Hello, and welcome to the second edition of the KCLA Newsletter!

The feedback from our first newsletter was extremely positive. We hope to continue to provide news about what's happening among our members and in our community, occasional commentaries, profiles, and anything else to keep you connected.

The KCLA exec is working hard to make this organization meaningful and relevant to all our members. Your continual feedback and support is greatly appreciated! ☞

Sincerely,
Your 2010 KCLA Executive Committee

KCLA Mentorship Program

This fall, the KCLA will be launching its first ever Mentorship Program!

Everyone appreciates the value of good mentorship, especially in the legal profession. The value of the KCLA Mentorship Program is that law students and junior lawyers can have the benefit of building a relationship with someone who may be able to relate to the challenges of forging a career in the mainstream legal profession.

The concept is simple: interested law students will be paired up with a junior lawyer as a

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News & Events

☞ Congratulations to In Ha Jang, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, who was recognized for excellence as a finalist in the Canadian General Counsel Awards presented by National Post and ZSA Legal Recruitment (Announced in Lexpert July/August 2010).

☞ Congratulations to Jason Park for becoming Chair of the Municipal Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association.

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Special Evening with Senior Members of the Bar

On June 3, 2010, the co-founders of KCLA, Won Kim and Julia Shin-Doi, hosted a wonderful evening event for members of the KCLA.

We had a great turnout of around 40 people, one of our biggest events to date!

Thank you to Won Kim for opening his residence to the KCLA.

Below are some pictures from this event! ☺



mentor. There will be a launch event hosted by the Korean Consulate on **Friday, November 5, 2010** to kick off the mentorship. Senior lawyers will also be invited to meet the law students and junior lawyers.

What does being a mentor entail? Nothing too onerous! Just an initial commitment to attend the launch event, and then to keep in touch with the mentee on their own initiative. Our hope is that through this program more relationships will be fostered, and people will feel a greater sense of community support.

The Mentorship Program Committee is hard at work! The Committee consists of: Tina Chun, Jae Yon Jung, Eugene Kim, Sally Lee, Simon Park, Tae Mee Park, Pamela Shin and Jamie Yoon.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact us at kclaw.ca@gmail.com ☺

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☺ The International Association of Korean Lawyers will be holding their annual conference in Chicago from September 23-26, 2010. KCLA members Robert Choi and Jae-Yon Jung will be participating on an e-discovery panel at the conference.

**☺ PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!
PLEASE SEND ANY NEWS TO
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OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

LSUC's "Lawyers Make History" Project

The Heritage Committee of the LSUC launched *Diversifying the Bar: Lawyers Make History*, an ongoing web project that enriches the history of the legal profession in Ontario by preserving the stories of ground-breaking lawyers of diverse communities.

The aim of this project is to recognize early and exceptional lawyers of the past and present from many diverse communities.

The KCLA has proudly submitted nominations to be included in this project. The list is as follows:

Chan Yeung Kang - first Korean lawyer in Ontario (1981)

Hyun Soo Yi - one of the early Korean lawyers in Ontario (1985)

Jenny Chu Steinberg - one of the early Korean lawyers in Ontario (1986)

Brian Im - one of the early Korean lawyers in Ontario (1986)

Eunice Kim - one of the early Korean lawyers in Ontario (1987)

Won J. Kim - co-founder of the Korean Canadian Lawyers Association, first Korean member of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (1993)

KCLA Legal Clinic

On August 18, the KCLA co-hosted its 2nd legal clinic for 2010 in partnership with the KCWA Family & Social Services ("KCWA").

This clinic was held at the premises of the KCWA at 27 Madison Avenue.

There were two topics presented at the legal clinic: (1) How to file a claim in Small Claims Court; and (2) Residential Real Estate. This was followed by one-on-one consultation sessions with KCLA members and volunteer translators from the KLSA.

The KCLA would like to thank the following volunteers: Ayla (AhYoung) Kim, Jae-Yon Jung, Janet Jin, Jin Hui Han, Jonathan Park, John Lee, Robert Choi, Sang Joon Bae, Simon Park, Soohyun Nam, Tina Chun, and Walter Kim.

The KCLA and KCWA will co-host the 3rd legal clinic for 2010 on Thursday, October 21, 2010. The two topics will be: (1) Your Legal Rights in a Car Accident; and (2) Your Rights as a Consumer.

We still require lawyers to assist with the one-on-one consultation sessions, so please contact us if you are able to assist!

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Jin at janetjin@gmail.com ☞

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Reel Asian Film Festival

For the past few years, the KCLA has been a “community partner” of this festival.

This year will be no different. The festival runs from November 9-15, 2010. We will announce which film we are officially partnering with.

For more information, please check out their website at www.reelasian.com. ☞

KCLA Website

If you haven't done so already, please check out our website at www.kclaw.ca.

We are proud to say that our website demonstrates great professionalism and comprehensiveness for our members.

The KCLA would like to thank Anthony Han at IMAGE BANK Multimedia Inc. for his generous technical assistance in getting our website up and running. Please visit their website at: www.imagebank.ca ☞

Julia Shin Doi -co-founder of the Korean Canadian Lawyers Association, first Korean law faculty member (adjunct), first Korean law clinic director (1994)

Peter Hong - first Korean lawyer named in Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers by Lexpert Magazine (1997)

Michael Park - first Korean Immigration and Refugee Board judge [to be confirmed - now in Vancouver] (1985)

Jacqueline An - first Korean woman criminal lawyer (1998)

Grace Kim Cho (1992) - one of the first Korean lawyers to become a partner in a Bay Street law firm (Aird &Berlis).

To all our nominees: congratulations and thank you for blazing a trail that we can proudly follow! ☞

Contact Us

The members of the 2010 KCLA Executive Committee are:

Gloria Song
Janet Jin
Sang Joon Bae
Simon Park
Tina Chun
Walter Kim

☞ Please share your comments and opinions with us. Email us at kclaw.ca@gmail.com.

☞ We would also like to hear what's new with you and share that information with members of the KCLA.

☞ Visit our website at www.kclaw.ca