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Weintraub Genshlea Chediak Hosts  
The “Celebrating Differences And Promoting Talent” Event  
An Event to Celebrate Diversity in the Legal Profession

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 2, 2007 –Weintraub Genshlea Chediak, a Sacramento-based business law and business litigation firm was proud to host the “Celebrating Differences and Promoting Talent” reception on June 28, 2007.

The reception celebrated the diversity programs sponsored by the No Glass Ceiling Task Force of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Bar Association’s Diversity Hiring and Retention Committee. Managing shareholder, Gary Bradus, and shareholder, Beth West, delivered the opening remarks and discussed the importance of supporting these diversity programs.

The keynote speakers, the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Third District Court of Appeal; the newly appointed Honorable Stacy Boulware-Eurie, formally of the Office of the Attorney General; and Louis Gonzalez, Jr., shareholder with Weintraub Genshlea Chediak, were all warmly received by over 80 enthusiastic law students and attorneys. These three exceptional speakers shared their stories of challenges and successes in the legal profession.

Justice Cantil-Sakauye inspired the audience with her entertaining and encouraging story of how she embraced the challenge of turning her quiet and obedient persona as a young Filipino female into a successful prosecutor and later, a highly respected judge and justice on the Third District Court of Appeal. Her message was clear: have self-confidence in yourself no matter what your background and be sure to respect all those involved in the legal process. Over her career as a prosecutor and judge, Justice Cantil-Sakauye helped plow new ground for female and minority lawyers and has been a role model for many in the Sacramento legal community.

Newly appointed Judge Stacy Boulware-Eurie shared how life-long lessons from parents, family, and role models have carried her through her legal profession and enabled her to

accomplish the many successes she has had in her young years. Her parents always told her she had two jobs in life: "Get good grades and be a good person." These words have stayed with Judge Boulware-Eurie and she has transformed them into the motto "there is no such thing as being over-prepared." Words for all of us to remember when appearing before the new judge.

Louis Gonzales, Jr., a shareholder with Weintraub Genshlea Chediak, offered encouragement to the minority and disadvantaged law students in the audience by sharing his journey through law school and the Sacramento County District Attorney's office before arriving at the Weintraub firm. He spoke of his experience as a first-generation American and the first in his family to graduate college, let alone law school. By example and by his words, Mr. Gonzalez gave wise advice to the young laws students; "do not self-deselect" yourself from consideration as an attorney with a large law firm because law firms have been looking for qualified applicants for years and without much success. If qualified applicants apply the law firms will hire them and then the law firms will reflect greater diversity in their attorneys.

The mission of the No Glass Ceiling Task Force is to encourage local law firms, corporate legal departments, and governmental agencies to make work environments more family-friendly and promote more women up the ranks. For more information about the task force, please visit [www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org/noglassceiling.cfm](http://www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org/noglassceiling.cfm).

The Sacramento County Bar Association established the Diversity Hiring and Retention Committee in 1990 with the mission of encouraging firms to introduce first-year minority and disadvantaged law students to the work and culture of private law firms. For more information about the committee, please visit [www.sacbar.org](http://www.sacbar.org).

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