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INTRODUCTORY LETTER FROM MARISSA C. WESELY

Dear Friends:

Each time we prepare this newsletter, we are once again amazed at the diverse and extraordinary careers that our talented alumnae have forged since leaving the Firm, just two of which are highlighted below. The collective accomplishments and contributions to society that our alumnae have made over the years are nothing short of breathtaking.

Here at the Firm, we have our own milestone to share: Women partners have for the first time been elected to the Firm's Executive Committee, the group responsible for managing the Firm's affairs at the highest level. I am incredibly proud to report that *two* women partners are now members of the 12-member Committee, effective June 5th, 2009:

- **Sarah E. Cogan**, a member of the Corporate Department and head of the Firm's Investment Management Practice Group. Sarah advises clients on corporate and securities law, including investment management

and M&A matters. As the head of the Investment Management Practice Group, she has represented a number of closed-end investment companies, mutual funds, investment advisers and independent directors of investment companies. She also represents a number of underwriters of closed-end funds and business development companies. Sarah has been a partner since 1989; and

- **Laura Palma**, also a member of the Corporate Department. She concentrates on structured finance transactions, including rental car and rental truck fleet financings, franchise royalty securitizations, cell tower securitizations, aircraft portfolio securitizations, auto, truck and equipment loan and lease securitizations, timeshare loan securitizations and other receivables financings. Laura has been a partner since 1995.



Marissa C. Wesely
Women's Committee Chair

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From left to right: Accenture partner Laila J. Worrell; Silda Wall Spitzer, a Managing Director of Metropolitan Capital Advisors, Inc.; Diana L. Taylor, a Managing Director of Wolfensohn & Company, L.L.C.; Simpson Thacher exempt organizations partner Victoria B. Bjorklund; Kavita N. Ramdas, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Fund for Women; Shelly Lazarus, Chairman of Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide and Simpson Thacher tax partner Marcy G. Geller

I am also delighted to welcome our newest woman partner, **Laura M. Twomey**. Laura is a member of the Firm's Personal Planning Department. Previously, she was a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski.

We continue to extend our focus outside the Firm. This past January, Simpson Thacher – together with Accenture – hosted the third annual “Women in Non-Profit Board Leadership” breakfast at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a group of senior professional women from the corporate, government and non-profit worlds. The program focused on how to lead non-profit organizations in navigating the challenges of the current economic climate. Once again, Simpson Thacher tax partner **Marcy G. Geller** and Accenture partner Laila J. Worrell did a fabulous job as co-chairs of the event. This year, Diana L. Taylor, a Managing Director of Wolfensohn & Company, L.L.C., served as moderator, and the panel included Simpson Thacher exempt organizations partner **Victoria B. Bjorklund**; Shelly Lazarus, Chairman of Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide; Kavita N. Ramdas, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Fund for Women; and Silda Wall Spitzer, a Managing Director of Metropolitan Capital Advisors, Inc. So successful and well-attended was the event that it was covered in *The Am Law Daily* the following day.

But enough about us for now . . . this newsletter is about you, and your accomplishments. If you haven't done so already, please do take a moment or two to get in touch and provide us with news about yourself and other Simpson Thacher women, together with any comments on or suggestions for this newsletter, by sending email to: womensconnection@stblaw.com.

You may also find contact information for fellow alumnae on the Extranet section of the Firm's website.

Wishing you all my very best,

Marissa C. Wesely

Women's Committee Chair

ALUMNA PROFILE

STEELED FOR SUCCESS: TAMARA LUNDGREN TAKES THE REINS AT SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES

In the more than two decades since she left Simpson Thacher, **Tamara L. Lundgren** ('82 - '86) has never once shied away from a professional challenge. She first leveraged her experience in the Firm's corporate department to join Goldman Sachs, rising through the ranks to become a Vice President. Tamara then returned to the practice of law when she moved to Washington, D.C. and became a partner at Hogan & Hartson. In 1996, her former colleagues from Goldman Sachs recruited her to join them at Deutsche Bank as a Managing Director.

Her work took her to Deutsche Bank's London office just before the implementation of the Euro – an incredibly exciting time in the financial markets. In 2001, Tamara left Deutsche Bank to join JPMorgan Chase as a Managing Director. Upon returning to the United States with her husband, who had been recruited to be the CEO at The Stanley Works in Connecticut, a former client recruited Tamara in 2005 to direct strategy for Schnitzer Steel Industries. Although she loved the world of finance, she had always been interested in working in industry, so she jumped at the chance.

As Chief Strategy Officer and then as Chief Operating Officer, Tamara led a



Tamara Lundgren

growth strategy that included a number of acquisitions. Schnitzer ended its fiscal year 2008 with revenues in excess of \$3.6 billion, from \$900 million in 2005. In December 2008, Tamara was catapulted to the very top: she now serves as Chief Executive Officer of Schnitzer Steel, a remarkable achievement for a person who – just a few years prior – had never before worked in the steel industry.

Tamara attributes her success at Schnitzer Steel to the analytical skills she developed first as a lawyer and then as a banker. While she had no specific experience in the steel industry, Tamara's banking work required her to understand multiple industries. Her success depended on her ability to quickly analyze the drivers of a company's performance.

Tamara's "big picture" perspective and her quick, on-target decision-making skills have enabled her to guide Schnitzer Steel during a period of sweeping change, both at the company itself and in the global markets. Under her leadership, the company has grown from 1,800 employees to more than 3,000. While it exported only to three countries at the time Tamara came on board, Schnitzer now has export facilities throughout the country and sends its metal products all over the world.

When Tamara looks back at her career, she credits her achievements to the relationships she has built at every firm and financial institution with which she has been affiliated – beginning with Simpson Thacher, where she says the leadership and culture still inspire her!

ALUMNA PROFILE

SAUTÉING HER WAY TO SUCCESS: DIANE GORDON MAKES HER MARK AS A NEW YORK CATERER

More than twenty years ago, when **Diane S. Gordon** ('86 - '88) first began her legal career with the Firm as a corporate and tax associate, she had already discovered her true passion: cooking and entertaining. There was nothing Diane found more relaxing or rewarding than opening up one of Julia Child's celebrated cookbooks and whipping up a feast for family and friends. Her love of food and its many pleasures only intensified when she arrived in New York and sampled then-rare delicacies, like chèvre and sushi.

In 1991, after a three-year sojourn as a tax associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's New York office, Diane decided to follow her heart and leave the law. She attended New York Restaurant School for six months, and then interned at Mondrian – under the tutelage of the now-famous chef Tom Colicchio – and Union Square Café. To complete her training, Diane headed off to Paris to work at three Michelin-three star restaurants and the renowned pastry shop, Fauchon.

Just two years later, in 1993, Diane embarked on perhaps the bravest adventure of her life: she opened her very own business, Entertaining Ideas Catering. Diane went to work using just a home-based office and a kitchen she shared with another caterer. She began turning out her inventive creations – all in a contemporary cuisine that emphasizes organic ingredients and seasonal fare – to rave reviews. Word of mouth quickly led from one catering engagement to the next. Before she knew it, Diane had enough



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business to justify her very own catering facility.

Today, Diane operates from a 2,500 square foot facility in Harlem that is hers and hers alone. Together with a full-time chef, Diane plans menus and directs strategy for her extraordinary business – catering events ranging from the Tribeca Film Festival's Filmmaker's Reception for 1,200 guests to an intimate lunch for President Bill Clinton and then-U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Though she has traveled far from where she began, Diane has never forgotten Simpson Thacher. She has catered many events for the Firm's summer program, and she counts among her best clients a number of the Firm's partners.

To learn more about Diane and her delectable delicacies, please go to www.entertainingideascatering.com.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Former litigation associate **Sheila M. Brodbeck** ('98 – '08) has joined Wyeth, a global leader in pharmaceuticals, consumer health care and animal health care products, as Corporate Counsel in its Consumer Healthcare Division. In her new role, Sheila supports the U.S. consumer healthcare business in a wide range of legal matters, including advising on claims substantiation, advertising, and regulatory and compliance issues, and initiating and defending advertising claim challenges. She also assists in new product development and participates as legal representative on cross-functional teams and task forces to address issues relevant to the business.

After spending two and a half years as Counsel at Time Warner, former corporate associate **Anne P. Callender** ('00 – '06, '08 – present) has returned to Simpson Thacher

in the role of Corporate Practice Area Specialist. In her new position, she promotes business development initiatives for the corporate department and the Firm as a whole.

In the twenty years since she left the Firm, former associate **Lisa E. Chang** ('87 – '89) has held a number of enviable legal jobs, ranging from legal writing instructor at Georgia State University to partner at a small Atlanta firm to Counsel in the labor and employment department of Jones Day's Atlanta office to a principal in her own employment law firm, the Law Office of Lisa E. Chang, P.C. This past January, Lisa took on yet another exciting role: she was confirmed as County Attorney and Chief Legal Officer for DeKalb County, with offices in Decatur, Georgia. She oversees fifteen lawyers and eight staff members who together represent DeKalb County with respect to its civil matters.

For ten years, **Michelle B. Cherande** ('97 – '09) served as a litigation associate at Simpson Thacher. A large part of her practice focused on securities litigation. Now, Michelle is Director of Clerkships at the New York University School of Law. She oversees various clerkship programs and panels that prepare and aid students in the clerkship application process.

Once an associate in capital markets and investment management at Simpson Thacher, **Elain Kam Cleary** ('01 – '05) now serves as Senior Counsel in the corporate and securities group at Amgen Inc., a leading human therapeutics company in the biotechnology industry.

Former litigation associate **Shiao Chien** ('06 – '08) is now a Staff Attorney at Sanctuary for Families, the largest nonprofit in New York State dedicated exclusively to serving domestic violence victims and their children. The

organization's Center for Battered Women's Legal Services is the largest provider of legal services exclusively for victims of domestic violence in the country.

After eight years as a litigation associate at the Firm, **Patricia T. Fox** ('00 - '08) is now Assistant General Counsel at American International Group, Inc., a leading international insurance organization with operations in over 130 countries and jurisdictions. Patricia is part of a group of attorneys at AIG who are responsible for the resolution of AIG's worldwide reinsurance disputes.

Once a Simpson Thacher litigation associate, **Amanda Hector** ('05 - '09) has joined the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, as an Assistant United States Attorney. Amanda is an attorney in the Criminal Division. She is looking forward to several trials this summer ranging from charges of impersonation of a federal officer to narcotics trafficking and identity theft.

After serving as an associate in Simpson Thacher's personal planning department, **Laura M. Heller** ('04 - '09) left the Firm to practice trusts and estates law with the Law Offices of **Joanne R. Sternlieb**. Joanne is also an alumna of the Firm ('87 - '99).

Former litigation associate **Emily Kimball** ('06 - '08) recently left the Firm to work in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the United States Department of State. The Office of the Legal Adviser furnishes advice on all legal issues, domestic and international, arising in the course of the Department's work. Emily's practice focuses on international claims and investment disputes. Her portfolio includes cases before the Iran-U.S. Claims

Tribunal, bilateral claims in the Middle East region, issues of state responsibility and diplomatic protection, and work on the U.S. submission in the International Court of Justice case concerning Kosovo's declaration of independence.

Tiffany Liston ('02 - '09), once a litigation associate at Simpson Thacher, is now Director of Strategy and Development for PublicPrep, a charter management organization which oversees the Girls Preparatory Charter Schools. Girls Prep's mission is to prepare girls to succeed in academically competitive, college-preparatory high schools of their choice, and colleges. Tiffany leads PublicPrep's strategic planning, external relations and fundraising initiative in support of its growing network of high performing single-sex public charter schools in and around New York City.

Following two years as a corporate restructuring associate at the Firm, **Jennifer L. Marines** ('06 - '08) left to join the Restructuring Group at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She is currently representing Charter Communications in its prearranged bankruptcy proceedings and ION Media Networks, Inc. in its Chapter 11 cases.

After spending nearly two years as a litigation associate in the Firm's Los Angeles office, **Katarzyna (Kasia) Nowak** ('07 - '09) decided that labor and employment was more her speed. She spent a week searching for the perfect "Zin" in Northern California, after which time she joined the Brown Gitt Law Group in Pasadena, California as a labor and employment associate.

After a total of twelve years at Simpson Thacher, **Annette C. Rizzi** ('89 - '96, '04 - '09) recently left to become counsel with

the White Plains firm of Meiselman, Denlea, Packman, Carton & Eberz P.C. She represents clients in a wide variety of general commercial litigation matters. Also counsel at Meiselman are two other former litigation associates, **Christine M. Ford** ('98 - '08) and **Jill C. Owens** ('88 - '03).

Jacqueline M. Rosenblum ('03 - '08) spent five years in the Firm's employment and labor group before leaving last year to join the Appeals Bureau at the Nassau County District Attorney's Office in Mineola, New York, as an Assistant District Attorney. Her primary job responsibility is to handle appeals of criminal prosecutions. However, Jacqueline is also assigned to Nassau County's relatively new diversionary "mental health court," which offers treatment in lieu of incarceration to certain mentally ill, criminal defendants.

Former litigation associate **Christine A. Sebourn** ('06 - '08) is now serving as Law Clerk to the Honorable Faith S. Hochberg of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

After spending a year at the Firm's Hong Kong office, former corporate associate **Heather Tsai** ('07 - '08) has returned to the United States to pursue her S.J.D. study at the University of Virginia. She is living in Charlottesville, Virginia, working on her thesis on the private enforcement of the Anti-Monopoly Law of China. She expects to finish her thesis by the end of 2009.

SIMPSON THACHER TODAY – LAURA TWOMEY JOINS THE FIRM AS A PERSONAL PLANNING PARTNER

After nearly a decade practicing trusts and estates law at Fulbright & Jaworski, **Laura M. Twomey** was ready for a new

challenge: this past April, Laura joined Simpson Thacher as a partner in the Firm's Personal Planning department. Her practice includes estate planning, estate administration, trust administration and charitable planning.

A 1998 graduate of Boston College Law School and the mother of two young boys, Kevin (4 years old) and Darren (16 months old), Laura has accomplished a tremendous amount in a relatively short time. She was quick to share the secrets of her success: from the very beginning, Laura took a long-term view of her career. In her junior years, she focused on building the basic skills she needed to be a good personal planning attorney. As a mid-level associate, her goal was to position herself as an expert in her field. She appeared on CNBC's Power Lunch, and published regularly in industry publications. She obtained her L.L.M. from NYU Law School, to deepen and broaden her knowledge base.

By the time Laura was a senior associate, she was ready to focus on developing her client base and heightening her profile. She became active in bar associations, and juggled extensive speaking engagements and writing opportunities with her busy caseload. These step-wise efforts paid off handsomely. Soon, Laura found herself bringing in all of her own clients and generating new business on a regular basis.

One of Laura's many goals here at the Firm is to serve as a mentor to young attorneys, and to encourage them to take ownership of their professional growth. Her message to associates is simple: "You are the CEO of your own career."



Laura M. Twomey

SIMPSON THACHER TODAY – AND THE AWARD GOES TO . . .

This past February, inMotion, Inc., a provider of free legal and social services to low-income women, honored 78 Simpson Thacher attorneys who worked on inMotion matters in 2008. These matters spanned a wide range of family law issues including contested divorce, child custody and support, orders of protection and immigration. The Firm provided over 4,000 hours of *pro bono* legal services to inMotion in 2008.

Litigation partner **Alexis Coll-Very**, together with fellow litigation partner **Patrick E. King** (both of the Palo Alto office) and a team of associates, received the 2009 Equal Justice Award from the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley for their extraordinary work on the CAMHPRA Access to Housing case, which greatly expanded the rights of elderly adults with mental health disabilities to access California state licensed housing. The award was presented at the annual Celebration of Justice Dinner in May 2009. While the CAMPHRA case was pending, Alexis was asked to join the Board of Directors of the Law Foundation, a position she continues to hold today.

Intellectual property law partner **Lori E. Lesser** (New York office) has been named one of the "World's Leading IP Strategists" by *Intellectual Asset Management* (IAM) magazine. IAM is a London-based magazine that reports on the business and financial aspects of intellectual property.

Litigation associate **Angela Moore** (Palo Alto office) has been awarded the *Pro Bono* Advocate award from Legal Services for Children in San Francisco for her work winning asylum for a teenage boy from Guatemala on the basis of

religious persecution. The award was presented at a luncheon on June 9th. Former associates **Jessica W. Chan** ('06 - '08) and **Ariel Leichter-Maroko** ('05 - '08) also worked on the case, which was supervised by litigation partner **James G. Kreissman** (also of the Palo Alto office).

This past January, the New York State Bar Association awarded the 2009 Kay Crawford Murray Award to senior banking and credit partner **Marissa C. Wesely** (New York office). The Association's Committee on Women in the Law gives the award annually to a lawyer who recognizes the value of diversity in the legal profession and has dedicated her time to advancing the professional development of women attorneys.

SIMPSON THACHER TODAY – APPEALING APPOINTMENTS

Litigation partner **Lynn K. Neuner** (New York office) was named to Chair the Subcommittee to Evaluate United States Supreme Court Nominee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The Subcommittee will review Judge Sonia Sotomayor's qualifications to serve as an Associate Justice and issue its report to the Executive Committee, which will then issue a report to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Lynn was also elected to serve as the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the City Bar Association for next year.

Corporate associate **Makiko Harunari** (New York office) has joined the Leadership Council of Year Up, a one-year intensive education and apprenticeship program for urban young adults aged 18-24. Year Up's program recognizes that both job skills and education are necessary to provide a viable path to economic self-sufficiency. Its mission is to prepare these

young adults for successful careers and higher education.

Litigation associates **Lisa H. Rubin** and **Heather L. Shaffer** (both of the New York office) have joined the newly-formed Associate Board of Gilda's Club of New York City, a cancer support organization. Lisa also recently joined the board of Planned Parenthood of New York City's Action Fund.

SIMPSON THACHER TODAY – NOTEWORTHY PUBLICATIONS

Litigation partner **Mary Elizabeth ("Libby") McGarry** (New York office) has authored a short treatise on product liability law entitled "Primer on Product Liability Law," published electronically by Bloomberg this past month. The treatise covers everything from the elements of a product liability case to preemption, evidentiary issues and tort reform.

Corporate senior counsel **Joyce Xu** (New York office) recently authored the book chapter "U.S. Corporate and Regulatory Aspects of Equity Derivatives" for the treatise published by Globe Law & Business, titled *Equity Derivatives: Documenting and Understanding Equity Derivative Products*. Joyce's chapter explores U.S. corporate and legal considerations raised by various corporate equity derivative products, in particular, five that are popular in the U.S. – accelerated share repurchases, collared forward share repurchases, issuer call spreads, registered stock borrow facilities and registered forwards.

SIMPSON THACHER – ENGAGING SPEAKING

Corporate partner **Maripat Alpuche** (New York office) participated in the Practising Law Institute's "Banking Law Institute 2009: Stabilizing the Financial Services System" in New York City in April 2009. Corporate partner **Lee Meyerson** (also of the New York office) was a chairperson of the event, and Maripat spoke on a panel on "Mergers and Acquisitions in Troubled Times," which discussed challenges and developments in M&A transactions for financial institutions in the current financial crisis.

Exempt organizations partner **Victoria B. Bjorklund** and exempt organizations Counsel **Jennifer I. Reynoso** (both of the New York office) were speakers at the NYU School of Law briefing on "Underwater Endowments: The Status of New York State Legislation to Fix the Problem." The program, held in March 2009, addressed the possible enactment in New York State of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), which if adopted will return flexibility to institutions holding funds that have fallen below their "historic dollar value." Victoria and Jennifer, assisted by exempt organizations associate **Jillian P. Krell**, are the draftspersons for UPMIFA for the State of New York.

Corporate partner and head of the Firm's investment management practice group **Sarah E. Cogan** participated in the Practising Law Institute's "ABCs of Mutual Funds" program on June 10th in New York. Sarah spoke on a panel entitled "Understanding the Relationship Between the Mutual Fund, Its Adviser, and Fund Directors," addressing the role of independent directors; the difference

between active monitoring and micro-management; mutual fund fees; and the roles of fund sponsors, managers, investment advisors and administrators.

Tax partner **Marcy G. Geller** (New York office) recently spoke at the Practising Law Institute's "Financial Products and Transactions 2009" program in New York City in April 2009. She spoke on a panel entitled "Practical Issues Arising from Equity-Flavored Debt Issuances."

Corporate associate **Dana C. Kahney** (New York office) participated in "From Backpack to Brief Case: A Transitional Program for Law Students" at the New York City Bar Association in April 2009. The program was jointly sponsored by the National Association of Women Lawyers and the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Career Management and Transition. Dana spoke on a panel called "Working with Partners, Senior Colleagues and Clients: Lessons Learned" with other practicing women attorneys.

Intellectual property law partner **Lori E. Lesser** (New York office) was a faculty member at the Practising Law Institute's "Information Technology Law Institute 2009: Web 2.0 and the Future of Mobile Computing: Privacy, Blogs, Data Breaches, Advertising, and Portable Information Systems" in New York City in March 2009. Lori spoke on "Social Networks and Blogs," addressing legal issues for social networking sites, blogs and sites hosting user-generated content. In April 2009, Lori spoke at the Practising Law Institute's "Advanced Seminar on Copyright Law 2009" on "Copyright and IP Due Diligence in Corporate Transactions."

Litigation partner **Linda H. Martin** and litigation associate **Helena Almeida** (both of the New York office) spoke at the

American Bar Association's Section of Litigation Insurance Coverage Conference held in Tuscon in March 2009. Linda spoke on a panel entitled "Consequential Damages Awards Against Insurers In Coverage Actions." Helena spoke on a panel on "Location, Location, Location: Strategic Considerations for Selection of Forum."

Director of Diversity **Natalia Martín** (New York office) spoke at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law in Business held in Atlanta this past March. She spoke on a panel entitled "Maximizing Your Law Degree in Non-Traditional Employment Settings." Natalia also spoke at the 2009 Diversity Summit co-sponsored by the Association for Legal Career Professionals and the Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals on June 5th in Chicago. She spoke on a panel entitled "Visibility Matters."

Corporate partner **Marni J. Lerner** and litigation partner **Jonathan K. Youngwood** (both of the New York office) spoke at the Practising Law Institute's "Conducting Due Diligence in M&A and Securities Offerings" program on June 8th in New York. Marni spoke on a panel entitled "Mechanics of Due Diligence – M&A and Similar Transactions," addressing issues including how to build a strong team, the role of independent advisors and documenting and reporting the due diligence. Jonathan spoke on a panel entitled "Due Diligence as a Statutory Defense," addressing federal securities laws, state securities and anti-fraud laws, and the impact of Sarbanes-Oxley and Securities Act reforms.

This past January, litigation partner **Lynn K. Neuner** (New York office) spoke

at the American Conference Institute's "National Advanced Forum on Advertising Law" on a panel discussing standards for complex claim substantiation before the Federal Trade Commission, the National Advertising Division and the Lanham Act courts. She also served as a moderator on a panel discussing women in the legal profession at a Yale Law School conference in New Haven in March.

Corporate partner **Risë B. Norman** (New York office) spoke at the New York City Bar Association's "10th Annual Corporate and Securities Law Update: Doing Deals in the Current Economic Market" this past May.

Exempt organizations Counsel **Jennifer I. Reynoso** (New York office) participated in the New York State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education program entitled "Operating the New York Not-for-Profit Organization: Current Issues and Best Practices" on June 18th. Jennifer spoke on "Structure, Formation and Operation," reviewing different types of not-for-profit organizations, fiscal sponsorship arrangements, and filing issues.

This past January, the Firm's Counsel and Director of Conflicts Management **Kathy L. Rose** taught a seminar at the University of Chicago Law School together with retired corporate partner **Martin D. Jacobson** (both of the New York office) on "Ethics in Corporate Transactional Practice." The seminar was part of a new ethics course for the 2008-2009 academic year called "Legal Ethics: Shades of Gray." Kathy and Martin also taught a seminar together on "Transactional Ethics" at the University of Chicago Law School last fall, and expect to teach again for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Corporate partner **Marissa C. Wesely** joined corporate partner **L. Francis ("Frank") Huck** (both of the New York Office) at the Practising Law Institute's "Private Equity Acquisition Financing Summit" in New York this past February. Frank served as co-chair of the event and spoke on a panel entitled "Private Equity Financing Today." Marissa spoke on the "Financing Commitments and Acquisitions" panel addressing the use of financing commitments in the acquisition process, how private equity firms are responding to the market crisis, and what commitments will look like when the markets return. This past April, Marissa helped organize and spoke at a conference in São Paulo addressing the advancement of women in the legal profession and the Report of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Women in the Profession entitled "Best Practices for the Hiring, Training, Retention and Advancement of Women Attorneys." On June 2, 2009, Marissa also spoke at the New York City Bar Association's Second Annual Panel on Women and Leadership entitled "Overcoming Gender Perceptions in Achieving Leadership Success."

Senior Counsel in the corporate department **Joyce Xu** (New York office) spoke at the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) "Documenting and Confirming Equity Derivative Transactions" conference in February 2009. Her presentation focused on the structure and documentation of equity swaps and forwards. Joyce also spoke at the ISDA 24th Annual General Meeting held in Beijing this past April 2009. The conference was attended by over 600 representatives from financial institutions and law firms from around the

world. Joyce's presentation focused on innovative equity derivative products developed in the United States in recent years, such as prepaid variable share forwards, various structured issuer share repurchase products and issuer call spreads.

Senior counsel **Joyce Xu** and associate **Ying Catherine Wang** (both of the New York office) prepared an update on recent developments in U.S. regulations of OTC derivatives, and Catherine presented on the topic, at the "Legal and Regulatory Perspectives" panel of the 11th Overseas Young Chinese Forum Annual Meeting held in New York City on May 30-31, 2009. The meeting brought together legal scholars, government officials and professionals from both China and the United States for a lively discussion on the impact of the global financial crisis on the U.S. and China.

Corporate associate **Shuang Zhao** (Hong Kong office) spoke at the Second Annual Depositary Receipt Issuers' Conference (Greater China) in Langkawi, Malaysia this past December. She spoke at two panels, one on "U.S. Legal & Financial Regulatory Updates" and another on "M&A and Private Equity Strategies in a Changing Market Environment."

SIMPSON THACHER TODAY – PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

Many non-profit organizations and government agencies are facing significant budgetary constraints, while experiencing a tremendous increase in the need for their services. To make a sustained commitment to public interest work at this all-important time, the Firm has established the Public

Service Fellowship Program to enable current and incoming associates to devote a year working on a public service project of their choice. The Firm provides a stipend and benefits to these associates, and offers them the option to return to the Firm at the fellowship's conclusion. The following Simpson Thacher women associates were chosen to participate in the Program:

- **Anna Arkin-Gallagher** ('09, incoming associate) – Bronx Defenders, New York, NY
- **Camille Boulanger** ('07, New York office) – International Organization for Migration, New York, NY
- **Charlene Caprio** ('07, New York office) – Archipelagos, Athens, Greece
- **Jennifer Chen** ('08, New York office) – Asian American Institute, Chicago, IL
- **Kathryn Dyer** ('09, incoming associate) – Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
- **Laurie Gay** ('06, New York office) – Slow Food International, New York, NY/Atlanta, GA
- **Tabatha George** ('07, New York office) – Harvard Law School Project on Disability, Cambridge, MA
- **Paula Han** ('07, New York office) – Wage Justice Center, Los Angeles, CA
- **Thea Johnson** ('09, incoming associate) – Legal Aid Society of New York, NY
- **Emily Kindler** ('09, incoming associate) – NYU School of Law Mediation Clinic, New York, NY

- **Sandra Kister** ('07, New York office) – Grameen Foundation, Hong Kong
- **Sara Luppen** ('08, Los Angeles office) – Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA
- **Ying Ma** ('06, New York office) – Hoover Institute, Stanford, CA
- **Jenny Marsh** ('06, London office) – International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, London, England
- **Rachel Muchmore** ('09, incoming associate) – Kiva, San Francisco, CA
- **Mitali Nagrecha** ('07, New York office) – Brennan Center for Justice, New York, NY
- **Serena Orloff** ('08, Palo Alto office) – San Francisco Public Defender's Office, San Francisco, CA
- **Lorna Peterson** ('08, London office) – International Center for Transitional Justice, New York, NY
- **Erin Prahler** ('06, Palo Alto office) – Environmental Law Program, Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, HI
- **Cristina Quintero** ('08, New York office) – The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, Mexico / New York
- **Sara Schuman** ('08, New York office) – Natural Resources Defense Council, Beijing, China
- **Nisha Singh** ('06, New York office) – Millennium Cities Initiative of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY
- **Amanda Wetzel** ('09, incoming associate) – Open Society Institute, New York, NY

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

We would love to hear what you are doing now. Please provide us with news about yourself and other Simpson Thacher women, comments and suggestions for the *Connection*, and anything else you'd like to share, by [clicking here](#).

Don't forget that you can access our online Alumni directory by visiting www.simpsonthacher.com/alumni, and entering your username and password. If you do not have login information for AlumniNet, please email Samantha Martinez at slmartinez@stblaw.com. Remember to update us with any new contact information.

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