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PROMINENT WOMEN ATTORNEYS TO MENTOR 2010 Ms. JD FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Ms. JD Partners with the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession to Provide 20 3L Fellowship Winners with Mentors from Among the ABA’s Margaret Brent Award Winners

LOS ANGELES – Ms. JD has awarded Fellowships to 20 rising third year law students. Fellows were chosen from among over 300 applicants representing 75 law schools. Fellows were selected based on their academic performance, leadership, and dedication to advancing the status of women in the profession. Among the winners are law review editors-in-chief, published scholars, and future judicial clerks. The winners reflect a full range of diverse interests and backgrounds, with women pursuing opportunities in public interest, academia, and private sector in every region of the country. More than half of the recipients come from groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in the legal profession: women of color, working mothers, and recent immigrants. The 2010 Ms. JD Fellowship Winners are:

Alexis Alvarez, University of California, Davis
Jacqueline de Armas, Stanford University
Martha Goodman, Georgetown University
Lauren Groth, University of California, Berkeley
Anja Havedal, Columbia University
Katie Hayes, Northwestern University
Emily Hoort, Harvard University
Caroline Jackson, Stanford University
Niji Jain, Emory University
Nicolle Kownacki, University of California, Los Angeles
Jenny Ma, Columbia University
Epiphanie Marquez, University of Texas
Megan Scanlon, Arizona State University
Rachel Schwartzman, Pace Law School
Eva Merian Spahn, University of Miami
Keerthika Subramanian, Yale University
Lilia Toson-Dysvick, New York University
Laura Turano, New York University
Sofia Vickery, Northwestern University
Andrea Wang, Stanford University

Ms. JD created the Ms. JD Fellowship in order to promote mentoring and professional development for future female attorneys. This inaugural year coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the ABA’s Margaret Brent Awards. In addition to receiving financial support and invitation to ABA and Ms. JD events, each Fellowship winner is being paired with a mentor chosen from among the Brent Award Winners. Participating mentors include:

Linda Addison, Fulbright & Jaworski
Cory Amron, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease
Kim Askew, K&L Gates
Helaine Barnett, Legal Services Corporation
Hilarie Bass, Greenberg Traurig
Sheila Birbaum, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
Angela Bradstreet, California Labor Commissioner
Mary Cranston, Pillsbury Winthrop
Patricia Gillette, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe
Judge Judith Kaye, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
Carolyn Lamm, White & Case
Judith L. Lichtman, National Partnership for Women & Families
Lorelie Masters, Jenner & Block
Patricia Refo, Snell & Wilmer
Judge Vanessa Ruiz, D.C. Court of Appeals
Lynn Hecht Schafran, Legal Momentum
Justice Leah Sears, Schiff Hardin
Loretta A. Tuell, Anderson Tuell
Mary Jo White, Debevoise & Plimpton
Diane Yu, New York University

Ms. JD is a nonprofit, nonpartisan community dedicated to advancing women in the legal profession. Founded by law students from 12 schools in 2006, Ms. JD hosts an online forum for women in all areas of law. Contributors are dedicated to reinforcing and expanding the representation of women in law school and the legal profession. In addition to maintaining content at ms-jd.org, Ms. JD funds two annual scholarship programs, administers an online library of resources and research on women in the profession, hosts an annual conference for women in the law, conducts original research on the representation of women in law firm partnerships and in leadership positions on law school campuses, and supports over 70 law school student organizations that form the National Women Law Students’ Organization.

More information about the Fellowship, including recipient and mentor biographies, can be found on Ms. JD’s website.