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Kramer Levin Leads Effort to Launch Diversity Initiative
Law Firm Donates \$10K To Support Legal Outreach's New Pipeline Diversity Program

NEW YORK, January 8, 2006 — Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP announced today that the firm donated \$10,000 to help launch Legal Outreach Inc.'s new College to Law School Pipeline Diversity Program, becoming the first major firm to make a significant contribution. The initiative is aimed at helping minority college students prepare for law school.

“We are excited about spearheading this important new diversity program and take great pride in our long-standing relationship with Legal Outreach,” said Kramer Levin Managing Partner Paul Pearlman. “We believe that James O’Neal and his staff at Legal Outreach have created one of the nation’s most effective programs aimed at assisting minority, inner city youth to recognize and realize their potential while moving through high school, and attending and graduating college. The College to Law School program is a new and exciting extension of this effort, geared to helping those same students in their quest to attend and graduate law school. We hope that our participation will encourage other firms to support this new initiative.”

Over the years, the firm has provided summer internships for Legal Outreach students, and numerous Kramer Levin associates have worked as mentors, debate coaches and judges for Legal Outreach programs. Also, for several years, the firm has endowed four annual scholarships for graduates of the organization’s College Bound program.

“We appreciate Kramer Levin taking a leading role in the effort to launch this important new initiative,” said James O’Neal, Executive Director of Legal Outreach. “We believe the program will provide minority college students with critical support and preparation that will keep them focused on the goal of law school.”

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, with approximately 340 attorneys, is a full-service law firm with offices in New York and Paris, and an alliance with UK-based Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP. The firm represents clients worldwide, from the Global 1000 to entrepreneurial start-up concerns and individuals. A more detailed description of our Legal Outreach activities can be found in Kramer Levin’s most recent Pro Bono Annual Report:
<http://www.kramerlevin.com/about/probono/2005report/connectwithkids/>

Legal Outreach prepares urban youth from underserved communities in New York City to compete at high academic levels by using intensive legal and educational programs as tools for fostering vision, developing skills, enhancing confidence, and facilitating the pursuit of higher education. More information on Legal Outreach can be accessed at www.legaloutreach.org.

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