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## Bernard Coleman Profiled in Women of Wealth Magazine

ATLANTA, G.A. — Today, [Bernard Coleman](#) enjoys a successful corporate and securities practice, helping companies negotiate and close multi-million dollar transactions in the Atlanta market. As leader of the firm's Sports and Entertainment Practice, his clients include boxing legend Evander Holyfield and NBA Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins.



But Coleman's path to success was far from easy. The current issue of Women of Wealth magazine chronicles his life story.

Coleman grew up poor in West Palm Beach, Florida, to the point there were times when his mother wouldn't eat so that Coleman and his brother could. But inspired by his parents and grandmother, who worked as a maid and taught Coleman the value of hard work, Coleman persevered. He attended Harvard University, after earning a scholarship and working three work-study jobs to pay for his education.

Even then, however, Coleman still had to overcome adversity. A catastrophic knee injury suffered in his freshman year ended his promising college football career, and resulted in two operations and a lengthy recovery. He had to miss more than a month of classes as a result of the injury. But Coleman never gave up, just as his grandmother had taught him. He graduated from Harvard and, in 1996, earned his JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Women of Wealth writes, "Bernard is a shining example of what the American Dream can be, and as far as he is concerned, he is just getting started."

## Monthly Calendar

### January — Mentoring Month

✚ 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (observed)

### February — Black History Month

✚ 4 – International Civil Rights Center and Museum 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Gala

### March — Women's History Month

✚ 20 – MCCA 11th Annual CLE Expo Conference

✚ 23 & 24 – 2012 Women Of Wealth Global Summit

✚ 24 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Womble Scholars Banquet

## Womble Women Making a Difference!

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Womble attorneys [Jennifer Lyday](#) and [Whitney Passmore](#) presented a case study of Womble’s successful representation of “Rose” at the South Carolina Women’s Law Association Annual meeting and conference in Columbia, SC.



Rose was a young woman from Burma living illegally in South Carolina and seeking asylum in the United States after being arrested and brutally tortured for her Christian beliefs. The panel, which included “Rose’s case”, was moderated by Sandy Miller and featured the excellent work of Jennifer, Whitney, and [Jamie Dean](#) in overcoming hurdles to success, including enlisting a Chin language translator from California and using [Sandy Miller’s](#) contacts at the Medical University of South Carolina to provide expert affidavits on the psychological trauma Rose experienced.

The conference was attended by more than 250 attorneys from South Carolina and also featured speakers Gloria Steinam and Anita Hill. South Carolina Chief Justice Jean Toal, who served as one of the panel moderators at the conference (pictured here with Jennifer, Whitney, and Sandy) had high praise for the work done on the case, as well as Womble’s commitment to *pro bono* efforts. The presentation resulted in several new recruits for future cases through the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children.

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## Diversity Panel and Reception Held in Charlotte for the Association of Corporate Counsel

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Is the “business of law” itself a detriment to the retention and succession of minority lawyers? Why do so many Fortune 500 companies require their network of law firms to engage in diversity best practices that illustrate growth and change? These questions were the topics of a Diversity Panel Discussion and Reception hosted by the Charlotte office for the local Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Chapter on Monday, September 19th.



The panel included Ken Wittenauer, General Counsel, Britax USA; Dean Blake Morant, Dean, Wake Forest School of Law; Carranza Pryor, Associate General Counsel & Director, Litigation, TIAA-CREF and Womble Carlyle attorneys, [Debbie Israel](#) and [Brent Clinkscale](#). The panel along with audience participation discussed these issues facing our legal community.

## Jackie Camp and Shandra Stout Negotiate OPIC Investment in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Womble Carlyle attorneys [Jackie Camp](#) and [Shandra Stout](#) have completed work on the financing by OPIC of a modern commercial office building in Karachi, Pakistan, which is expected to bring much-needed capital investment and jobs to that nation.

To commemorate the completion of the deal, Camp and Stout attended a signing ceremony between the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and Pakistan's TPL Properties. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh, Finance Minister of Pakistan, attended the ceremony, which took place Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the St Regis Hotel in Washington, D.C.

OPIC is providing a \$20 million loan for the project. Through Jackie Camp's leadership, Womble Carlyle has become a go-to law firm for OPIC. The firm has helped finance projects including:

- The new U.S. Embassy in Belize;
- Affordable housing projects in Iraq, Central and South America;
- Mortgage financing in Africa, East Asia and Mexico
- A rice mill in Indonesia
- Construction equipment financing in Iraq
- A hydroelectric power plant in Sri Lanka; and
- A luxury hotel in Liberia.

These projects bring badly-needed jobs, investment and services to poor nations.

The Centrepont project will be only the second high end office development in the Pakistani capital of Karachi, a city of 18 million people, and the tallest building in Pakistan once completed in 2012. The project is the first direct OPIC investment in Pakistan and illustrates the U.S. government's commitment to developing infrastructure and job creation in Pakistan. The building will include several energy-efficient "green building" features that will set a new standard for environmentally-conscious construction in Pakistan, as well as world-class IT and security systems.

**Jackie Camp** has a diverse international finance practice, completing numerous transactions on behalf of OPIC. She also has significant experience representing agent banks in syndicated or single-bank financings, representing borrowers in debt financings of all sizes, and representing lenders and borrowers/acquirers/issuers in acquisition financings, mezzanine financings and venture capital financings. Jackie practices in Womble Carlyle's Greensboro, N.C., office.

**Shandra Stout** represents companies in all aspects of the business life cycle, from formation, day-to-day operations and corporate governance to fundamental transactions such as capital



*See artist's rendering of Centrepont building*

raises, mergers and acquisitions, and sales of stock or assets. She practices in Womble Carlyle's Winston-Salem, N.C., office.

## Womble Hosts Atlanta Reception for Chinese Business Delegation

ATLANTA, G.A. —Womble Carlyle's Atlanta office hosted a Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> reception for the leaders of 15 Chinese companies. The reception was sponsored by the Georgia China alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to business exchange between China and the U.S., the [Georgia Department of Economic Development](#) and Womble Carlyle.

In all, around 120 people attended the reception. This included a large Chinese delegation led by the [China Council for the Promotion of International Trade](#) (CCPIT), an organization that promotes both in-bound and out-bound business activities to and from China. The purpose of the delegation's visit to Atlanta is two-fold—to seek trade and investment opportunities in the U.S., and to facilitate information exchange with U.S. companies that are interested in doing business with and in China.

Womble Carlyle attorney [Guanming Fang](#) was one of the co-founders of the Georgia China Alliance in 2004 and serves as its current Chairman. Fang also leads Womble Carlyle's China Practice.

Fang and [Michael Sullivan](#), Managing Partner of the firm's Atlanta office, welcomed the guests, as did Kathe Falls, Georgia Department of Economic Development Director for International Trade. CCPIT Vice Chairman Yu Ping introduced the delegation and gave a short speech.

Womble Carlyle's [China Practice](#) helps Chinese companies do business in the United States, particularly in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. We have helped Chinese companies establish subsidiaries in the U.S., form strategic alliances with U.S. partners, resolve disputes with U.S. companies, and protect their intellectual property in the U.S.

The team also represents U.S. companies in gaining access to the Chinese market. Our attorneys have helped U.S. companies acquire equity interests in Chinese companies, form subsidiaries and joint ventures in China, and negotiate distribution and service agreements with Chinese entities.

This event was covered by the *China Tribune*, the local Chinese-language newspaper.

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## Womble Carlyle Participates in NAPABA Conference

ATLANTA, G.A. — Womble Carlyle was proud to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2011 [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association \(NAPABA\) Annual Convention](#). The event took place Nov. 17-20 at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta.



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[Guanming Fang](#) participated in a panel discussion on “International Economic Development: Case Studies Of Cross-Border Investments” at the convention.

Fang, the leader of Womble Carlyle’s China Practice, was joined in the discussion by Tim Cheatham, Senior Vice President & General Counsel of Wal-Mart International; Ted Gizewski, Senior Attorney at Microsoft Corporation; James Reed, Vice President & Chief Legal Officer at YKK Corporation of America; and Hyun Zu “Yonni” Kim of Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP. Panelists discussed the economic, legal, logistical, and cultural issues their clients or companies have confronted in foreign markets, and the impact that they have had in the regions where they have invested.



Womble Carlyle attorneys [Brent Clinkscale](#), [Guanming Fang](#), [Kevin Lyn](#), [Sid Shenoy](#) and [Joann Waters](#), as well as Sales Director [Kel Chin](#), represented Womble Carlyle at the 2011 NAPABA Annual Convention.

The keynote speaker of this year’s convention was Judge Chin had recently joined the Court of Appeals after 15 years on the U.S. District Court in New York. He had presided over hundreds of trials, including the sentencing of financier Bernie Madoff. Also speaking at the convention was Amy Chua, author of the best-selling book, “The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother.”

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## Womble Carlyle Sponsors Reception at DRI Annual Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. — For the 4th year in a row, Womble Carlyle sponsored the Diversity Reception at DRI’s 16th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Like Womble Carlyle, diversity is a core value at DRI and as an organization it has intentionally embraced the goal of promoting diversity. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by President Bill Clinton, Founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States, on how to embrace our common humanity. In addition, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Antonin Scalia and Bryan A. Garner, Founder and President of LawProse, Inc., presented excerpts from their recent collaboration, *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges*, and shared insights on the principles of persuasion, legal reasoning, brief writing and oral argument.

The Annual Meeting also means the election of new DRI leadership. Womble Carlyle congratulates [John Parker Sweeney](#) for his election to the office of Second Vice President. John will become the DRI President in 2014. Sweeney’s DRI experience includes currently serving on the DRI National Board of Directors and as Chair of the DRI Climate Change Litigation Task Force. He also is Past Chair of the DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental law Committee and DRI Industry-Wide Litigation Committee. Sweeney regularly serves as national counsel, creating and supervising comprehensive defense strategies in Class Action and Mass Tort cases across the country, with particular experience in state and federal courts in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Also at the 2011 DRI Annual Meeting, Womble Carlyle attorney [Sky Woodward](#) was appointed Chair of the 2012 DRI Annual Meeting, to be held in New Orleans. A prominent defense lawyer in the Baltimore-Washington area, Woodward is past president of Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.

Womble Carlyle attendees included [John Sweeney](#), [Sky Woodward](#), [Debbie Israel](#), [Brad De Vore](#), [Sam Outten](#), [James Weatherholtz](#), [Louis Rouleau](#), [Alison Ashe-Card](#), [Kelly Clay](#), [Kevin Mattingly](#), and Katie Tedrow.

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## D.C. Office Hosts CLEO Reception in New Office Space

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The D.C. office opened the doors of their new office space at 1200 19th Street for the 5th Annual Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Networking and Business Exchange Reception on October 27. CLEO alumni, students, and friends attended the event.



D.C. Office Managing Member and the Strategic Planning Chair of the CLEO Council Pam Rothenberg gave remarks, as did Cassandra Sneed Ogden, CLEO's Executive Director, and Leigh Allen, CLEO's Director of Mentoring & Development.



CLEO was founded in 1968 as a non-profit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education to expand opportunities for minority and low-income students to attend law school. In 1998, Congress passed the Higher Education Amendments Act, creating the Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program, which they deemed be administered by CLEO.

To ensure the success of students who participate in the CLEO Program as well as accomplish its mission to diversify the legal profession, CLEO provides placement assistance, academic support and counseling, financial assistance, bar prep orientation, online tutoring programs and weekend seminars and workshops. The seminars and workshops generally address the continuing need for legal services to under-served and low-income communities, and stress the importance of the students' commitment to serve those communities upon graduation. In addition, as a means of extending the legal education pipeline, CLEO also provides training and workshops to college students who are interested in attending law school and pursuing a career in the legal profession.

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## Guanming Fang Speaks at U.S. – China Legal Exchange

**ATLANTA, G.A.** — Womble Carlyle Corporate & Securities partner [Guanming Fang](#) spoke at the U.S.-China Legal Exchange hosted by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on October 21, 2011. Guanming's presentations were entitled "Introduction of U.S. Antitrust Laws" and "Pre-Merger Notification under Hart-Scott Rodino." Honored guests at the event included Chong Quan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China, and Cameron

Kelly, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce. The focus of the event was to give local companies and the legal community an opportunity to interact with the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and to discuss U.S./China business initiatives.

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## Womble Sponsors 45<sup>th</sup> Annual NCCJ Citation Award Dinner

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** — Womble Carlyle is honored to continue its sponsorship of the National Conference for Community and Justice's (NCCJ) 45th annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award Dinner. The NCCJ was founded in 1927 and its mission is to build a community free of bias, bigotry and racism. This non-profit promotes understanding and respect among all cultures, races and religions through advocacy, education and dialogue. Our law firm has a long history of involvement in NCCJ, as Irving Carlyle (1896-1971) served as a member of the Board of the NCCJ in the 1950s. Mr. Carlyle was a prominent North Carolina spokesman for civil rights, known for his taking a courageous but highly unpopular position of supporting the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Greensboro attorney Jack Hicks currently serves on the NCCJ Board.



**Dennis Quaintance**

The NCCJ Award Dinner recognizes a citizen or citizens in the Piedmont Triad region who have made significant contributions towards this goal. Tim Rice (CEO, Cone Health) and his wife, Carolyn, chaired this year's dinner. [Jack Hicks](#) also served on the 2011 dinner committee. The recipient of the 2011 Citation Award is Dennis Quaintance, the CEO of Quaintance-Weaver, owner of the Lucky 32 restaurants, and O. Henry and Proximity Hotels. "As one of the most prominent businessmen in town, Dennis doesn't have to make a practice of being inclusive and responsive," Ivan Canada, NCCJ Board Member, said of Quaintance. "He simply chooses to live his life with a superior standard for empathy and human relations." Quaintance-Weaver and Cone Health also are Womble clients.

In principle and in practice, Womble Carlyle values and seeks diversity and is privileged to work alongside clients who share these same values. Womble Carlyle attorneys, clients and guests in attendance at the Award Dinner included: Jack Hick, Sharon Hicks, Aaron Albold (General Counsel, Honda Aircraft), Dave Drugman (Office, Honda Aircraft), Dr. Samantha Magill (Officer, Honda Aircraft), [Tom Stukes](#), [Jim Phillips](#), [Ryan Opel](#), and [Cy Johnson](#).

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## Congratulations to the 2012 Womble Scholars

Established in 2004, the Womble Carlyle Scholars Program awards scholarships to diverse second year law students who present solid academic credentials, personal or professional achievement outside the school environment, and a record of significant community service. This program is designed to increase the participation of underrepresented groups in the bar. The scholarship is awarded to diverse law students at schools in most of the states in which the Firm has offices.

The 2012 Womble Carlyle Scholars are: Michelle Bleda (Wake Forest), Amit Bhagwandass (University of North Carolina), Carrie Cao (University of Georgia), Deven Shavon Gray (University of South Carolina), Thomas Hsieh (Emory), Camille Mollozzi (George Washington University), MeChel Morrow (North Carolina Central University), Mario Richards (Duke University), Hakeem Rizk (Howard University), and Demaris Trapp (George Washington University).

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## Leading Students to the Green at the 6th Annual Diversity Open

**ALEXANDRIA, V.A.** — TopGolf offered the opportunity to local minority students to mix with local business leaders and Womble Carlyle attorneys in a relaxed setting on a crisp fall day.

Law students from Georgetown University Law Center, Howard University School of Law, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, George Mason University School of Law, American University – Washington College of Law, The University of Maryland School of Law, The George Washington University Law School, and the University of Baltimore School of Law were afforded the opportunity to hear real-life stories and experiences from these business leaders and attorneys.

Aaron Jones Wong, Counsel for Carey International, a transportation services company headquartered in Washington, D.C., spoke to the students. At Carey, Wong provides support to Carey's Senior Vice President/General Counsel in a number of different legal areas including franchising, contracts, dispute resolution, and data privacy and security. He is a recent graduate of American University's Washington College of Law and a graduate of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. While in law school, Aaron interned for The Honorable Reggie B. Walton of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He is also an alumnus of the Washington Metro Area Corporate Counsel Association (WMACCA) Corporate Scholars Program, through which he was an intern for Carey International. Originally from San Francisco, Aaron is admitted to the California Bar.



### Diversity Committee

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