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Dear Daniel:

The Boston Bar Association takes pride in the fact that Brennan, Dain, Le Ray, Wiest, Torpy & Garner is a BBA sponsor firm. Your institutional support is making a positive difference in our profession and our community. Here is just a snapshot of what we are doing as the 2010 – 2011 program year gets under way:

In September, six affinity bar associations (AALAM, MAHA, MBLA, MBWA, Mass LGBTQ Bar Association, and SABA) moved into newly renovated space at the BBA's 16 Beacon Street headquarters, rent free. Our goal is to provide basic infrastructure to help the affinity bar organizations grow and thrive. At the same time, our relationships are about more than space and resources. We look forward to collaborating with all of the affinity bar associations to offer a variety of opportunities and platforms for future leaders in the profession.

This year, we are doing our part to assist the men and women who defend our democracy. The BBA is the only bar association providing lawyer volunteers at Yellow Ribbon events which provide services for men and women about to deploy and returning from overseas. Our lawyer volunteers talk with enlistees and their families about their rights and responsibilities regarding legal issues unique to military personnel.

Last year, the BBA convened 550 brown bag lunch/informal educational programs, and 49 formal CLE programs featuring 1,045 panelists. During the month of September 2010, we experienced a 33 per cent jump in attendance at our events. These numbers underscore the value of the BBA as a platform for showcasing the talent of your lawyers, and also as an important resource for the training and professional development of your younger lawyers.

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The aforementioned events provide another important benefit. The BBA provides a neutral venue where judges from the state and federal courts, regulators from a wide range of state and federal administrative agencies, and in-house counsel can have useful conversations with lawyers in virtually every practice area.

Thank you again for being a BBA sponsor firm. We are deeply grateful to your firm for being a sponsor of our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beacon Award: Honoring Diversity & Inclusion. We were honored that you chose to post that photo from the Beacon Award of Lawrence Cahill and Daniel Pasquarello with Wayne Budd on your web site.

I would be remiss in closing were I not to mention recent contributions to the BBA of lawyers at Brennan, Dain, Le Ray, Wiest, Torpy & Garner. We appreciate Charles LeRay's serving on the Steering Committee for our 2010 Annual Meeting. Liz Garner spoke at our popular three part *Leasing Basics* series for the second year in a row. We hope you will continue to share good news from your firm for inclusion in our award-winning publication, *BBA Week*.

Meanwhile, I especially want to thank you for your sponsorship of the BBA's Beacon Award honoring Diversity and Inclusion on November 9. On behalf of BBA Leadership and staff I want to wish you a prosperous 2011.

Sincerely,



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