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GONZALEZ SAGGIO & HARLAN LLP TEAMS WITH BLACK RETAIL ACTION GROUP TO HELP MINORITIES ADVANCE IN RETAIL INDUSTRY

Firm to Provide Pro Bono Legal Counsel to Non-profit Group



Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP, one of the nation's largest minority-owned law firms, announced today that it will provide pro bono legal counsel to the Black Retail Action Group (BRAG).

Founded in 1970, BRAG is a New York-based, non-profit organization that helps minorities launch and advance successful careers in the retail industry through internships, scholarships and advocacy.

"We're thrilled to have Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan on board as partners," said Gary L. Lampley, president of BRAG. "They share our mission, and their advice on legal issues will guide our efforts to help more young men and women of color play a larger role in the retail industry - whether that's in executive positions, in ad campaigns or on fashion runways."

Partners, Angela K. Dorn and Philip C. Berg, of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan's New York office, will provide pro bono legal assistance to BRAG on a wide range of general corporate matters.

"As a minority-owned business, we have a special interest in the important work BRAG is doing." said Angela Dorn. "It is wonderful to see an organization like this one, which works so hard to provide support to minority executives in the retail profession. We look forward in particular to having the opportunity to use our expertise as employment lawyers to help BRAG and the organizations its members work for develop programs to recruit and retain minority retail professionals."

Both graduates of Harvard Law School, Ms. Dorn and Mr. Berg represent some of the country's major retail clients as part of the firm's New York practice. Ms. Dorn

specializes in the area of employment law and has provided advice and counsel on employment discrimination claims, claims under ERISA, contract negotiation and arbitration, confidentiality agreements, hiring and termination, internal investigations and wrongful termination suits. Ms. Dorn's experience includes serving as General Counsel and Advisor to Fletcher Asset Management in New York and practicing with the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt in Chicago.

Mr. Berg specializes in commercial contracts, corporate transactions, real estate and general corporate law. Mr. Berg's prior experience includes serving as Assistant General Counsel for PRIMEDIA, Inc. and as corporate attorney with the New York law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

About BRAG

Founded in 1970, BRAG works to promote the acceptance and participation of African Americans and all people of color at all levels of retail and related industries. BRAG fulfills these objectives through several action programs including providing an employment referral service, workshops, internships, training institutes, and academic scholarships (more than 300 to date) awarded annually to deserving students interested in pursuing business careers in retail and related industries.

About Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan

Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP is a nationwide law firm with 90 attorneys in offices located in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York, Phoenix and Washington D.C. The firm represents midsized to Fortune 100 companies, governmental entities, and individuals in the areas of litigation, employment, environmental, corporate and transactional, public finance, energy and regulatory, immigration, and estate and asset protection planning. As one of the nation's largest certified minority-owned law firms, Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan practices law with a commitment to diversity and to the communities it serves.



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