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Fish & Richardson Announces 1L Diversity Fellowship Recipients

Wilmington, DE, May 10, 2010 – Fish & Richardson today announced the three recipients of its 1L Diversity Fellowship Program, which the firm launched in the fall of 2005 for diverse first year law students throughout the country. Each selected student will receive a \$5,000 academic scholarship, mentoring by a principal of the firm, and a paid 2010 summer associate position in the Fish office of the student’s choice. The recipients of Fish’s 2010 1L Diversity Fellowship Program – selected from over 280 candidates – are Ricardo Bonilla, Dr. Xiaoguang “Michelle” Gao, and Dr. Robert Yeh.

Two recipients of Fish’s 2009 1L Diversity Fellowship will also be returning to the firm for a second summer.

“By targeting first year law students with a three-part Fellowship program, our goal is to attract top minority candidates from around the country to Fish & Richardson at an early stage in their legal careers and provide experiences and career-building opportunities that will directly benefit the student, the firm, and the profession,” said Nancy Stagg, a principal at Fish & Richardson’s Southern California office and the national chair of the firm’s diversity initiative. “We are thrilled with the response we received and met our goal of attracting the top talent.”

Mr. Ricardo Bonilla has a B.S. in software engineering from the University of Texas at Dallas, is a student at Texas Tech University School of Law (2012), and will work in the firm’s Dallas office.

Dr. Xiaoguang “Michelle” Gao has a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from Northwestern University, a B.S. in biology from Beijing Normal University, is a student at the University of Illinois College of Law (2012), and will work in the firm’s Boston office.

Dr. Robert Yeh has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, an A.B. in Chemistry from Princeton University, is a student at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2012), and will work in the firm's Southern California office.

Mr. Andrew Cardes, who is returning to Fish for a second summer, has both an M.S. and a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, is a student at the University of California, Hastings School of Law (2011), and will work in the firm's Southern California office.

Also returning to Fish is Mr. Jose Recio, who has an M.S. and a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida, is a student at George Washington University Law School (2011), and will work in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Fish & Richardson is a leading global law firm with 400 attorneys and technology specialists practicing intellectual property strategy and counseling, intellectual property litigation, and business litigation. Fish does cutting-edge legal work for innovative clients who value their intellectual property. The firm was recently named top patent prosecution firm (*Managing Intellectual Property*, February 2010), was honored as an IP Firm of the Year (*Law360*, January 2010), and named a finalist for top IP litigation department of the year (*American Lawyer*, January 2010). Fish handles more patent litigation than any other law firm (*IP Law & Business*, September 2009), is the number one IP firm for America's biggest companies (*Corporate Counsel*, September 2009), and was named the number one firm in the world for PCT filings (*Managing Intellectual Property*, October 2009). The firm also handled two of the top ten most important IP cases of 2009 (*Managing Intellectual Property*, January 2010). For more information, visit <http://www.fr.com>.

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