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In-House Counsel Event

Kelley Drye, MBM Intellectual Property Law and ABP Patent Network Sponsor In-house Counsel Event at INTA Annual Meeting in Berlin

During the International Trademark Association's (INTA) 130th annual meeting in Berlin, Germany, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, MBM Intellectual Property Law and ABP Patent Network sponsored an annual event exclusively for in-house counsel. On May 20, 2008, more than 130 guests attended the annual reception, dinner and presentation of the 2008 Nathaniel Graves Sims Bowl Award, held at the Lutter & Wegner restaurant in the Kaisersaal.

John Bergin, Chief Trademark and Copyright Counsel of Avon Products, Inc., hosted the event, which was attended by more than 120 in-house counsel from companies in the cosmetics, fragrance, personal care, pharmaceuticals and luxury goods industries.

"This in-house counsel reception and dinner has become one of the most popular and sought after events during the Annual Meeting", said Bergin. "While this private event is growing, it remains small and cozy enough to provide the optimum ability for in-house counsel in these related industries to network for an entire evening. The list of attendees was very impressive. The atmosphere of professionalism and friendliness was thoroughly enjoyable. These guests were people of high integrity who share a deep respect for one another. We are very grateful to have this opportunity provided by the support of such fine and highly professional sponsors as Kelley Drye, MBM and ABP, who all do such a great job of making the evening a night of seamless fun."

During the evening, the Nathaniel Graves Sims Bowl was presented to Richard Heath, Vice President Legal & Global Anti-Counterfeiting Counsel at Unilever. The annual award is named after the former Chief Trademark and Copyright Counsel of Union Carbide Corporation. The winner is nominated by his/her peers and selected by a nominating committee. The Bowl is awarded to and honors an in-house attorney for best demonstrating Mr. Sims' professional qualities and reputation for respect, integrity, honesty, fairness and congeniality.