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1. October 8, 2009 (Orange County): Fall mixer at 6:30 pm at Andrei's Conscious Cuisine in Irvine
2. October 11, 2009 (Northern California): Battle Over Persepolis Antiquities Panel Discussion
3. October 15, 2009 (Boston): Census 2010 Coalition Kickoff from 8pm onward at Perennial 1800 N. Lincoln Ave.
4. October 28, 2009 (Chicago): "Welcome to the Bar!" for new Illinois admitted attorneys at Basil Leaf Café. To RSVP please contact hvalizadeh@usebrinks.com



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IABA To Host First Event in Boston, MA

On October 15, 2009, IABA will be hosting its first event in Boston as part of a campaign to launch a new IABA chapter on the East Coast.

The event will focus on providing greater awareness and background concerning the 2010 U.S. Census and will be hosted at Perennial, 1800 N. Lincoln Ave., Boston, MA. The event, slated to begin at 8pm EST, is open to all individuals interested in beginning a new IABA chapter in Boston or those who wish to have a greater understanding of the 2010 Census. For all further inquiries about IABA in Boston, please contact Masoud Naseri at mnaseri@brinkshofer.com.

IABA Elects New Advisory Board Members: John Tehranian & Nader Mousavi

On September 23, 2009, the IABA Board of Directors and Advisory Board voted and approved the appointment of Professor John Tehranian and Nader Mousavi to the IABA Board of Advisors.

Professor Tehranian is a Professor of Law at Chapman University School of Law, and Director of its Entertainment Law Center. He received his A.B. *magna cum laude* from Harvard University, where he was awarded the Palfrey Exhibition Prize for the most distinguished scholar in the senior class and the John Harvard Scholarship and Detur Prize for academic performance of the highest distinction, and his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal and the Yale Journal of Law and Humanities and a senior editor of the Yale Law & Policy Review.

Professor Tehranian is also an experienced entertainment and intellectual property litigator, having represented prominent Hollywood, publishing, new media and technology clients at O'Melveny & Myers LLP and Turner Green LLP. His scholarship focuses on the interface between law and culture, with a particular focus on issues of intellectual property, entertainment and race. He is the author of the book *Whitewashed* (New York University Press, 2009), an analysis of the social and legal construction of race and the malleable concept of whiteness through history, and the forthcoming book *Infringement Nation* (Oxford University Press, 2010), an examination of copyright pervasiveness and

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reform in the digital age. His articles have appeared in such publications as the Yale Law Journal, U.C. Davis Law Review, Berkeley Technology Law Journal, Journal of Intellectual Property Law, B.Y.U. Law Review, Indiana Law Journal, Utah Law Review, University of Cincinnati Law Review, University of Hawai'i Law Review and Legal Times.

Mr. Mousavi is a partner in the Technology Transactions and Licensing Practice Group of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in Palo Alto, CA. He received his B.A., *summa cum laude* at the University of California, Los Angeles, and J.D. at Stanford Law School, where he was the Associate Editor of the Stanford Law Review and Stanford Environmental Law Journal.

Mr. Mousavi began his career as an entrepreneur. He led strategy and legal affairs for TCS—a telecom software (SaaS) company backed by Cisco and Nomura—from its startup phase in 1997 through its growth to \$30 million in annual revenue and its successful acquisition in 2000 for over \$150 million by Convergent Networks, a leading broadband infrastructure company. He served as senior counsel for Convergent Networks through its filing for an initial public offering. Mr. Mousavi later also served on special assignment to Cisco Systems, where he was lead technology counsel to Cisco's IP communications business unit.

In 2005, while resident in the firm's Boston office, he made the Boston Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list. In 2007, Mr. Mousavi was named by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal as one of the top "40 under 40" business professionals in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Mousavi is also an active member of the California Council of Champions for Citizen Schools, which provides after-school education for middle-school children in under-resourced districts. He also provides pro bono services to several clients, including Onenationforall.org, which works to promote positive images of the American Muslim community.

The IABA Advisory Board consists of the most prestigious legal minds in the country or in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Iranian-American community. Having been satisfied that they meet both standards, the IABA proudly welcomes Professor Tehranian and Mader Mousavi as the newest member to its Board of Advisors.

IABA Releases Paper on Legal and Political Issues Relating to the 2010 U.S. Census

On Thursday, July 31, 2009, the Iranian American Bar Association released its Paper on the 2010 U.S. Census. The paper describes in detail a number of questions concerning the 2010 U.S. Census, including immigration and criminal consequences. The document also outlines how individuals should respond to specific questions in order to assure that the Iranian-American community is counted and empowered by the Census.

The United States census occurs every 10 years and is mandated by

Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The Census is used by federal, state, and local officials to allocate Congressional seats and apportionment, electoral votes, and government funding programs. It is also used to determine what community services to provide. The census is scheduled to take place on April 1, 2010.

Throughout the next year, various IABA chapters will host important events and programs in order to reach out to the community on the issue and in encouraging people to participate in the census. More information will be provided in the near future on how you can get involved and assist.

A copy of the IABA Paper on the 2010 Census can be found attached as well as on IABA's website here at the following link:

http://www.iaba.us/contents_paper.aspx.

IABA Member Profile: Natalie Rastegari (Los Angeles, CA)

Natalie Rastegari is a first year law student at the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law. She received a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Middle Eastern and North African Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2008. While at UCLA, she spearheaded humanitarian efforts to raise awareness about the genocidal activity in Darfur, and was actively involved in the Iranian Student Group. She later interned with the Department of State – Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs and later at the US Department of Justice. While at UCLA and working with the U.S. government, she notes that “she came to understand how her perspective, as an Iranian-American woman, empowered her with a unique skill set to effectuate change in the day’s most pressing international, and domestic, legal questions.”

Natalie believes that a legal education, coupled with the support of the Iranian American Bar Association, will empower her capacity to advocate on behalf of human rights victims across the world, especially in her native Iran. In addition, she believes that as a member of IABA, she will have the opportunity to deconstruct misperceptions of Iranians as well as advocate on behalf of marginalized Americans. In her own words, Natalie “embraces the hyphen between both spheres of her identity, and as an international lawyer and advocate, will continually utilize it as a bridge of understanding, and nexus, between not only the United States and Iran, but also America and the world at large.”