

# LFVA On The Move

## An Update & The Low Down

### From LFVA



*Select, committed and service-oriented vendors serving the legal community.*

Fall 2015

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### LFVA Hosts Welcome to Fall at Mastro's!

The Law Firm Vendors Association (LFVA) hosted their Fall event the evening of Wednesday, September 9, 2015 with a record turnout from the Washington DC law firm community!



The venue was the recently opened Mastro's Steakhouse located at 600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

Our guests started the evening with their favorite beverage in hand and sampled a mix of wonderful passed appetizers including crab cakes, chicken prosciutto bites, shrimp ceviche and asparagus tempura. The main buffet hosted delicious treats such as a Caesar salad, lobster mash potatoes, gorgonzola macaroni and cheese plus a melt in your mouth beef tenderloin carving station. Next "to die for" desserts arrived including chocolate cakes, key lime tarts and more. As the evening wound done, folks departed with Mastro's famous dry rub and steak recipe.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with one another, chatting with old friends and also meeting new friends. This was the first LFVA event for a number of the attendees. It was a wonderful way to say farewell to the hot days of Summer and greet the brisk colorful days of the Fall.

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## President's Message

Greetings friends, and welcome to Autumn in Washington!



I hope everyone who attended our most recent event at Mastro's enjoyed themselves as much as I did. As always, it's so gratifying to stop and get together with friends and colleagues in a relaxed environment. But then back to the relentless swirl of DC change: the weather, the politics, the construction.

One thing that doesn't vary though is Gil Carpel and his presence here in our DC legal community. As one of LFVA's founding and current day members, Gil has been a constant for this organization as well. I wanted to provide you with some insight into how his vision and forethought made the LFVA possible, his personal dedication to originating this association, and his involvement in developing it into its modern day form. I believe the LFVA could not have been possible without his business intellect and personal charisma. Most of us all know and love Gil, but we hope you find the following interview with the "founding father" and continuous contributor of the LFVA enlightening. Enjoy.

[A Look Back at the LFVA](#)

**Recently LFVA'S President Joe Alvarez spent some time with Gil**



L to R: Verna Thompson/Washington Express; Jackie Thomas/Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP; Donna Williams/Baker & McKenzie; Courtney Leonard/Washington Express; Denise Sloan/Sherman, Meehan, Curtin & Ain, P.C.; Susan Bailey/Sherman, Meehan, Curtin & Ain, P.C., Helen Woideck/Leydig, Volt & Mayer



L to R: Gil Carpel/Washington Express; Beth Jeffries/Morgan Lewis; Craig Church/Miller's Supplies at Work; Steve Dempsey/Sidley & Austin, LLP



L to R: Judi Weltmann; Joe Alvarez/NOS, Inc., Beth Fowler/Robbins

**Carpel, one of our founding members and the first President of the Association to learn a little more about LFVA's history.**

**As one of the founders of Law Firm Vendors Association over 15 years ago what was the original inspiration?**

We didn't have any grand aspirations at the time. Four of us from four different law firm vendors were in the midst of planning separate holiday parties for the same clients.

We realized that if we got together, we could host a bigger and better party for all of our collective clients. Jim Durfee of Office Movers was the other current member of the founding LFVA, and the concept of the LFVA was born of hosting events to celebrate our law firm clients throughout the year.

**How has the LFVA changed over time?**

The mission statement of the LFVA has not changed over the years -- to give back to the legal community, say thank you to our clients, and continue to build a community of legal professionals here in DC. In other ways we have changed over the years, we are now a group of 12 firms and have added along the way the goal of maintaining high standards among our member firms. To our knowledge, we are the only vendor association of our kind in any major U.S. city.

**What's your vision for the future for LFVA?**

That we maintain the course and strive to raise our own bar each year whether it be through our hosted events, community relationships and most importantly our philanthropic contributions in this community.



L to R: Beth Munno/Arent Fox, LLP; Saishree Shetty/Arent Fox, LLP; Janelle Rynes/Arent Fox, LLP



L to R: Dot Mooney/Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville; Joanna Davis/Legal Placements, Inc.



L to R: Greg Marlowe/Office Movers, Inc./ Nic Samodurov/Keno Kozie

All the best,  
Joe



The Association of Legal Administrators, Capital Chapter (ALA) has a busy fourth quarter for 2015.

### **Quarterly Networking Lunch**

**October 8, 2015**

11:45AM-1:30PM

W Hotel

Oliver Yandle, Executive Director, International ALA, will share information about the rebranding of the association.

### **Business Partner Program Roll-Out**

**November 3, 2015**

11:45AM-1:30PM

Sidley Austin

Pheobe Smith of Loeb & Loeb will present the 2016 Business Sponsorship Program. Be sure to register. Lunch will be provided.

### **Networking Happy Hour & Silent Auction**

**November 5, 2015**

5:30PM-7:30PM

The Hamilton Crowne Plaza

Join us for a great evening and silent auction in the 14K Restaurant.

### **Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch**

**December 3, 2015**

11:45AM-3:00PM

St. Regis Hotel

Associates, Inc.; T.J. Whelan/Keller & Heckman



L to R: Tracy Morris/DLA Piper; Lisa Ealley/DLA Piper; Jim Durfee/Office Movers, Inc.; Jeff Cole/Squire Patton Boggs; Aaron Green/Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP; Scott Bailey/Squire Patton Boggs

## **LFVA Member Spotlight**

### **ADC**

#### **Helping Firms Achieve Sustainability**

At ADC our motto has always been that we can take care of your facility from *top to bottom*. We adhere to our motto and also stay on the cutting edge of our industry as well.



ADC has long used environmentally friendly products in many of the services we provide. Over the last decade sustainability and being green have become a way of life rather than a passing fad. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System, for example, has become more of a standard than an exception in new buildings. In keeping with the LEED standard of sustainability, ADC has maintained 100% green carpet cleaning methods over not only the last decade, but for almost a quarter century!

It's easy to think of a green building as being environmentally friendly in its construction, but there is much more to creating a sustainable facility than just that. From the first phases of planning to the ongoing maintenance a facility requires, there are a number

The Chapter always hosts a lovely luncheon and it is a wonderful way to see friends and end the year. This event does not require an event ticket, just the commitment to adopt Salvation Army Angels.

Please remember to always register for events early so you do not miss the deadline!

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## LFVA Newsletter Committee

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of ways to stay green throughout the process. One of those ways is in the choice of carpet maintenance.

Carpet is the breeding ground for dust-mites, mold, and bacteria. Think of it as a sponge for your floor. Even before a carpet enters your facility it is composed of and washed with all types of chemicals. What some may not realize, it is the maintenance of the carpet and other sustainable materials throughout a facility have a larger impact on the environment than the actual materials themselves.

The concept that sustainable carpet maintenance means prolonging the life of your assets and limiting your impact on the environment and valuing your employees and clients is the foundation of the ADC approach to carpet cleaning. A well-planned programmed approach to carpet maintenance can extend the life of the carpet and at the same time be safe for the user, the carpet and the environment.

The methods that ADC utilizes in maintenance programs are based on scientifically proven interim maintenance using low-moisture encapsulation technology and cylindrical brush pile-lifting agitation. Through these methods not only do you have a longer duration of the life of your carpet but also better indoor air quality is achieved. This results in a better work environment.

There's more to clean than meets the eye, so ADC's maintenance starts at the smallest level and focuses on every facet of commercial carpet cleaning. The clients that we serve have buildings that look and feel clean because they *are* clean. They are kept clean thanks to our non-toxic cleaning agents.

When your space looks cleaner, everyone seems to notice. Many people feel they breathe better and that it is easier to focus on work. Life seems to feel a little cleaner overall! ADC can help keep that feeling going by ensuring that every square foot of your facility is kept clean-*from top to bottom* and of course, for the life of your carpet.

Please visit our website at [www.adc-corp.com](http://www.adc-corp.com) to learn more about the ways we can help with the longevity of your space!