

# TwinCitiesLawyersGroup

Diversity in practice

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## Local Law Firms Announce the Formation of Twin Cities Lawyers Group

**MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA May 9, 2005** — Major Twin Cities law firms have joined forces to form the **Twin Cities Lawyers Group (TCLG)**, a collaborative consortium of local law firms and others dedicated to advancing diversity in the Twin Cities legal community.

The members of TCLG recognize that they must attract and retain a diverse team of lawyers to remain competitive. The mission of TCLG is to provide significant resources to accelerate the efforts of its members to identify, recruit, advance and retain lawyers of color in Minnesota's legal community. TCLG is also dedicated to promoting the Twin Cities as a good place for lawyers of color to develop professionally and personally. Incorporating firms and organizations of TCLG include:

Briggs and Morgan, P.A.  
Cargill, Inc.  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
Faegre & Benson LLP  
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.  
Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.  
Leonard, Street and Deinard  
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP  
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P.

TCLG is encouraging others to join the organization and is pleased to welcome Zelle Hofmann Voelbel Mason & Gette, LLP and Bowman and Brooke, LLP as recent members. The main functions provided by the group through the resources of its members will include:

- Implementing programs to identify, hire, retain and promote lawyers of color
- Providing support to lawyers of color by sponsorship of forums, roundtable discussions, receptions and other networking opportunities.
- Conducting outreach programs to law students of color
- Acting as a resource for and coordinating initiatives with law schools, law school placement directors, student organizations, bar associations, and other professional organizations

Membership is open to private law firms and other public and private employers of legal professionals in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that are committed to advancing diversity in the legal community. For more information about TCLG or about membership please contact Erica Kairis, (612) 977-8479, ekairis@briggs.com.

To make this vision a reality, TCLG is in the process of hiring its first Executive Director, who will provide leadership to the organization and implement its goals. Anyone who is interested in this position should send a resume to:

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TCLG is collaborating with the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Minority Bar Summit, mnlegaldiversity.org, and the Twin Cities Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms (TCC).

Further information about the Twin Cities Lawyers Group will be released as it becomes available.

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