

• Leonard Marquez, an attorney at **Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP**, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Contra Costa County. Marquez is a litigation attorney representing clients in real estate contract and lease disputes, business tort claims and other business-related matters. Besides sitting on a number of boards, Marquez is Program Committee co-chair and judge for the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, which is an East Bay program that offers first-time youth offenders a second chance through restorative justice and peer accountability.



Leonard Marquez

• **The Swenson Group** has announced that Bill Davis, document management specialist, has been assigned to service clients in Oakland where he resides. Davis brings extensive experience from his tenure with Hewlett Packard and IBM. He



Bill Davis

specializes in helping small businesses save money with their printing, faxing and scanning requirements. The Swenson Group is a local family-owned business that has been recognized as one of the fastest growing 50 companies in the East Bay for the past two years.

• Moving into a new commercial office space in 505 14th St. is the **California State Automobile Association (CSAA)**, which is merging two offices into one at Oakland City Center, relocating workers from a location in San Francisco and another office in Oakland. CSAA, which opened a retail location at Oakland City Center in September 2005, has leased 9,964 square feet on the sixth floor of 505 14th St. The five-year lease begins Jan. 1, 2009.

• Oakland-based **Shred Works Inc.** is offering all Chamber members a risk-free 30-day trial and 15 percent off all one-time jobs for its highly secure AAA NAID Certified service. This is a great way to securely destroy your confidential information. Shred Works protects businesses and their customers by providing highly secure, on-site and off-site

shredding, to help them comply with HIPAA, GLB and FACTA, as well as all other federal information destruction laws. For more information, call Kyle Taylor at (510) 729-7110, ext. 9122.

• **McDonough Holland & Allen PC** has announced that two of its first-year associates have passed the California Bar exam. The new associates in Oakland are Arielle Harris and Matthew Visick, both in public law. Harris has clerked for law firms and public agencies, while Visick was a legal extern for the California Public Utilities Commission.



Arielle Harris



Matthew Visick

• **Environmental Science Associates (ESA)** has announced that Kate Pixley has been promoted to lead ESA's Bay Area Regional Marketing and Publications groups as senior regional marketing manager. Located in the San Francisco office, Pixley will guide market-



Kate Pixley

ing efforts for the region's three offices, five business groups, and 120 employees. Prior to her promotion, she was regional marketing manager. In addition, ESA has been recognized as one of the "2008 Best Environmental Firms to Work For" at the ZweigWhite Best Firms to Work For Summit, held recently in San Francisco. The firm was ranked number two nationally among mid-sized environmental firms and seventh overall in the annual competition.

• The Oakland-based law firm of **Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP** welcomes Anagha Dandekar Clifford as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group. Dandekar Clifford most recently clerked for the Hon. Consuelo B. Marshall, United States District Court, Central District of California, and was previously a litigation associate at Heller Ehrman



Anagha Dandekar Clifford

LLP. She has represented clients in complex litigation matters involving securities, criminal and international issues in both trial and appellate court.

• Oakland-based **Capture Technologies**, a leading provider of security and telephony integration services, has announced another year of record growth for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30, 2008. The year's highlights included the addition of multiple new customers, traction with existing customers and expansion into Modesto, California – all contributing to the company's almost 10 percent growth in revenue. Founded in 1948, Capture also celebrated its 60th anniversary this year and grew to more than 50 employees.

• **The Port of Oakland**, headquartered at 530 Water St., has been awarded the Energy Star label by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Department of Energy for the third consecutive year. Energy Star is commonly recognized from products such as computers, refrigerators and other electrical equipment; however buildings can also earn

this distinction. To achieve an Energy Star award, a facility must rank among the top 25 percent most energy efficient buildings in the market. Factors that affect scoring include building systems, hours of operation, regional climate, equipment scheduling, and monitoring the equipment.

• **Hawthorn Suites – Oakland / Alameda** is offering a special nightly rate of \$119 to Chamber members and their friends and families through the end of December. Hawthorn Suites is located at 1628 Webster St. in West Alameda not far from downtown Oakland. A free daily hot breakfast buffet is available, as is free parking. All suites have separate sleeping and living areas with two TVs, sofas and a king or two queen beds. For information, call (510) 522-1000 and mention the Oakland Chamber special rate.

• **KGO NEWSTALK AM 810** received five first-place trophies, including Best Newscast, in this year's NorCal Radio Television News Directors Association awards. KGO Radio competed against stations from throughout Northern California.