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**Minority Corporate Counsel Association Honors Diversity Initiatives of
Genentech and Sony Electronics**

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.– The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) will honor two of the nation’s leading corporate legal departments and spotlight a law firm with diversity awards at its Western Region Diversity Dinner at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel on May 14, 2008. The event will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Receiving MCCA’s Employer of Choice Award this year are the legal departments of [Genentech Inc.](#) and [Sony Electronics Inc.](#) They were chosen for demonstrating a commitment to diversity and creating and maintaining an inclusive workplace. Accepting the award for their companies will be Sean Johnston, Genentech’s General Counsel, and Michael T. Williams, Sony Electronics’ Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

The law firm [Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP](#) will be honored as recipient of the [Thomas L. Sager Award](#), named for MCCA Chairman of the Board and DuPont Company Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Thomas L. Sager. This award is given to law firms that demonstrate sustained commitment to improving the hiring, retention and promotion of minority attorneys. Lorraine McGowen, partner and chair for Orrick’s firm-wide diversity initiative, will accept the award on behalf of the law firm.

From 4:00-5:30 p.m., MCCA will also host the Diversity Dialogue, a panel discussion of diversity best practices featuring the evening’s award winners. The Diversity Dialogue is part of a professional development series that gives attendees information about award-winning diversity initiatives in their local areas, as well as practical information they can take back to their companies or law firms.

The Hollywood dinner is part of an annual series of five dinners designed to address issues of diversity in corporate law departments. MCCA Diversity Dinners are also held in Chicago, Houston, New York City and Washington, D.C.

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) was founded in 1997 to advocate for the expanded hiring, promotion, and retention of minority attorneys in corporate legal departments and the law firms that serve them. In addition, MCCA stimulates an ongoing dialogue of diversity “best practices.” MCCA accomplishes its mission through the collection and dissemination of information on diversity in the legal profession. MCCA is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and also has an office in Atlanta. For more information, go to [mcca.com](#)

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