Alum Profile: S. Anita Sinha Stone

Anita Sinha Stone was recently named Assistant General Counsel at Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation, a United Technologies Company. From 2006 until late 2011, Anita was an associate in the Intellectual Property and Technology Group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. She was a Skadden Extern at Lawyers Alliance from July to December 2010. While at the firm, she continued to volunteer and act as a “Lawyers Alliance liaison” on pro bono questions. Anita was instrumental in the formation of Lawyers Alliance’s new Associates Advisory Board, and serves as its first president. Prior to receiving a J.D. from University of Connecticut School of Law, Anita completed her master’s and bachelor’s degrees in chemical engineering from Cornell University.

Q – Anita, how did you learn about Lawyers Alliance for New York?

Initially I took on intellectual property pro bono assignments for nonprofit organizations. I also attended a Lawyers Alliance informational session at Skadden, which sparked my interest in participating in the externship program.

Q – What are the most valuable things you learned during your externship?

I felt fortunate to help nonprofit clients serving low-income communities with their questions and teach them about legal issues that impacted their work and mission. It was valuable to learn ways to analyze nonprofit legal issues and share my expertise in intellectual property with Lawyers Alliance staff and clients. I also enjoyed being involved in a major project that helped low income credit unions access funds through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“TARP”). This work broadened and enhanced my client relations and corporate transactions skills.

Q – How did the Associates Advisory Board come to be?

During my externship, I learned that Lawyers Alliance was founded as a membership organization called the Council of New York Law Associates. Having recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary, Lawyers Alliance was exploring ways to increase associate involvement in the organization. In collaboration with fellow externs Irini Kalamakis of Weil and Kevin Jones of Cleary, the ideas we discussed took shape and resulted in the Associates Advisory Board. We have since recruited other Board members who share our enthusiasm for Lawyers Alliance. I am very proud to be a part of this initiative.

About Anita

Employment includes:

› Anita is Assistant General Counsel at Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation, a United Technologies Company. She is responsible for the negotiation of significant customer contracts, assisting in investigations and resolving claims under those contracts, as well as managing partnership and other collaboration agreements with leading companies in the aerospace industry. From 2006 through 2011, she was an associate in the Intellectual Property and Technology Group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Current activities:

› President, Lawyers Alliance for New York Associates Advisory Board

Graduate of:

› University of Connecticut School of Law
› Cornell University

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