

New Achievements in Business: March 23rd

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Finance: HSBC's Wealth and Tax Advisory Services Inc. hired James Gorman as a director. He was an auditor with the federal Internal Revenue Service.

» Brookstreet Securities Corp. hired eight new members, including John Abbott in the San Mateo office and seven others in San Jose, Solana Beach, Santa Rosa, New York state, Colorado and Florida.

LAW

- » Legal staffing firm Special Counsel promoted Simone Brown to executive director in San Francisco
- » California Lawyer magazine named Kelly Dermody of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP as a California Attorney of the Year for 2007. Her award was in the litigation category, where she represented uninsured patients against Sutter Health.

RETAIL

» Sharper Image Corp. promoted John Yotnakparian to senior VP of retail stores. He joined the company in 1998, and was a VP prior to his promotion.

GREEN TECH

» Climos, a San Francisco company endeavoring to remove carbon from the atmosphere, said its scientific advisory board includes: University of Washington Professor Jody Deming, University of Maryland College Park and John Hopkins University Distinguished Professor Dr. Rita Colwell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution President Emeritus Robert Gagosian, National Scenter for Atmospheric Research Director Timothy Killeen, H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment President Thomas Lovejoy and Arizona State University Dean Deirdre Meldrum.

BIOTECH

» Epiphany Biosciences Inc. hired Michael Houghton as chief scientific officer. He was VP of HCV and virology research at Chiron.

SERVICES

- » Talent-recruitment firm Harvey Nash USA hired Cathy Daniel as VP and market director of the California region.
- » ECO2 Plastics Inc. of San Francisco, a recycling firm, hired Paul Dittmeier as VP of sales and marketing.

HOSPITALITY

» Northview Hotel Group, a firm based in San Francisco and Connecticut, hired Dave Zeuske as president and COO of NVHG Management. The firm also hired Guy Lindsey as senior VP of design and construction.

NONPROFIT

» The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a group that honors successful people who overcame adversity, lauded retired Bank of America CEO Richard Rosenberg, Hal Financial Group founder Craig Hall and Intel Corp. Board Chairman Craig Barrett.

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