

Wiley Rein & Fielding Receives the Sodexo Law Department's Commitment to Diversity Award

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Washington, DC—Wiley Rein & Fielding is the proud recipient of the Sodexo Law Department's Commitment to Diversity Award, presented in recognition of the firm's participation in the department's minority student job shadowing program. The award was given at a reception preceding the 7th Annual Sodexo Foundation Dinner, an event marking the culmination of Sodexo's year of activities related to ending hunger in America.

The Sodexo minority student job shadowing program pairs first year law students with attorneys in their area of interest, allowing the students to gain first-hand experience in the daily practice of law. WRF enthusiastically supports this program and others that promote the goal of diversity in the workplace. WRF partner Robert A. Smith, who accepted the award on behalf of the firm, commented on the honor, "We are delighted to be recognized for our efforts and we look forward to our continued relationship with Sodexo."

Sodexo USA is a leading food and facilities management company in North America and a member of the Sodexo Alliance. The Sodexo Foundation is an independent charitable organization committed to eliminating hunger in the United States. The Foundation creates and/or supports programs that work to break the cycle of poverty and eliminate other root causes of hunger in this country.

As a law firm with national and international clientele, WRF is committed to a professional workforce that reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of our client base. We believe our clients are enriched by working with a diverse group of exceptional attorneys who, through different perspectives and experiences, allow us to undertake more creative thinking and to produce more innovative solutions. Thus, WRF embraces diversity both as a business imperative and as a moral obligation.