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Hogan & Hartson Celebrates Aging Gracefully at 100th Anniversary

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During an evening rich with history, Hogan & Hartson celebrated its 100th anniversary with a reception at downtown Los Angeles' Union Station on Oct. 5.

In the now-vacant Fred Harvey Restaurant, which bustled with hungry travelers during the rail station's heyday in the 1940s, firm leaders described the Washington, D.C.-based firm's goals.

"Hogan & Hartson is committed to three things," said Marc Bozeman, managing partner of the firm's downtown Los Angeles office.

Bozeman cited global service, equal treatment of staff and community service.

Under the vaulted ceiling of the 65-year-old station, which combines Spanish colonial and modern styles, guests sipped a rainbow of martinis named for the Los Angeles Metro Rail lines.

The "red line" combined vodka and cranberry juice, the "blue line" blended gin and blue curaçao and the "gold line" served up a potent mix of vodka and Goldschlager Cinnamon Schnapps.

Tucked away in a side room, sushi chefs prepared cuts of salmon, yellow tail and tuna, while party-goers stood in line at a U-shaped bar to sample morsels of dim sum.

Bozeman talked of a time when, in 1979, a "young and skinny" University of Virginia School of Law graduate joined Hogan & Hartson. Twenty-three years later, the firm named J. Warren Gorrell Jr.

its chairman.

To laughter and applause, Gorrell told the audience that traveling throughout the firm's 21 worldwide offices to celebrate Hogan & Hartson's centurylong history this year made him an "international party animal."

"I kind of like that name," Gorrell said, then talked of Hogan & Hartson's founder, a trial lawyer named Frank J. Hogan, who served as President Theodore Roosevelt's personal lawyer and appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

Gorrell reiterated the firm's core commitments, starting with its goal of providing outstanding legal services across the globe.

"Quality is king," Gorrell said as he described the firm's approach to its government relations, regulatory, litigation and corporate practices.

"Integrity and community service are synonymous with Hogan & Hartson," he added.

Gorrell cited the 15,000 hours and \$1.5 million in pro bono legal services the firm provides a year.

Neil O'Hanlon, managing partner of the firm's Century City office, took the podium to present a \$5,000 check to the Los Angeles Conservancy, a "first-rate" organization



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Marc Bozeman, managing partner of Hogan's downtown Los Angeles office, is flanked by Robert Benson, the founder of the nonprofit Arms of Love, left, and Hogan partner Bruce Chapman.

that works to preserve and revitalize the historic architecture of the county.

Gorrell presented another \$5,000 check to Los Angeles partner Robert J. Benson. Benson, an orphan, founded Arms of Love, providing physical, financial and emotional support to 60 Filipino and Central American orphans.

After the speeches, Gorrell took a moment to describe Hogan & Hartson's international plans.

The firm added offices in Munich and Shanghai this year, and its Beijing office is benefiting from an "exploding practice," Gorrell says.

"It's fantastic," he says.

In its nine U.S. offices, Hogan & Hartson has 1,000 attorneys firmwide, 55 of which are based in its Los Angeles offices.