

HRACC/SHRM MEETING: WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2013
TOPIC: HELPING YOUR BOOMERS PREPARE FOR RETIREMENT
VENUE: SHERATON, ROCKY HILL

MEMBERS: \$40.00 NON-MEMBERS: \$50.00
MEMBERS IN TRANSITION: \$20
EVENT TIME: 4:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Register online at www.hracc.org. No shows will be billed.
Last call for registrations or cancellations – Monday, May 20, 2013 (5:00 p.m.)

Member Spotlight

Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson is an Associate at Robinson & Cole in their Employment, Labor & Immigration Law Section

Britt-Marie joined our Chapter in 2009. Specializing in labor and employment law, Britt-Marie counsels employers regarding discharge/discipline and discrimination issues, personnel policies and handbooks, wage and hour issues, and other employment-related matters, and represents employers before federal and state agencies and courts. Britt-Marie joined HRACC because she felt it was important to join a professional organization that provides a holistic view of HR issues.

"It's important for me to stay connected to members of the HR community and what keeps them up at night," she said. "Their concerns are my concerns as well."



Britt-Marie appreciates HRACC's programming and networking opportunities. "I have made great contacts and also benefited from communicating about employment law in a practical, business-focused manner," she said.

"What keeps me coming back to HRACC is the members. I'm impressed by their commitment to their careers and to the respect that they have for the Human Resources field generally, as well as the employees and organizations they serve."

On March 13, Britt-Marie was presented with a Volunteer of the Year Award from the Pro Bono Partnership at a private reception held in New York City. She was chosen from a pool of almost 1,000 attorneys. "I take pride in being able to serve nonprofit clients in need of legal services and have enjoyed the opportunity to support nonprofit organizations that help Connecticut's families and children," she said.

Fun Facts: Britt-Marie loves to travel, especially to the Caribbean. She's been to 10 islands so far and hopes to visit more!

HRACC Welcomes New Board Member



We are pleased to announce that Utpal Parekh ("Utey"), has joined the HRACC board, serving as our Director of Diversity. In this role, he will assist HRACC in developing and implementing chapter diversity initiatives to ensure and open and inclusive experience for our members.

Utey joined HRACC in October 2011 and has been active with our chapter since then. In addition to attending most of our chapter meetings, he has also volunteered on the programs committee. A SHRM member, Utey holds an MBA from the University of Hartford and a B.A. in Psychology from UConn.

At his day job, Utey is a Financial Planner for Prudential, where he helps businesses and individuals focus on growing and protecting their wealth through strategic investments and insurance protection. He holds the following industry designations: CFP® (Certified Financial Planner®), ChFC® (Chartered Financial Consultant®), CLU® (Chartered Life Underwriter®), LUTCF (Life Underwriting Training Council Fellow®).



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