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**Zhuo “David” Huang**  
**of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**  
**Dedicated Associate Helps Nonprofit Further its Mission with For-Profit Subsidiary**

**Accomplishment:** Recipient of Lawyers Alliance for New York’s **2012 Cornerstone Award** honoring outstanding pro bono legal services to nonprofits, to be presented on November 13.

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**Highlights:** Zhuo “David” Huang is a corporate associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Mr. Huang received his J.D. in 2010 from the University of Virginia School of Law. Previously, Mr. Huang received his bachelor of law degree and worked as a lawyer in his native China.

Mr. Huang provided significant legal help to **Exponents, Inc.**, a community-based nonprofit organization that is a nationally renowned leader in both training and providing services to the underserved, hard to reach, and vulnerable populations who encounter addiction and health related problems. Exponents sought to leverage its expertise in educational and rehabilitative programs by creating a for-profit subsidiary, Exponents Center for Personal & Professional Development (the “Center”), to offer classes at market rate to the general public in areas such as anger management, credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor training, and drunk driving and substance abuse counseling.

With colleagues Prem Amarnani, Lindsay Kurasz, and Tarun Stewart, Mr. Huang assisted Exponents in developing the legal structure and corporate documents necessary to form the Center. The team provided guidance on how to structure the relationship between Exponents and the Center in a manner that would not jeopardize the nonprofit’s tax-exempt status. They also provided tax and corporate law advice during the initial phases of the Center’s operation. The Center, established in 2011, is now offering trainings that provide human services professionals with cutting-edge tools to sharpen their skills and enhance their competencies.

Samantha Lopez-Fernandez, Exponents’ Chief Administrative Officer, was deeply appreciative of the help, noting that Mr. Huang “went above and beyond to guide us through a process that was extremely daunting, with patience and grace.” Adds Ms. Lopez-Fernandez, “Our for-profit subsidiary, the Center, is doing extremely well and we’ve been approached by one of our biggest funders to help other community-based organizations conceptualize for-profit ventures of their own. I think that David epitomizes what is best about this type of partnership: he provided quality legal guidance in the most collaborative of manners.”

Mr. Huang says, “My experience working with Exponents was a very interesting and satisfying one. On a professional level, as a junior associate, I very much appreciated the opportunity to work directly with a client that is such an established organization and act as the managing attorney throughout the process, which has proven very valuable to me. On a personal level, I certainly enjoyed working with the people at Exponents and felt honored and particularly satisfied at being able to contribute to a great cause.”

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