

## OSI NEWSLETTER #21

*Social Networking and OSI*

This month we are launching a new Facebook page and Twitter account to facilitate distributing information useful to our client base and to assist in networking among OSI Members. On the Facebook page upcoming events are posted, photos of the suite are available, discussion groups, and links to other resources are available.

Go to <http://facebook.com/osi.offices> for facebook  & <http://twitter.com/osioffices> for twitter. 

*Practice Building Assistance is on the way*

We have put up the first draft of an attorney networking system which we have provisionally labelled [leadingedgelawyers.com](http://leadingedgelawyers.com). We invite you to look this over, and get back to us with comments, suggestions, and questions -- by emailing [manager@osioffices.com](mailto:manager@osioffices.com) or calling us at 202 835 0680.

We will host a discussion on this program on Thursday, September 2, at 12:30 PM, in our conference room, with sandwiches. We think that there will be interest in the program (over 35 clients have already registered to participate in it), so please RSVP at 202 835 0680 by telephone or email to [manager@osioffices.com](mailto:manager@osioffices.com). If we are overbooked for one day we can set up additional and follow-on meetings.

The program is to unfold in two and possibly three steps -- first the portal will be used for networking among our attorneys. It will also be available for networking between our attorneys and 400+ other OSI clients who may be interested in using the attorneys' legal skills. There will be no charge for this service. Secondly, we envisage opening the portal to the public, to attract general public attention to our attorney pool. Thirdly, we are considering an alliance with other business centers to broaden the pool of attorney participants, including participants from other cities, and beef up promotional activities.

You have in OSI an unique asset -- over 250 attorneys with which to network, and over 400 other firms to attract to your services. We think this system has a significant potential to augment your legal collaborations, and attract additional clientele.

*Online calendaring of offices coming.*

Responding to several requests for an online way of making and controlling reservations, OSI is setting up the conference and meeting rooms to be viewed & scheduled through Google Calendaring. OSI will be providing each member with an OSI specific gmail account. If a member is in good standing this gmail account will have authority to book the room resources.

Once this mechanism is put in place the paper room reservation mechanism will be phased down. One will need to either talk to a receptionist, or book a room online. Follow updates on this system in Facebook or Twitter.

*We welcome your feedback*

In our continuous effort to improve our services, we look forward to your thoughts, questions and feedback on how we can better tailor our offerings to fit your needs. Please email your feedback to [manager@osioffices.com](mailto:manager@osioffices.com)

Thank You

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*Business Assistance Team*

Below is our current roster of clients enrolled in the business assistance team. Requirements for team membership include a skill set needed by clients and prospective clients, membership in good standing for six months or more with OSI or affiliated firm 1050 17th Street Associates, and willingness to entertain and respond promptly and carefully to inquiries and requests for service. (We have included the bank which we use for a number of services, which technically is not a member.)

The current members of the BAT, in alphabetical order, are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Additional information.</b>
Akindeko, Badillo and Puig	legal services	(202) 508-1066	mpuig@abpfirm.com
Art Driver LLC, Oleksiy Synelnychenko	website design	(202) 508-1074	contact@artdriver.com
Howard Boyd	legal, tax and accounting services	(202) 349-1691	clarence1919@man.com
Joy Butler	legal services	(703) 524-1926	
B.J. Seebol	accounting and tax services	(202) 659-1232	svcs4attys@aol.com
Tempus Group, William Flanagan	a range of marketing services including use of video and electronic media	(202) 558-0221	wflanagan@tempusgroup.com
Veritas Lex, Larry Latourette	legal placement	(202) 508-1455	latourette@veritaslex.com
Bill Cunningham	Economist	(202) 609 4436	info@creativeinvest.com
Sharon Dark	Admin Services	(202) 341 2268	<a href="http://unmetneeds.info/">http://unmetneeds.info/</a>
Interdevelopment, Inc.	International consulting	(202) 508 1459	interdevelopment@starpower.net
Vainoo Khanna	Chevy Chase Bank	(202) 296-7602	

If you are interested in participating in this support group, please send an email to [manager@osioffices.com](mailto:manager@osioffices.com)