

MLA Supports Human Rights Campaign at Annual Gala



(l to r): Beth McBride, Andrea Casalett, Paul Bird (standing), Pat Malone, Lynne Blair, and Deborah Côté.

MLA's Diversity Committee recently sponsored a table at the *2008 Human Rights Campaign Gala Dinner* in San Francisco. In accordance with the event's theme of *Race for Equality*, guests had the opportunity to contribute 100 percent of their ticket price to HRC's ongoing efforts in California.

Deborah Côté (Table Captain), **Andrea Casalett**, **Paul Bird**, **Lynne Blair**, **Pat Malone**, **Sara Parker**, and their guests attended on behalf of the Firm, helping to promote MLA's commitment to diversity. According to Diversity Committee Chair **Charlotte Combre**, "Attending this event allowed the Firm to support an important diverse community. It also provided us additional information about issues important to that community."

During the black tie event, featured speakers included HRC President Joe Solomonese, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), and Academy Award® winning actress Marlee Matlin. Deborah Côté said, "Attending the *HRC Gala* has been both an inspirational and team building experience. Not only did we promote MLA as a top-tier firm and diversity supporter, we also learned more about HRC and further connected as a team, once again confirming why MLA is such a great place to work."

For more information on HRC, please go to <http://www.hrc.org>.