

LCLD Alumni Class of 2011 Feature Series: Marcos Barbosa



1. Who was the first person you met in your 2011 Fellows class?

[Curtis Martin II](#)

2. What were some of your first impressions of the LCLD Fellows Program?

I was mesmerized by the sheer number of diverse attorneys of color in the same room, coming from all corners of the country; the people with outstanding resumes and achievements. It made me proud and gave me hope.

3. What are some of your favorite LCLD memories?

In ten years, there have been many, but none can trump the memories, connections, fun, and lifelong friendships struck at our 1st Alumni Retreat (as it was known then) in Las Vegas, May 2012. We understood then what the LCLD Fellows program was ultimately intended to generate -- everlasting, empowering connections between peoples striving to better the face of our profession and industry.

4. How has the LCLD Alumni community impacted your career over the last 10 years?

The community provided me with outstanding role models; people who inspired me to reach out for higher and higher goals. I would not have taken the steps and started my own firm, if not for the examples of risk-takers, trailblazers, and success stories I have had the privilege to “rub elbows” with in these past 10 years through the LCLD Alumni community. To them and to LCLD, I am eternally grateful.

5. What is your vision for the LCLD Alumni experience over the next 10 years?

It has been an interesting decade. What started small, somewhat simple and discombobulated rapidly transformed into something so powerful. My hope and vision is that LCLD will go further, leveraging the power it has garnered in its constant pursuit of the Holy Grail -- to once and for all transform our profession and society into that colorful mosaic of humanity, and bring us to that promised land, that so many before us dreamt of, but were stripped of the opportunity to live it. In other words, my vision is to bring to reality LCLD’s goal to become a flag bearer and standard setter on issues of D&I.

6. Do you have any advice for current program participants and new Alumni?

Embrace the opportunity with all your being, make connections, and never let go. The people in our community are truly amazing.

7. How do you believe LCLD has moved the needle on diversity since 2011?

It has added a powerful voice to the fight for equity, diversity, and inclusion; it has expanded that universe of interested parties by bringing more decision makers into the equation; and it has provided the platform for success on issues of D&I. Ultimately, LCLD has abolished the excuses long used by so many - the misconceptions and stereotypes that great diverse candidates are hard to find. It’s told them: here they are, now give them the chance to shine.

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