

Burns & Levinson Supports Entrepreneurs and Partners with You Be the VC Competition.

Partner, Josef B. Volman participates as a Judge

January 7, 2008 – Burns & Levinson LLP announces that it will sponsor and Attorney **Josef B. Volman** will participate as a judge for the entrepreneur competition “You Be the VC”, created by Bang Ventures, that seeks to find the next great start-up companies through a review of experts. Three winners will be selected and given the opportunity to take their start ups from concept to operational company with a prize package that includes access to money, resources as well as experienced advisors and media.

“We encourage and support this entrepreneurial nature and the development of cutting-edge technology, since many of our clients are start-ups and emerging companies,” said Attorney **Josef B. Volman**, Co-Chair of Burns & Levinson’s Business Law Department. “Venture Capital is the life blood of many start-ups and we enjoy being an integral part of helping companies gain access to capital and strategically guide them to grow their business.” Burns & Levinson runs its own similar competition, the *Power of an Idea® Scholarship Contest* for future entrepreneurs and inventors. It is open to all Boston public high and charter school students and parallels the efforts of You Be the VC by reaching out to and encouraging future entrepreneurs and inventors to invest in science and technology.

Joe Volman, who represents entrepreneurs, start-up and emerging companies, private equity and venture funds, investors, public companies and investment banking firms, will be in good company with others from the financial, investment and technology industries such as Google. Entrepreneurs are also in the mix to include world champion Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling who has a start-up called 38 Studios.

The You Be the VC competition focuses on technologies for Web 2.0, including social networking, advanced search, Enterprise 2.0, advertising and mobile applications. The prize is a complete launch pad for creating a successful start-up: investment capital, office space, programming/web development, legal, accounting and business strategy consultation, and marketing sales and support.

About Burns & Levinson

Burns & Levinson, with over 120 attorneys in four offices in New England is a full-service Boston-based business law firm. The firm has grown steadily and strategically throughout the years and has become a premier business law firm with regional, national and international clientele. The firm has expertise in corporate law, finance, venture capital, private equity, tax, bankruptcy, lending and leasing, real estate, intellectual property - including patent law, and business litigation. Burns & Levinson also has a large private clients group that services clients in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust litigation, divorce and other family law issues.

In addition, the firm has a wholly-owned subsidiary office in Montreal, Quebec to service its Canadian clients. For more information, visit Burns & Levinson at www.burnslev.com.

About You Be the VC

Equal parts incubator and American Idol, You Be the VC is a competition to find the best new entrepreneurs in the United States. New company ideas are submitted and judged by business leaders, then selected by voters on the You Be the VC site, which also serves as an online community for people interested in building new companies. Visit www.youbethevc.com for more details.

About Bang Ventures

Bang Ventures is a New York based investment firm with offices in Cambridge and is focused on early stage emerging technology companies.

Bang Ventures isn't a VC firm. It helps smart and driven people co-found fantastic new companies, providing entrepreneurs with a roof over their heads, mentoring, a deep network of contacts, marketing support, professional services and other technical support...and yes, funding as well. Launched in 2007, Bang Ventures gets into the projects at the inception phase, evaluating opportunities and empowering entrepreneurs to develop strong companies. The firm is currently focused on investing in North America and Eastern/Central Europe in sectors ranging from Web 2.0 to clean tech to medical devices.

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