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*What Makes You Tick
and What Ticks You Off?:
Emotional Intelligence and Conflict
Resolution Tips for your Success*

Monday

June 20, 2011

5:30 p.m

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Bridgewater Place

333 Bridge Street NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Kenyatta Brame



Kenyatta Brame holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School and a Master in Business Administration from Michigan State University. He also holds a Bachelor in Political Science and Psychology from Wabash College. At Cascade Engineering, Kenyatta is responsible for the Services Groups functions which include the Engineering, Legal/Risk Management, Human Resources, Benefits, Marketing, Communications, Talent Management, IT, Corporate Quality, ESS (Environmental, Safety, and Sustainability), and Benefits departments to ensure services and communications are aligned with corporate vision and strategy.

Tracey Brame



Tracey Brame earned a J.D. and a B.A. from the University of Michigan. She is currently the Assistant Dean at the Grand Rapids campus of Thomas M. Cooley Law School where she handles disciplinary matters and works closely with the Dean on projects involving student support, community relations, and campus growth. Tracey is on the board of directors of Camp Blodgett, a member of the board of Campaign for Justice, and a provider of pro bono legal services at Heartside area missions. She is also on the board of directors for Goodwill Industries, Inc. and the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

Program

5:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres

Mix...Mingle...BL²END

6:15 p.m.

Welcome

Maxine Gray

President, Executive Board, BL²END

Elizabeth Joy Fossel

Diversity & Inclusion Counsel, Varnum, LLP

Introduction of Event

Jamie Martinez

Professional Development Chair, BL²END

Introduction of Speakers

Mindy Ysasi-Castañon, SPHR

Human Resources Generalist, Cascade Engineering

6:30 p.m.

Dialogue

*“What Makes You Tick and What Ticks You Off:
Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Resolution Tips for Your Success?”*

Kenyatta Brame

Chief Administrative Officer and Group Services Sr. Vice President, Cascade Engineering

Tracey Brame

Assistant Dean and Associate Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

7:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Brian Parks

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