ANDREWS KURTH LLP SERVING AS PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF MLB CIVIL RIGHTS GAME AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Houston-based firm continues support of MLB’s diversity-related efforts

HOUSTON, TX — Houston-based law firm Andrews Kurth LLP has once again joined Major League Baseball’s diversity initiatives by serving as the principal sponsor of the 2014 MLB Civil Rights Game and ancillary activities. This year’s Civil Rights Game is being hosted by the Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park on May 30. The event will also include a Beacon Awards Luncheon on May 30 at noon at the Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel, and the Baseball & Civil Rights Movement Roundtable Discussion on May 29 at Minute Maid Park (12:30 p.m.).

Andrews Kurth also served as a sponsor of the 2013 MLB Diversity Business Summit in Houston, and the 2014 MLB Diversity Summit in New York City. Recently, the firm was named a local recipient of the 8th Annual Jackie Robinson Day “Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner” Award from MLB, acknowledging the firm’s ongoing commitment to excellence and diversity.

Elizabeth Campbell, Partner and Chief Diversity Officer at Andrews Kurth, said, “We promote our culture of diversity and inclusion. With Major League Baseball bringing the Civil Rights Game events to Houston, our firm’s headquarters, this is an incredible opportunity to promote our culture and to support Major League Baseball and its designated charities.”

Since 1902, Andrews Kurth has built its practice on the belief that “straight talk is good business.” Diversity and inclusion are core values of the firm and form key components of the firm’s strategic plan. The firm’s approach to diversity and inclusion is broad and includes workforce, workplace and marketplace strategic objectives. Andrew Kurth’s commitment to diversity and inclusion is also important to the relationships that are built with clients and with communities.

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ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS GAME AND ACTIVITIES

The 2014 Civil Rights Game will be played between the Houston Astros and the Baltimore Orioles at Minute Maid Park on Friday, May 30th, airing nationally on MLB Network and called by MLB Network’s Matt Vasgersian, Harold Reynolds and Sam Ryan. Pregame ceremonies begin at 6:30 p.m. CT.

Houston & Baltimore Negro Leagues Uniforms to be Worn During the Civil Rights Game

1. Houston Eagles – The Astros will wear the uniforms of the “Houston Eagles,” which played for two years (1949-1950) and was the only team from Texas in Negro Leagues history.
2. Baltimore Elite Giants – The Orioles will wear the uniforms of the “Baltimore Elite Giants,” which played from 1938 through 1950.

   a. NOTES: The uniforms and caps were produced by Majestic and New Era, respectively. Both designs were approved by the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Civil Rights Game Cap Giveaway, Ballpark Fireworks

1. Cap Giveaway – 15,000 fans entering Minute Maid Park for the Civil Rights Game will receive a special com-

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memorative “Civil Rights Game” cap.
2. “Motown Fireworks” – Following the Civil Rights Game, the Astros will host a special fireworks show, presented by Marathon Oil Corporation, that will have a “Motown” theme.

Musical Performances
1. Aloe Blacc – The chart-topping singer/songwriter will perform his hit songs “Wake Me Up” and “The Man” on-field at Minute Maid Park prior to the Civil Rights Game, with the “The Man” airing LIVE on MLB Network. Additionally, he will perform “Eyes of a Child” earlier in the day at the MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon at Hilton Americas-Houston.
2. Miri Ben-Ari – The Grammy Award-winning violinist and UN Goodwill Ambassador will perform her song, “Symphony of Brotherhood,” featuring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his iconic “I Have A Dream” speech, at the MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon.
3. “National Anthem” – Actress, dancer and singer, Jadagrace, will perform the National Anthem prior to the Civil Rights Game.
4. “America The Beautiful” – Grammy nominee and platinum recording artist Jeffrey Osborne will perform “America the Beautiful” during the 7th inning stretch.

Baseball & Civil Rights Movement Roundtable Discussion – Thursday, May 29th at 12:30 p.m. (CT), Union Station at Minute Maid Park

A panel of prominent individuals will discuss the pivotal role Baseball played in the civil rights movement and the game’s continued presence as a social institution, as well as present-day social issues affecting the country and the world. The Baseball & Civil Rights Movement Roundtable Discussion, which will be moderated by Harvard Law School Professor Dr. Charles Ogletree, will be streamed on MLB.com and Astros.com prior to the Civil Rights Game. The following are the participants scheduled for this year’s Roundtable Discussion:
1. Ernest Green – Member of the “Little Rock Nine”
2. Linda Alvarado – Member of the Colorado Rockies Ownership Group; Chief Executive Officer of Alvarado Construction
3. Bob Kendrick – President, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
4. J.R. Richard – Houston Astros Legend
5. Harold Reynolds – MLB Network Analyst; two-time MLB All-Star
6. Bob Watson - Former Astros All-Star and General Manager

MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon – Friday, May 30th at Noon (CT), Hilton Americas-Houston

Baseball Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig will speak at the 2014 MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon, which will be held at Noon on Friday, May 30th at the Hilton Americas-Houston. At the event, MLB will honor best-selling author and poet Dr. Maya Angelou, founder of Motown and Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Berry Gordy and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Brown. The triumvirate will each receive an MLB Beacon Award, which recognizes individuals whose lives and actions have been emblematic of the spirit of the civil rights movement, and will be recognized on the field prior to the Civil Rights Game. Additionally, Robin Roberts, co-anchor of ABC’s “Good Morning America,” will be the keynote speaker. Two Houston-based charities, the Houston Area Urban League and Change Happens!, will be the charitable beneficiaries of the MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon.
1. NOTE: MLB and the Astros will pay special tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 60th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education at the MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon.

About the Civil Rights Game and Related Activities

The Civil Rights Game and its related activities are a series of events developed by MLB to pay tribute to those who fought on and off the field for equal rights for all Americans. This year’s event is another example of the Houston Astros supporting MLB initiatives geared toward highlighting diversity throughout baseball.

The 2014 Civil Rights Game is the eighth installation of an annual event that began in Memphis in 2007, centering on an exhibition game between the St. Louis Cardinals and Cleveland Indians. After another exhibition game in Memphis in 2008, the Civil Rights Game moved to Cincinnati (2009-2010), then Atlanta (2011-2012) as regular season contests, and last year was hosted in Chicago by the White Sox. While much of the south was deeply affected during the civil rights
movement with violence threatening the well-being of many, Houston played a vital role in achieving peaceful desegregation, making it a crucial part of the overall civil rights effort.

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