

ACC-Austin Chapter Members,

Below is the October 2008 Update for Austin Chapter News, Events, Pro Bono Opportunities, and more.

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News Roundup

- **Austin Chapter Wins National Awards!** – We were recently awarded the **Chapter of the Year** for our outstanding efforts and achievements and the **Chapter Challenge** award for membership recruitment and retention. We are the first chapter to be honored with both awards in the same year.
- **New Look** – ACC National webpage and the local Austin Chapter webpage have a new look. Please note that as the new sites come on-line during this transition, some links may not be working. Everything should appear within the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.
 - On our new webpage, you can find the current sponsor article Don't Get Hit By The Train! Breach of an Open Source License Can Result in Copyright Infringement Liability by Paul Saenz, Shareholder at Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody
- **A Call to Texas Lawyers After Hurricane Ike** - (*From the State Bar of Texas President Harper Estes, Texas Access to Justice Commission Chair James B. Sales, and Texas Access to Justice Foundation Chair Richard Tate*) These disasters put a tremendous and unanticipated burden on our legal system, in particular legal aid and pro bono programs throughout the state. They urge you to donate to one of the following foundations that support our colleagues and our legal system (Please designate your donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund):
 - Texas Access to Justice Foundation, P.O. Box 12886, Austin, TX 78711-288
 - Texas Bar Foundation, 504 Lavaca, Ste. 1005, Austin, TX 78701
 - Houston Bar Foundation, 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002
- **ACC's 2008 Annual Meeting** – "*Informed, In-House, Indispensable*" – October 19-22 in Seattle, Washington. Registration available online.
 - **The 3rd Annual Hobnob Seafaring in Seattle On Puget Sound** sponsored by the ACC Small Law Dept. Committee, Washington, Oregon & Mountain States Chapters, aboard the Lady Mary (www.argosycruises.com). Boarding at Pier 55, at the foot of Seneca Street; Sunday, October 19, 2008; 2 – 5 P.M.
 - **ACC Litigation Committee 2008 Annual Meeting Networking Event** - Seattle Brew Tour at Elysian Fields Brewing Company, sponsored by Ernst and Young, on Monday, October 20, 2008, beginning at 7:45PM.
- **UT Law Board of Advocates - Judges Needed** – The Board of Advocates at the UT School of Law is in need of local attorney volunteers to judge their intramural advocacy competitions throughout the year, including Mock Trial, Moot Court, Negotiations, and Voir Dire. To volunteer or for more information, contact Bethany Schneider, Chief Judging Director, at bschneider@mail.utexas.edu or (706) 614-8802.

Upcoming Events

- **October 16 CLE Luncheon** – “Arbitration or Litigation: How Far Has the Pendulum Swung?” To be held at Cool River Café & sponsored by Baker Botts. No cost to members / \$15 non-members. Please note change in speaker to Gavin Villareal, Partner, Baker Botts. RSVP to accaustin@yahoo.com.
- **October 30-31 - 16th Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program** Westin Galleria, Houston. Attend the CLE program or increase your company’s supplier diversity by participating in scheduled one on one networking appointments with minority owned firms at the event. Increase opportunities for minority and women attorneys to provide legal services for corporate clients. Registration now open. For more information contact Christine Montoya at christine.montoya.gglq@statefarm.com or (512) 918-4586.
- **November 6** - ACC South/Central Texas Chapter & the San Antonio Bar Association are sponsoring the 11th Annual **Ethics Conference**.
- **November 13th** – **2009 Sponsorship Kick-Off & Social**, 5:30 - 8:00PM at The Belmont. Valet parking provided. If you have firms or companies to recommend for 2009 chapter sponsorship, please send contact info to accaustin@yahoo.com.
- **November 20th CLE Social** – “Ties That Bind: A survey of recent cases addressing scope of use and downstream restrictions in license agreements.” Sponsor - Andrews Kurth LLP. Speaker - Roger Williams, Jr. Specific event details and RSVP information to soon follow.

Pro Bono Opportunities

- **General Legal Clinic** - Assist Central Texans with their personal legal needs. The next Pro Bono Evening Clinic will be held on October 15, 2008 at Webb Middle School.
- For many **other pro bono opportunities**, please visit our new [Pro Bono Opportunities web page](#).

Welcome New Members Joining In September

- **Allison Akers**, JMJ Associates
- **Marguerita Bunson Sims**, FirstCare Health Plans
- **Buck Hollister**, Tokyo Electron US Holdings, Inc.

Get Involved with ACC-Austin

- ACC-Austin has a number of **Committees** that provide you with the opportunity to contribute to the chapter and meet other members. Join today!
- Are you interested in **participating in a presentation or panel discussion** with our sponsors at CLE events? Please send your name and topic of “specialty” to us at accaustin@yahoo.com.

Do you have news, responses, or opinions to share? Please e-mail us at accaustin@yahoo.com.

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