

Upcoming Events

- **December 11th [Annual Meeting, General Counsel Roundtable and Sponsor Appreciation](#).** The annual event will include a presentation of national awards from staff from the Washington DC office, general counsel presentation on globalization issues, installation of new 2009 officers, planned highlights for the upcoming year, door prizes, heavy appetizers and great drinks, and much more.

News Round Up

- **Hurricane Ike Victims Need Your Help.** The Houston Bar Association continues to coordinate programs to help lawyers and citizens affected by Hurricane Ike. Monetary donations can be made payable to the Houston Bar Foundation and sent to the HBA at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002. A new online software program called LiveHelp has also been launched, which enables low-income persons affected by Hurricane Ike to participate in an online chat with volunteer attorneys. You can directly help those impacted by Hurricane Ike without leaving your office. LiveHelp is available Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. You can sign up for 1 to 2 hour sessions depending on availability and need. To volunteer, please [register by visiting the State Bar website](#). If you prefer to help by making a financial contribution you can [make a tax-deductible donation online](#). You may also mail your donation to: Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Re: Hurricane Ike Legal Aid Fund, P.O. Box 12886, Austin, Texas 78711-2886.
- **Save the Date! ACC's 2009 Annual Meeting.** Mark your calendar now for ACC's 2009 Annual Meeting to be held October 18-21 in Boston, MA. There you will find resources that will save you time, effort and money (not to mention more than 100 CLE sessions and many networking events)!

Pro Bono Opportunities

- **General Legal Clinic** - Assist Central Texans with their personal legal needs. The next Pro Bono Evening Clinic will be held on Wednesday, **January 21st** at 6:00 PM at Webb Middle School located at 601 E. St. Johns in Austin.
- **Special Needs Clinic** - Assist Central Texas parents of children with special needs to make sure their children's rights are protected in the public schools. Volunteer attorneys will team up with Fulbright & Jaworski's special education expert to give advice on the clinic. The next clinic is Thursday, **December 4th** at 6:00 PM at Advocacy Inc. located at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd. #171-E in Austin.
- For many **other pro bono opportunities**, please visit our new [Pro Bono Opportunities web page](#).

Welcome New Members that Joined in November

- Chad Anson, Dell
- Rose Jennings, Advanced Micro Devices

Get Involved with ACC-Austin Chapter

- ACC-Austin has a number of [Committees](#) that provide you with the opportunity to contribute to the chapter and meet other members. Join today!
- **Potential 2009 Sponsors?** – Do you have a law firm you work with regularly, a vendor you find particularly helpful in your in-house role, or any other company you feel would benefit our members? Please submit contact information for the potential sponsor to sarahmcelvaney@deltek.com.

Membership

- **Renew Your ACC Membership and Get a Free Online CLE.** Renewal invoices were recently mailed to everyone with a December 31 expiration date. Remember, if you renew by December 12, you will qualify for a FREE ACC online CLE program through WestLegalEdcenter. [Renew Online](#) or over the phone at 202.293.4103, ext.360.
- **In-transition? Retired?** Did you know that ACC offers both a retired membership (US \$95 annually) and an in-transition membership (**membership fees waived for the first year and reduced for a second year if needed**) to ensure you can stay connected to ACC resources throughout every stage of your career? Contact us at membership@acc.com or 202.293.4103, ext.360 for the application form and