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**Welcome to the CO-ACC!**

As you may already know, Co-ACC hired a management company to assist the board of directors with running the day-to-day operations of the organization. Accent on Management was hired on January 1, 2008. Nancy Waterhouse, is the new CO-ACC chapter administrator, and Cami Collingwood is the CO-ACC chapter assistant. Between them, they have over 12 years of experience working with professional associations. They both can easily be reached via email at [nancy@assnoffices.com](mailto:nancy@assnoffices.com), or [cami@assnoffices.com](mailto:cami@assnoffices.com). The new CO-ACC offices are located at 17 S. High St., Suite 200, just across High Street from the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus. Assisting Nancy and Cami in running CO-ACC are Misty Lunder, receptionist; Molly May, graphic artist; and Jean Pflieger, bookkeeper. David Field, CAE, is Accent on Management's owner and president. Visit AOM's web site at [www.assnoffices.com](http://www.assnoffices.com).

Nancy, Cami, and the entire AOM staff are looking forward to a long and productive relationship with CO-ACC.

**Welcome to New Members**

- Ayoade O. Adewopo, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company
- Andrew B. Coogle, The Scotts Company, LLC
- Keith W. Franken, The Scotts Company, LLC
- Kathy Z. Gage, The Scotts Company, LLC
- Melita L. Garrett, American Signature
- Janet D. Gibson, The W.W. Williams Co.
- Melissa G. Koon, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
- Eric C. Myers, Cardinal Health, Inc.
- Allayne W. Proels, The Scotts Company, LLC
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**Chris Wasson  
President's Message**

**"We Built this Chapter on Rock and Roll"**

With apologies to Starship, and definitely to you for reminding you of

this incredibly annoying pop song from the 1980's, the theme of my presidency this year announced at CO-ACC's annual meeting—"Building the Base"—is fundamentally about you . . . the chapter member. You are the reason that ACC and CO-ACC exist, and the collective organization strives to serve your needs as an in-house attorney to the best of our ability. However, any good theme worth its salt has several layers and mine is no exception.

Although the primary "base" that CO-ACC seeks to serve and develop is our chapter membership, both collectively and individually, another very important "base" that I wish to build and strengthen is our chapter infrastructure. As of January 1, 2008, CO-ACC retained its first professional chapter administrator—Nancy Waterhouse with the association management company, Accent on Management. This role had been filled admirably throughout the years by different individuals (usually the president's "real life" secretary or administrative assistant) but as early as 2005, CO-ACC iden-

tified a need to retain a professional administrator to help provide continuity to CO-ACC, and assist us in tapping into many of the resources offered by the National ACC organization that we have not fully availed ourselves of in the past. Please be sure to welcome and introduce yourself to Nancy if you get an opportunity at an upcoming CO-ACC function. I am confident that she will help CO-ACC tap into many existing, yet underutilized National ACC resources, and will enable CO-ACC to leverage Accent on Management's "best practice" expertise gained through their work with the many other associations they serve, to help take CO-ACC to the next level.

Throughout the years, our chapter membership has consistently identified CO-ACC's CLE programming as the most valuable and important service that the chapter provides, and I am committed to continuing to provide and build up this "base" service. In 2008, CO-ACC plans on sponsoring eight low-cost CLE programs for our membership. Specific programs are being developed and CO-ACC would love to hear from you and your colleagues regarding desired topics and interests. Additionally, a more formal request for your feedback in the form of a chapter membership survey is being planned and will arrive in your mailbox some time this year.

A final "base" that I wish to mention and build upon this year is the key role that CO-ACC plays in providing local in-house networking opportunities. Last year's social event, held aboard the Santa Maria, was a huge success, and rumor has it, from our chapter social chair, that even better networking and social events are in the works for 2008. For this year's social, possible options include a wine-tasting event and live musical entertainment. On second thought, perhaps rock and roll is important in building a chapter after all.

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## Focus on CLOs: CLO ThinkTanks, Chapter Networks, Insights & Beyond

By Renee Danker, associate general counsel, advocacy and CLO services, ACC

ACC focuses many of its services towards different segments of its membership, including those who are new to in-house practice, legal specialists, law department managers, chief legal officers (CLOs), and small and large department practitioners. While resources and programs may be initially created or styled with one of these segments in mind, anyone may find value in these materials. Large law departments, for instance, invest in resources that can then benefit smaller practices; and something created for an IP specialist may inform a legal generalist who has an IP problem arise that needs attention.

Whether you are the CLO for your law department or you ultimately report to the person who is, ACC's CLO materials and services can help provide a window into thought leadership and issues that are top-of-mind in top law departments around the world. Featured below are some of the initiatives and links to materials we've created for our CLO membership segment. For more information on our

CLO services or resources, check out our CLO "homepage" at [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=59](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=59), or contact Renee Dankner, associate general counsel, advocacy and CLO services ([dankner@acc.com](mailto:dankner@acc.com); 202.293.4103 x358), or Susan Hackett, senior vice president and general counsel ([hackett@acc.com](mailto:hackett@acc.com); 202.293.4103 x318).

### ACC CLO ThinkTanks

ACC CLO ThinkTanks are invitation-only discussion forums at which a small group of large company CLO thought-leaders discuss in-depth their ideas, concerns, best practices, and forward-thinking advice on the hot topics confronting the in-house bar and their clients.

To date, ACC has held 14 CLO ThinkTanks in the United States and Canada; sessions have included CLOs from more than 100 top-ranked companies. Topics have included: Corporate Governance and Compliance; Establishing and Sustaining an Ethical Culture in a Global Organization; Managing Corporate Business Information: Ediscovery and Beyond; Hot Topics for Private Companies; Compensation and

Career Advancement for In-house Lawyers; and the Law Department's Role in Financial Compliance and Relationships with Auditors.

Advance Participant Briefing Binders and Executive Reports of past CLO ThinkTank sessions are available at [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=264](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=264). The Participant Briefing Binders include discussion outlines and links to related resources of interest. The Executive Reports summarize key takeaways and discussion highlights. Stay tuned for materials relating to upcoming sessions on FCPA Enforcement, Enterprise Risk Management, CLO as Gatekeepers, and more.

### CLO Chapter Networks

Several of ACC's chapters are implementing exciting initiatives to help promote networking and leadership discussions among CLO leaders in their local communities. From CLO lunch clubs, to general counsel forums, to roundtable dinners or GC Brown Bag lunches, chapters are bringing together CLOs to expand their network of peers and share ideas on challenges and best practices. For more on what the DELVACCA,

Mountain West, Charlotte, Central Ohio, San Diego, and WMACCA chapters are doing, see [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=381](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=381).

Coming soon: posts for additional chapter CLO initiatives—stay tuned and please send an email to [dankner@acc.com](mailto:dankner@acc.com) if your chapter is implementing initiatives you'd like us to add, or to request information on how to create or participate in CLO networks within your chapter area.

### CLO Executive Bulletin

ACC's *CLO Executive Bulletin* is a periodic electronic newsletter designed for CLOs. Read featured perspectives of leading CLOs on hot topics, find executive briefings on ACC public policy initiatives undertaken on behalf of the bar, and find resources of particular interest to law department leaders. Most issues include a lead article that features insights and perspectives of a leading CLO on a hot topic of interest.

Past issues feature insights on a broad range of topics, including: Optimizing Business Needs Through Risk Management (Mick McCabe, Allstate); Leading with a Vision for Innovation (Mike Dillon, Sun Microsystems); CLO as Spokesperson with the Media (Don McCarty, Imperial

Tobacco Canada); and Six Key Principles for Creating an Effective and Sustainable Pro Bono Program (Ken Handal, CA). Links to past issues and featured CLO perspectives articles are available at [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=266](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=266).

### CLO Club/ACC Annual Meeting CLO Program Series

Each year at its Annual Meeting, ACC offers special programming designed with CLOs in mind. ACC's Annual Meeting 2007 included our signature CLO Club programs (sophisticated networking forum that hosts peer-to-peer discussion groups targeted to the unique executive practice, management, and benchmarking needs of CLOs), plus an entire new line of CLO programs: our CLO Executive Leadership Series sessions.

The CLO Executive Leadership Series sessions are open to all annual meeting participants and feature top CLOs as panelists. In addition, the AM 2007 program slate included ACC insights and presentations on "Cutting Edge Practices from the World's Largest Legal Departments," and "Top of Mind: What General Counsel are Thinking/Worried About." Look for these program materi-

als soon in the Virtual Library<sup>SM</sup> at [www.acc.com/vl](http://www.acc.com/vl).

While the CLO Club sessions are open only to CLOs, we've posted session materials and key takeaway summaries on our website to help provide insights into these discussions and possibly even serve as 'tool kits' for hosting these types of discussions within your law departments. Visit ACC's webpage for more information on ACC's CLO Club and materials, including hypothetical scenarios, reference lists, and key takeaway summaries from this year's sessions on Financial Compliance and Emergency Response Preparedness, available at [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=267](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=267).

### ACC's CLO Page

In addition to some of the more specialized services and resources noted above, ACC has dedicated a portion of its website to promote the executive, legal and department management roles of today's CLO. Find the resources and connections you need at [www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=59](http://www.acc.com/php/cms/index.php?id=59).



## EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Sponsored and Presented by Jones Day  
325 John H. McConnell Boulevard, Suite 600  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

### Agenda

7:45–8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

8:30–9:30 AM

#### Welcome and Introduction

Chris Wasson, CO-ACC President, Nationwide and Ford Huffman, Jones Day

“Legal Trends and the Supreme Courts” *Everything you need to know about the recent significant business-related developments at the United States and Ohio Supreme Courts.*

**Speakers:** Doug Cole and Chad Readler, Jones Day

9:30–9:40 AM

Break

9:40–10:40 AM

#### “Security Breaches and Workplace Privacy”

*What in-house counsel should know about (1) complying with U.S. privacy laws; (2) preventing and responding to data security breaches, and (3) workplace privacy issues.*

**Speakers:** Colleen Deep and Kevin Lyles, Jones Day  
Sol Bermann, State of Ohio Chief Privacy Officer

10:40–10:50 AM

Break

10:50–11:50 AM

#### “Emerging Issues in E-Discovery”

*The inside story from practitioners and in-house counsel on what to do (and what not to do) in handling e-discovery.*

**Speakers:** Brian Selden and Todd Swatsler, Jones Day  
Andy Drake, Nationwide

**CLE:** This program has been submitted for 3.0 hours of general CLE credit with the Supreme Court of Ohio.

**Location:** Jones Day is located at 325 John H. McConnell Boulevard, Suite 600, in the Arena District. John H. McConnell Boulevard intersects with Nationwide Boulevard, and is located between Neil Avenue and High Street. When you enter the building go to the sixth floor conference center.

**Parking:** Parking is available on the surface lot of the Nationwide Arena, as well as the Neil Avenue Parking Garage, which is located behind the Jones Day Building.

**Registration:** The cost of the program is \$15. Registration and payment can be made on-line at <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=152577> or you may call the CO-ACC office at 614.221.1900 ext. 228 to reserve a spot. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Waterhouse, Chapter Administrator, at 614.221.1900 ext. 228.

## ACC NEWS BRIEFS

### ACC Virtual Library Offers Tangible Resources

Take a look at these valuable additions to the ACC Virtual Library<sup>SM</sup>:

#### ■ Managing Competition Law Risk

([www.acc.com/resource/v9336](http://www.acc.com/resource/v9336))

This presentation on Managing Competition Law Risk by the law firm Fasken Martineau DuMoulin was presented to the ACC Ontario Chapter.

#### ■ Successful Interview Strategies

([www.acc.com/resource/v9286](http://www.acc.com/resource/v9286))

Read the Robert Half Legal article on successful interview strategies.

#### ■ Top Ten Steps to Making a Successful Transition: A Former Litigator's Guide to Going In-House

([www.acc.com/resource/v9284](http://www.acc.com/resource/v9284))

Read ACC's top ten tips on how to make a successful transition from the courtroom to an in-house operation.

#### ■ Strategy & Society: The Link Between Competitive Advantage and Corporate Social Responsibility

([www.acc.com/resource/v9286](http://www.acc.com/resource/v9286))

Read about a new way to look at the relationship between business and society that does not treat corporate success and social welfare as a zero-sum game.

The Virtual Library ([www.acc.com/vl](http://www.acc.com/vl)) has volumes of timely resources that can help you do your job better, faster, and easier. Check it out now!

### ACC's Spring 2008 Executive Leadership Institute—Apply Today

The challenge of managing others in a legal department, while simultaneously assuring the provision of excellent client service, requires true leadership. ACC's Spring 2008 Executive Leadership Institute (April 14–16, Swissôtel

Chicago) will provide you with the tools to strategically determine your course and enhance your leadership skills. Make sure that when you lead—others truly follow! Apply today at [www.acc.com/leadership](http://www.acc.com/leadership).

### ACC's Mini MBA— New April Program Added

Advanced business proficiency, comprehension of the operations of a business, and making critical decisions that often involve millions of dollars, are not skills taught in law school. Companies, however, expect their lawyers to not only bring their legal skills to the table, but also their wise judgment concerning business operations. ACC's Mini MBA, offered in conjunction with Boston University's School of Management for Lawyers, explores the essential business skills that enhance and sharpen a lawyer's knowledge in such critical MBA disciplines as accounting, finance, strategy, and organizational behavior. Visit [www.acc.com/minimba](http://www.acc.com/minimba) to register for the second program, April 22–24, before it sells out.

### Learn to Serve Your Clients Better at ACC's Corporate Counsel University<sup>®</sup>

If you are new to in-house practice, or are moving up as a manager in the law department, ACC's 6th Annual Corporate Counsel University<sup>®</sup> (May 21–23, 2008, San Francisco), is for you. Open only to in-house counsel, Corporate Counsel University<sup>®</sup> will teach you how to excel in your new role during this time of change. A separate track of programs will again be offered this year for paralegals, which will provide the basis for acquiring knowledge and enhancing skills to serve the corporate client further. Note: this track will be separate from the corporate counsel tracks; paralegals and/or other non-legal registrants will not be eligible to register for sessions on these other tracks. Questions? Contact [education@acc.com](mailto:education@acc.com).