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VIRGINIA WADSWORTH
Chapter President

Happy Law Day and Law Week! May is the month our nation observes Law Day. Law Day is celebrated on May 1 each year and originated in 1957 when the American Bar Association proposed a special day for celebrating the U.S. legal system. On February 3, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a proclamation. In 1961, May 1 was designated

by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

Law Day is aimed to help people appreciate their liberties and aims to cultivate respect for the law. The Theme of Law Day in 2010 was "Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions and Emerging Challenges". The theme reminds me of today's challenges facing ACC Georgia members, which is to

draw upon and adapt our time honored legal traditions to meet the demands of conducting business in a global era.

In issuing a proclamation for Law Day in 2010, President Barack Obama noted that in an increasingly interconnected world, legal issues of human rights, criminal justice, intellectual property, business transactions, dispute resolution, human migration, and environmental regulation affect us all. He further stated that enduring principles of due process and equal protection under the law, judicial independence, access to justice and a firm commitment to the rule of law will continue to allow all people to address today's concerns while anticipating tomorrow's challenges.

I ask all ACC Georgia members to join me in reflecting on our country's legal system this week and the significant role that in-house lawyers have to ensure due process rights and fundamental freedoms are afforded to our companies under our laws. I also encourage you to use Law Day/Week to talk with your business clients, friends and others about the law's

role as the foundation that enables all Americans to live and transact business in a safe, free and law based society.

Speaking of May, on Tuesday, May 10th the Georgia Chapter of Association of Corporate Counsel and Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP will present Issues in International Business. The program will provide insight into unique legal and management issues arising in connection with your international business operations. With the input of experienced in-house counsel with oversight of foreign operations, the panel will set out a roadmap for managing international transactions. The panel will also provide tips for instituting compliance systems globally as well as managing international investigations.

The panel for our May CLE luncheon program consists of Chief Legal Officers: Scott Bates - Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Rheem Manufacturing Company and D. Mark Hilliard - Senior Director - Legal Services

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Issues in International Business

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy at Cumberland Mall
1601 Cumberland Mall SE

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Presenters:

Scott Bates - *Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Rheem Manufacturing Company*

D. Mark Hilliard - *Senior Director - Legal Services, Cisco Systems, Inc.*

Gail Lilley – *Corporate Partner, Toronto, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Nigel Campbell – *Litigation Partner, Toronto, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Moderator:

Michael I. Gans – *M&A Partner, Toronto, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Attendance is limited to ACC members and their invited guests, as well as prospective ACC members. ACC membership is open to attorneys who practice law as in-house counsel employees of organizations and who do not hold themselves out to the public for the practice of law.

Thanks to **Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP**, our Silver program sponsor, the CLE lunch program is *complimentary for the first 120 ACC members who register their intention to attend on-line*. Thereafter, the fee for current ACC members is \$25, and, in all circumstances, \$35 for non-members, including prospective members. 1.0 hour of general CLE credit is available for attendees licensed to practice in Georgia.

To register go to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=219206> Please be sure to register under the **first member registration to take advantage of the complimentary attendance**. After the 120 free spaces have been filled, you will be asked for credit card information. No refunds will be provided for cancellations but credit can be applied to a future 2011 ACC-Georgia program. **Walk-ins are accommodated subject to space availability and must pay by check at the door. If you have registered and are unable to attend, please notify Lisa Smith by e-mail at laotsu@bellsouth.net as soon as possible so that your space is available for another member.**

Next Meeting: Please mark your calendars for our June program presented by Silver Sponsor, Womble Carlyle on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 from 11:30 am -1:30 pm at Maggianos Little Italy located at Cumberland Mall.

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of Cisco Systems, Inc. **Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP panel members include partners Gail Lilley** – Corporate Partner, Toronto and **Nigel Campbell** – Litigation Partner, Toronto. **Michael I. Gans** – M&A Partner, Toronto, will be the moderator of the panel.

If you didn't attend our April CLE lunch last month, our April CLE program was on the **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption Legislation sponsored by Paul Hastings. Attorney Palmina M. Fava was the speaker for the program. Ms. Fava presented the latest developments and case law in the area of FCPA and International Anti-Corruption Legislation with humorous antidotal stories from her experiences**

in defending FCPA claims. Ms. Fava is a partner in the Litigation Department of Paul Hastings and Co-Chair of the firm's Global Compliance and Disputes Practice. To request the program materials, you may contact Ms. Fava at PalminaFava@paulhastings.com.

Featured May 2011 ACC Georgia Member

I am pleased to close this message by thanking **Sheri Gates McGaughy, Vice President- Legal for The Weather Channel, LLC** for agreeing to be ACC Georgia's **May 2011 Featured Member.** Sheri joined ACC shortly after starting her first in-house position. **Sheri enthusiastically endorses ACC. She states that**

ACC has been a valuable resource over the years and she has made many friends through the organization. In her words, "I have turned to my ACC contacts to get essential information countless times. There is no better single resource for in-house counsel than ACC".

Sheri, thank you for this rousing ACC testimonial! Read about Sheri's impressive practice experience in the cable industry and her commitment to community service in this issue.

Until next month,
Virginia Wadsworth
President

ACC Georgia Chapter Featured Member: Sheri Gates McGaughy



Sheri Gates McGaughy is Vice-President, Legal for The Weather Channel, LLC. The Weather Channel® television network is based in Atlanta and is seen in more than 100 million U.S. households. TWC also operates Weatherscan®, a 24-hour all-local weather network; The Weather Channel Radio Network; and

The Weather Channel HD. The digital properties of TWC, which include the weather.com® site, The Weather Channel Desktop and The Weather Channel Mobile, reach more than 45 million unique users online each month and are the most popular source of online weather, news and information according to Nielsen//NetRatings

Sheri is a 12 year cable television veteran with a strong legal and technology background. In her current role, Sheri oversees legal work for all areas of The Weather Channel, in addition to supervising the team that manages the company's content. She has particular expertise in complex business

transactions, including technology, Internet, mobile, and distribution deals, as well as expertise in trademarks, data privacy, litigation management, and on-air, Internet and mobile advertising. She works across company boundaries to build cross-functional teams and routinely shepherds multi-million dollar transactions to completion. She has also served on the company's Diversity Council.

Sheri has a B.B.A. in Management Science and Information Technology from The University of Georgia, with Highest Honors. She started her career as a computer programmer, and this experience has helped her understand new platforms and business models as technology has developed.

After graduating from The University of Georgia School of Law and serving on its Law Review, Sheri had the honor of clerking for one year for the Honorable Joel F. Dubina on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She then moved on to handling complex commercial litigation as an associate with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, a large national law firm.

Sheri started her in-house legal career when she joined the Equifax subsidiary that would become ChoicePoint Inc. In her role as Assistant Vice President and Senior Attorney

she served as primary counsel for the division that produced the majority of the company's revenue.

In Sheri's years with The Weather Channel, she has been intensely involved in the cable industry. Sheri is an alumna of the industry's premier leadership program, the Betsy Magness Leadership Institute. She served as President of the Atlanta Chapter of Women in Cable Telecommunications (WICT) in 2008, and in 2010, Sheri was honored to receive the Horizon Award for Woman to Watch from the Atlanta Chapter of WICT.

Sheri joined ACC shortly after starting her first in-house position. It has been a valuable resource over the years, and she has made many friends through the organization. In her words, "I have turned to my ACC contacts to get essential information countless times. There is no better single resource for in-house counsel than ACC."

Sheri is active in her community, serving as a Girl Scout leader for many years, serving on her civic association board for several terms, serving as a leader in various roles at her church, and serving as a formal and informal mentor to young women.

Sheri and her husband Mike have an 11 year old daughter.

ACC Georgia Chapter is Seeking Corporate Hosts for the Atlanta Bar Association's Summer Intern Program

The Atlanta Bar Summer Intern Program is looking for several corporate legal departments willing to sponsor and host an intern at your corporate office.

Beginning in 1993 and continuing to the present, the Atlanta Bar Association has sponsored a paid summer internship program during which students from Therrell High School, as well as other area high schools work for six weeks each summer for area law firms, law departments, public interest groups and various courts. For most interns,

this is their first job in a professional work environment. The interns work for six weeks and are paid \$1800 for this period. Last year the Program had 31 participants. Co-chairs for the 2011 Program year are Nekia Hackworth, Assistant United States Attorney (and a former summer intern) and Wade Malone, with the law firm of Nelson Mullins.

Historically, very few interns have been placed in corporate in-house legal departments. We would like to change those statistics this year and provide an opportunity for interns to

be placed in corporate in-house legal departments.

If your company is interested in hosting an intern, please contact Betsy Griswold (404-828-7004) betsygriswold@ups.com or Wanda Morris (770-384-2169) wanda_m_morris@homedepot.com. A summer internship opportunity with your company can help make a difference in the life of young person.

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