



**Lori Shapiro
 President's Message**

Dear ACC-Georgia Chapter Members:

As your new board begins the planning process for 2008, I wanted to bring us all back to the mission of the ACC-Georgia Chapter:

The ACC-Georgia Chapter's mission is to add value to a diverse community of in-house counsel through educational programs, public service, and professional relationships.

The board had its first meeting of the year on January 11, 2008, and began to work together as a team to consider our goals for 2008. What a creative and thoughtful group! It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with the board of this chapter! We brainstormed about what we wanted the chapter to accomplish this year, and our suggestions ranged from encouraging active participation from our members, to interesting and innovative programs to increase membership and communications to a greater diversity of outreach or public service endeavors. As we are continuing to formulate our plans for this year and to turn ideas into actions, WE NEED YOU!

Only through your suggestions, input, and participation, can the chapter truly fulfill its mission of adding value for you.

- What do you want to see from our chapter?
- What events would you like to attend?
- What good works would you like to see us do?
- How can we increase the value of ACC-Georgia membership to you?

The January program was a great success (thanks to our program committee), and we are looking forward to many more successful events in 2008. The February meeting (and all future monthly meetings this year) will be held at Maggianos at Cumberland Mall—a new year and a new venue for our meetings. We hope many of you will find the new location an enjoyable and easily accessible one!

When you join us for chapter events at Maggianos, speak to us about your goals for the chapter! Call us to tell us what you think! Write to us to share your thoughts and ideas! The board wants to hear what you think and what you want. We are your chapter and we only fulfill our mission if you want to be a part of what we are doing!

We look forward to a fun and rewarding 2008!

Happy New Year!

Lori Shapiro

Learn to Serve Your Clients Better at ACC's Corporate Counsel University®

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® (May 21-23, 2008, San Francisco), is for you. Open only to in-house counsel, Corporate Counsel University® 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.

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

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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; 202.293.4103 x358), or Susan Hackett, senior vice president and general counsel (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. 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.

Coming soon: posts for additional chapter CLO initiatives—stay tuned and please send an

email to 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.

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 materials soon in the Virtual LibrarySM at 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 host-

ing 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.

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.

ACC-Georgia 2008 Programs off to a Great Start!

Our January program started the year off with an excellent and timely program sponsored by the firm of Alston & Bird LLP entitled "Do You Recall How to Recall." The program reviewed the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), discussed the function of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and offered the tools, knowledge, and practical advice product manufacturers, and those in the distribution chain, need to know about when and how to report to the CPSC, as well as how to decide whether to recall.

Future programs that are already scheduled include:

- February 12, 2008, lunch program entitled "100 Things You Need to Know In-House," sponsored by DLA Piper US, LLP in cooperation with the ACC-Georgia Career Enhancement Committee; and

- March 11, 2008, afternoon programs followed by cocktails and appetizers, and a three-hour CLE annual ethics update with a professionalism credit.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHANGE OF LOCATION. THE FEBRUARY MEETING, AND ALL FOLLOWING 2008 PROGRAMS, WILL BE HELD AT MAGGIANOS—CUMBERLAND

Please contact Henry Abelman at 678.612.7872, henry@abelman.com, or Stephen Kaplan at 770.828.301, stephen.kaplan@compucredit.com if you are interested in participating in or sponsoring a future program.

For more info on upcoming programs, go to the chapter's website at www.acc.com/chapters/georgia.php.

Golf, Tennis and Spa Anyone!

After a 2007 tournament that exceeded all expectations, the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel will be hosting another event in 2008 to benefit the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta. This year's event will not only feature golf and tennis, but will add a new Spa Day portion! Now, sponsors, their guests, and in-house counsel from all over the state will be able to choose from one of these three great activities, and all proceeds benefit a fantastic cause. This year's event is designed to be the largest law-related charity event in the state!

Legal organizations that have already committed to sponsor the 2008 event are: Kilpatrick Stockton (Title Sponsor), Troutman Sanders (Platinum Sponsor), McGuire Woods (Silver Sponsor), Spencer Stuart (Silver Sponsor), Weinberg Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial (Silver Sponsor), RR Donnelly, and Kelly Law Registry.

This year, we have a Tournament Committee to assist in the planning and execution of the event, and we are still searching for more members. Current members include:

Chair: Stephen Kaplan
Tennis Chair: Brian Cohen
Golf Chair: Keith Belknap
Auction Chair: Rachel Spears
Spa Chair: Jessica Braunstein
Lori Shapiro: ACC-GA president
George Sewell: immediate past president
Kilpatrick Stockton Marketing: title sponsor
Andrea Pendleton
Gwen Sparling
Kathryn Rookes
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Registration will begin this summer!

For more information or to volunteer for a committee position, contact Stephen Kaplan for details at: stephen.kaplan@compucredit.com.

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Resources from ACC-National

Did you know that ACC has a strong presence in the area of public policy? ACC has an Advocacy Committee and staff that are dedicated to protecting the global interests of corporate counsel. ACC's advocacy work focuses on matters that impact in-house counsel and the bar at large: multijurisdictional matters, corporate responsibility, privilege, and other matters that affect corporate counsel's ability to provide effective guidance to their corporate employers. Information about ACC's advocacy work, such as, ACC's Corporate Counsel Advocacy Handbook and ACC's Policy Making Process are on the ACC website at www.acc.com/vrp/resources/advocacy.pdf and www.acc.com/public/policy/advocacy/process.pdf. Also of interest are the copies of amicus briefs filed by ACC in court cases involving issues of interest to in-house lawyers, which can be found in the virtual library at www.acc.com/vl/index.php?action=search&full=yes&anytext=&documenttype%5B%5D=1.

Meet the 2008 ACC-Georgia Board of Directors



Here is the new ACC-Georgia board of directors: Tom Schroeder, Myra Coleman Bierra, Kristen McGuffey, Henry Abelman, Lori Shapiro, George Sewell, Caroline Pearlstein, Betsy Cross Griswold, John Tanner, Tressa DeAndrade, Mike Ruberti, Virginia Wadsworth. Not pictured: Stacey Geer, Stephen Kaplan, Matt Schwartz, and Chapter Administrator Lisa Smith.