

## St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

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### May 10th Annual Saint Louis Corporate Counsel Institute

We are pleased to announce our continuing sponsorship of the Annual Saint Louis Corporate Counsel Institute with the Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis. This year's Institute will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel, 1335 S. Lindbergh Boulevard (at the intersection of Highway 40) and will feature an outstanding line-up of speakers from across many legal disciplines. The agenda for the event features the following presentations:

- 8:40 International Law Matters including ITAR, by Kevin Wolf, Partner, Bryan Cave, Washington D.C.
- 9:50 Labor & Employment Law Update, by James N. Foster, Jr., McMahon Berger Hanna Linihan Cody & McCarthy PC
- 11:00 Eminent Domain and Land Use Issues, by Professor Peter Salsich, Saint Louis University School of Law
- 12:30 Lunch Speaker, Tom Irwin, Civic Progress, Planning, Reconstruction and effects of the Highway 40 Shut Down
- 1:30 Current Issues in Attorney Client Privilege Protection and Erosion, by Susan Hackett, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Association of Corporate Counsel, Washington D.C.
- 2:40 Break out Sessions:
  - \* Intellectual Asset Management, by John Kepler, Gallop Johnson & Neuman LC
  - \* Legal Cost Management, Stuart/Maue Legal Cost Management
- 3:40 Personal Liability and Ethical Responsibilities of Corporate Counsel, by Professor Carol A. Needham, Saint Louis University School of Law

In addition to the featured speakers, vendors from the Jordon Lawrence Group; Juris Temps, Inc; Missouri Lawyer's Media; Robert Half Legal; StaffWise Legal, Inc; Thomson West; and U.S. Arbitration & Mediation will be on hand to provide information concerning the products and services they offer. Following the event there will be a cocktail reception which all attendees are invited to attend.

Registration for the event is available on-line at [www.bamsl.org](http://www.bamsl.org).

The St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship of the following firms: Armstrong Teasdale, LLP; Bryan Cave, LLP; Gallop Johnson & Neuman LC; and Thompson Coburn, LLP; whose generous contributions made this event possible.

### The Passing of the Gavel

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Dan Lett (left) presents Outgoing President Tom Burke with the President's Plaque at the association's annual dinner meeting in January at Monarch's in Maplewood. >>>>>>>>



## President's Message



**Dan Lett**

I am honored to assume the role of the President of the St. Louis Chapter of the ACC for 2007. The St. Louis Chapter has an excellent Board of Directors, working hard to enhance the value of your membership in the ACC. I encourage each and every member to take full advantage

of all that our organization offers. St. Louis Chapter members benefit from educational, networking and pro bono opportunities. In addition, ACC membership brings you all the benefits of belonging to a global association with over 20,000 members in 72 countries. The ACC provides excellent publications, online CLE programs, a virtual legal library and the Annual Meeting. ACC National also provides an effective lobbying effort at the national and state level on issues important to in-house counsel.

The St. Louis Chapter has a full slate of events for 2007. We offer a fresh format of CLE programs with topics and venues designed to enhance your CLE experience. We are partnering with sponsors who provide us the resources to bring you quality programs at interesting locations. We intend to improve our communication to members and add valuable content to our website.

I think you will see that the St. Louis Chapter is working hard to bring more value to your membership. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our organization and would welcome any suggestions or feedback from our members.

Daniel J. Lett, Esq.  
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## **SPOTLIGHT ON PRO BONO:**

### **UNIGROUP ATTORNEYS HELP CLEAN UP THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY**

UniGroup, Inc., the parent company of United Van Lines, LLC and Mayflower Transit, LLC, is the nation's largest provider of household goods moving transportation. UniGroup has become the largest and most well respected company by truly serving its customers like no other mover in the industry. Unfortunately, not all movers offering moving services to consumers are as reputable.

Today, more consumers are going online to find a moving company, basing their choices primarily on cost with little regard to a company's service record or reputation. As a result, an ever-growing number of people—recently estimated at 10,000 cases a year—are being scammed by unscrupulous “rogue movers.” A “rogue mover” is a household goods moving company that sells itself as a reputable service provider, but actually engages in unethical and, often, illegal moving activities. For example, rogue movers often offer low estimates and then, after picking up the household goods, hold shipments hostage demanding higher payment.

In 2004, UniGroup created MoveRescue to assist consumers victimized by rogue movers. UniGroup's Law Department staff supports MoveRescue by providing pro bono legal assistance to consumers who feel movers have scammed them. Most of the Law Department staff has been involved in supporting MoveRescue in one way or another. Joe Garr, a Senior Staff Attorney, manages the program. Paralegals and secretarial staff answer calls from consumers and obtain intake information. Four law students assist with document review, research, and analysis. In some cases, MoveRescue files lawsuits to recover property belonging to victims. Since its launch, MoveRescue has reviewed nearly 1,000 cases of potential mover fraud and has rescued dozens of shipments. MoveRescue also provides consumers with resources and information to help them avoid becoming a victim of mover fraud. UniGroup's attorneys utilize their network of outside counsel who have agreed to provide legal services for the MoveRescue program.

MoveRescue works closely with state and federal regulatory agencies and law enforcement officials to encourage and support action against the rogue movers and to provide recovery of property for the victims.

Once a victim's goods are located, UniGroup's Operations Department works with United and Mayflower agents across the country to provide a crew and transportation equipment to return the goods to the victim at no or greatly reduced cost. The UniGroup communications department supports the program by publicizing it to potential victims of fraud.

MoveRescue can offer additional tips on how to avoid being a victim of rogue movers as well as help those who have unfortunately been taken advantage of. Visit [www.moverescue.com](http://www.moverescue.com) or call UniGroup General Counsel Jan Alonzo at 636-349-2720 for more information.

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### **March General Counsels' Dinner**

Twenty St. Louis Area General Counsels attended the March 13th dinner, featuring Ellen Sherberg, Publisher of The Saint Louis Business Journal. Dinner was followed by a thought-provoking presentation about the relationship between the print media and the business community, and a lively discussion. The quarterly General Counsel Dinners are an excellent opportunity for GC's throughout the St. Louis area to network and discuss the challenges that face them and their colleagues in the current business environment. The next dinner will be in June, 2007 and is open to all general counsels and CLOs. If you, or someone you know, would like to join the mailing list, please contact Sarah Siegel at [siegels@dierbergs.com](mailto:siegels@dierbergs.com) or at 636/812-1351.

## Welcome New Members!

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## Upcoming Meetings

### **Thompson and McNulty Memoranda**

Thursday, May 24  
3:30 p.m. (subject to change)  
Refreshments & hors d'ouvers  
to follow

Thompson Coburn  
One US Bank Plaza

### **Negotiating Employed Attorneys and Directors and Officers Liability Coverage: Are You Covered?**

Thursday, June 14  
11:30 a.m. -- 1:30 p.m.  
Ces & Judy's

Details & Costs to be determined

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