

St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

Dennis Coleman, President And CEO Of The St. Louis County Economic Council, Addresses General Counsels

On September 12, 2006, the Chapter held the General Counsel's Dinner at the St. Louis Club in Clayton. The dinners are sponsored in 2006 by Lewis Rice & Fingersh. The General Counsels were privileged to have Dennis Coleman, President and CEO of the St. Louis County Economic Council, as the guest speaker. Mr. Coleman has had a lengthy and successful career in community and economic development in the public and private sectors. During his address Mr. Coleman provided background on the St. Louis County Economic Council and described some of its current projects. The presentation and questions and answers were very enlightening and are summarized below.

The St. Louis County Economic Council was formed in 1986 to drive growth and prosperity in the most economically important county in Missouri. Over the years, its mission has grown into facilitating the development of long-term, diversified business and employment opportunities that will lead to increased wealth and well-being for the citizens, businesses and institutions of St. Louis County and the entire St. Louis region.

A number of noteworthy projects are in progress. The developments will generate thousands of new jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue, and will have an overall economic impact measured in the billions of dollars. Among the largest projects:

- NorthPark – called “the largest reinvestment project in the history of St. Louis County” by County Executive Charlie A. Dooley, this \$400 million project, including 5 million square feet of office, retail and light industrial space at the intersection of I-170 and I-70, is expected to create 12,000 jobs and have an economic impact of \$7 billion on the region.
- Pinnacle Entertainment – this \$375-million casino, hotel, retail and entertainment complex overlooking the Mississippi River in Lemay will

generate 1,000 construction jobs and 2,000 permanent jobs.

- Express Scripts Inc. – construction is well under way on the new 320,000-square-foot headquarters at the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus adjacent to NorthPark. When completed in 2007, Express Scripts will be the highest-ranking Fortune 500 company with its corporate headquarters on a university campus.
- Pfizer Inc. – construction got under way in 2005 on Pfizer's new \$200 million research facility on the company's existing campus in Chesterfield. The 330,000-square-foot research facility will house 250 researchers engaged in drug discovery when it opens in 2008.
- Chrysler – while other automakers are retrenching, Chrysler is making a \$1 billion investment in upgraded technology, processes and infrastructure to expand the company's Fenton plant.

The St. Louis County Economic Council also partners with municipalities, community groups and business leaders to stabilize and energize communities throughout the county.

For more information about the St. Louis County Economic Council, visit <http://www.slcec.com>.

SAVE THE DATE!

21st Annual Meeting/Dinner

Thursday, January 18, 2007



Restaurant in Maplewood

Mark Your Calendars. Details to Follow

President's Message

The end of the year is such a busy time for all of us in our personal and professional lives, it is often difficult to catch one's breath to reflect back on accomplishments over the past 12 months and to think about the opportunities of the coming year. Since this is my last message as President, I thought I'd take the opportunity to do a little of both.



Tom Burke

In the past few months, we've been busily engaged in the types of activities that make the ACC and our Chapter such an asset to in-house practitioners. For example, in September a number of members again participated in the National Community Service Day by working a Saturday morning at the Delmar community gardens. In addition to being a lot of fun, the event served as a reminder of the many needs in our community that we can all help address — whether by digging in with a shovel, or picking up a legal pad and pen and providing advice to those without the resources to face often overwhelming legal problems. As another example, the Chapter put on a member sponsored CLE luncheon program, "Communicating with the CFO." This program was very well attended, as have been past programs where our members and their business partners are featured. This type of programming provides uniquely relevant and practical educational opportunities for our members that can not be duplicated elsewhere. Next year, we will be looking for new ways to deliver more information on *pro bono* opportunities and to continue to deliver great educational programs.

The Board of Directors has worked over the past year to analyze a number of the key aspects of how we represent and advance the interests of the Chapter to ensure the effective delivery of the right services to our members. After a lengthy review and evaluation process, the Board of Directors recently chose the Susman Group to succeed Birenbaum & Associates, whose contract expires at the end of the year, as our Chapter administrator. We would like to thank Birenbaum & Associates for its years of dedicated service and we look forward to developing a relationship with the Susman Group aimed at enhancing the membership experience and attracting new members.

At this festive time of year, I have to mention the social side of membership. The annual Holiday Happy Hour was again well attended, and I would encourage everyone to look for our social gatherings throughout the year. The Chapter membership continues to grow and change and these get-togethers are a fun way to network with colleagues and to introduce potential members to the Chapter.

2007 promises to be another great year in the development of the Chapter. We will begin the year with our Annual Meeting and dinner in January. This year's slate of nominees for Officers, Directors and Chairs is outstanding. Please make a point of attending this event. And, St. Louis has been chosen by the ACC as the location of the 2007 Corporate Counsel University, which is the national organization's signature two day CLE program for new to in-house attorneys. Having such a significant event in St. Louis is an honor and we look forward to playing an active role in supporting the event.

Of course, none of these programs and events happen without the dedicated service of the Directors, Officers, Committee and Coordinator Chairs and other members who give their time to the Chapter throughout the year. On my own behalf and on behalf of all of the members, thank you.

November CLE Seminar

A Practical Guide For Addressing Records Compliance, Email & E-Discovery Related Initiatives While Enhancing Financial And Operational Value

Companies of all size, industry and structure are increasingly contending with a myriad of issues related to records and information management in today's heavily litigious and regulated business climate. Most corporate litigation counsels are now generally familiar with the amendments to the Federal Civil Rules of Civil Procedure scheduled to take effect. However, largely absent from the discussion is an assessment of the operational changes and enhanced process development companies must undergo to adapt to the new rules.

This seminar focused on helping companies address these and related issues. Attendees gained valuable insights and knowledge.

2007 St. Louis Chapter of ACCA Slate of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

Officers

President **Daniel J. Lett**
VP/President Elect **Tyrus R. Ulmer**
Treasurer **Timothy W. Luft**
Secretary **Kathleen S. Northcutt**

Directors to be Elected

Jan Robey Alonzo (2009)
Michael R. Curoe (2009)
Matthew W. Geekie (2009)
Randy Hayman (2009)
Alice V. Sterkel (2009)

Directors Continuing in Office

Kimberly Shaw Elliott (2008)
Karie K. Gill (2007)
Harry Greensfelder III (2007)
Patricia S. Larson (2008)
Stephen T. Shrage (2007)
David E. Wilson (2008)

Committee Chairs

Corporate Counsel Institute (Spring 2007)
Tyrus R. Ulmer and Robert F. Wiegert

General Counsel
Sarah A. Siegel

Law School Liaison/Extern Program
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At the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2007, St. Louis chapter of ACC America members will be asked to vote on the above slate of officers and directors at large.



Association of Corporate Counsel **National Community Service Day**

September 30, 2006

Chapter members work with Gateway Greening for National Community Service Day.

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