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President's Message

I am writing this First Quarter newsletter having just been inducted as president this

past week at our annual meeting. Our annual meeting was a great kick-off to a new year! Attendance was wonderful and we all enjoyed networking and meeting new friends.

Our chapter is thriving as we start 2008. We have over 200 members now thanks to The Kroger Co. law department joining at the end of last year. Our programming in 2007 reached new levels in quality, quantity, and attendance. Many thanks to Walter Spiegel, our past president; Michelle Moeller, our chapter administrator; and the enthusiastic 2007 chapter board for these achievements.

Once again we have an ambitious year of programming planned. We are continuing our practice of having board meetings the first Tuesday of the month, and then generally holding an event the third Thursday of the month. We start off on February 21, with a lunch and CLE event on Creditor's Rights hosted by Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald.

We are following that up with a roundtable event at the Montgomery Inn on March 20, on "Cocktail Law" topics. This has been a popular event with other ACC chapters

and suggested at the national annual meeting. As in-house counsel we get many questions from our corporate colleagues about areas of law we are not familiar with, and this program will give us some basic guidance in DUI/traffic law, estate planning, elder law and family law.

In addition to partnering with other firms this year to offer short format CLE events, our chapter is planning two half-day programs, one on International Law and the other a Mini MBA. Once again we are planning a joint program with the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Corporate Law Center. We hope to make this our chapter's signature event and hold a corporate law program with the law school each fall. To better serve our Dayton-area members we are committed to holding two CLE events in that area this year.

We look forward to continuing our momentum throughout 2008 and beyond. Thank you to all who volunteered at the Annual Meeting to help with our programming. We can only achieve another excellent year with everyone's help. If you are interested in assisting with a program please contact our program committee chair, Loren Flanigan, at 1.800.253.4181 X 7893 or at loren.flanigan@lexisnexis.com.

Sincerely,
 Jill McIntosh

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/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 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.

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.

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ACC Virtual Library Offers Tangible Resources

Take a look at these valuable additions to the ACC Virtual LibrarySM:

- **Managing Competition Law Risk** (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)
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)
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)
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) 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.