

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Letter From the President Of The Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association



To The Readers Of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*:

As the largest regional in-house counsel bar association in the U.S. and the largest chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, WMACCA is proud of its role in providing premier continuing legal education and networking opportunities. With 1,300 members from more than 500 corporations and private sector organizations, we offer a wide variety of programs to meet the needs of the in-house bar. Through our eight substantive law committees, breakfasts, teas, and lunches, we offer CLE that aims to provide in-house counsel with the tools needed to advise clients in the post-Sarbanes-Oxley world.

Among our 60 CLE events in 2006, two programs in April deserve special recognition.

On April 6, WMACCA will host an all-star panel of leading in-house lawyers from the National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Basketball Association (NBA), and the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), and a top attorney-agent. "Playing Ball in the Big Leagues" will be an entertaining and insightful behind-the-scenes look at how in-house lawyers rumble in the major sports leagues: what their legal practice is like; what negotiating tactics they use; and what it's really like dealing with the larger-than-life personalities in professional sports. It will be a program that will appeal to the fan in all of us.

On April 25, WMACCA's April Signature Luncheon features former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani as our keynote speaker on the topic of "How Prosecutors and Regulators Are Influencing Corporate Behavior." Following Mr. Giuliani's remarks, WMACCA will host a panel discussion among in-house counsel and several former prosecutors.

For more information on these CLE events and to register, please see the WMACCA web page at www.acca.com/chapters/wmacca.php. We hope to see you at a WMACCA event soon.

Sincerely,
Eric D. Reicin

Former NYC Mayor Giuliani To Speak At WMACCA Luncheon Program

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani will be the keynote speaker at the April luncheon of the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACC (WMACCA). He will provide remarks leading to a panel discussion among in-house counsel and former prosecutors of How Prosecutors and Regulators Are Influencing Corporate Behavior.

Mr. Giuliani has had a notable career in public service. In the 1980s, he served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he spearheaded efforts against organized crime, government corruption and white collar crime. In 1993, Mr. Giuliani was elected as the 207th Mayor of New York City and was re-elected in 1997. Now,

as a name partner in Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, he is involved in handling high-profile compliance investigations for clients and assisting them in managing these matters.

The WMACCA luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 25, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA.

For cost information, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpcounsel.com.

For more information on this event and to register, telephone Ilene Reid at (301) 230-1864 or e-mail wmacca@verizon.net or consult the WMACCA web page at www.acca.com/chapters/wmacca.php.

DC Bar CLE To Present Two-Part Ins And Outs Of Commercial Leasing Series

The DC Bar Continuing Legal Education Program and the Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Section of the DC Bar will present a two-part series entitled Ins and Outs of Commercial Leasing. Each session will be held from 6 to 9:15 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street NW, Washington, DC.

On Tuesday, April 18, the first session will introduce the commercial leasing process beginning with a discussion of letters of intent. Faculty will then review common lease clauses in the District of Columbia.

On Tuesday, April 25, the second session will cover assignment and subletting, compliance with laws, work letters and work agreements, alterations and repair obligations, determination of commencement date and definition and measurement of the premises.

For details on registration fees and CLE credit, consult the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpcounsel.com.

For more information, or to register for this program, telephone DC Bar at (202) 626-3488.

Protecting Intellectual Property In China: Theory And Practice

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has scheduled a seminar titled Protecting Intellectual Property in China for Tuesday, April 25.

Yitai Hu is the partner in charge of the Silicon Valley and Taipei offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Drawing on his experience, Mr. Hu will discuss not only the acquisition and enforcement of all types of IP rights, but also the realities of enforcing and defending against IP claims. He will apply these issues to real-world business situations. Mr. Hu will examine the current Chinese IP laws, highlighting the similarities and differences between the Chinese and U.S. statutes. He will then discuss practical aspects of enforcing those rights, including a comparison of the relevant administrative agencies, courts and procedures available. His focus will be on strategies to avoid the need for enforcement actions and, if necessary, the factors determining which procedure is appropriate for any given dispute.

Mr. Hu will discuss the likely sources

of claims brought against foreign companies operating in China (the sources may surprise you!) and how to defend against such claims.

The topics he will discuss include –

- obtaining enforceable patents and trademarks and copyrights
- registrations, including problems in transliteration;
- civil, administrative or criminal: match the venue to the desired outcome; and
- likely sources of IP claims brought by others and strategies to avoid or defend against such claims.

The program, which includes a complimentary lunch, will be given at the Philadelphia offices of Akin Gump, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 2200, Philadelphia. Please RSVP by April 18 at (215) 965-1778 or phillycle@akingump.com. There is no charge for attendance, and, pending approval from the Pennsylvania CLE Board, the program will fulfill one hour of substantive CLE credit.

WMACCA Plans An All-Star Event: Playing Ball In The Big Leagues

When you are sitting there in the stadium, at the arena, in the ballpark, do you ever wonder what it would be like to have those folks for your clients? An all-star panel will discuss what it's like "Playing Ball In The Big Leagues" on Thursday, April 6 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7900 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA.

The event is sponsored by Patton Boggs LLP and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC.

Ellen Zavian, who has represented athletes, teams, leagues and sports organizations and was the first female lawyer to represent NFL players in negotiations, will moderate the panel discussion. Other panelists include: Harold Henderson, NFL Executive VP for

Labor Relations and Chairman of the NFL Management Council Executive Committee; Robert D. Manfred Jr, Executive VP, Labor Relations and Human Resources for Major League Baseball; Jeffrey A. Mishkin, chief outside counsel for the NBA, and Pamela M. Wheeler, Director of Operations for the WNBA Players Association.

A networking reception will follow the presentation.

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To register, contact Ilene G. Reid by telephone at (301) 230-1864 or e-mail at WMACCA@verizon.net.

LACBA Real Property Section Program To Discuss Arbitration Clauses

The Commercial Development & Leasing Committee of the Real Property Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) will present a program entitled Arbitration Clauses in Leases and Purchase and Sale Agreements.

It will be held on May 25 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the LACBA/LexisNexis Conference Center, 281 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Registration and lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will precede the program.

Speakers include: Steven M. Goldberg, Russ, August & Kabat; Marcia Z. Gordon, Buchalter Nemer; Arthur Mazirow, Freeman Freeman & Smiley,

and Michael R. Powell, American Arbitration Association. They will review the variety of issues concerning arbitration clauses in leases and purchase and sale agreements and provide samples of arbitration provisions drafted for such agreements, as well as provide the audience with a litigation perspective on these topics.

For details on registration fees and CLE credits, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpcounsel.com.

To register, telephone the LACBA Member Services Department at (213) 896-6560 during regular business hours or e-mail msd@lacba.org.

Coming in May:

International Law & Trade/Law Department Management