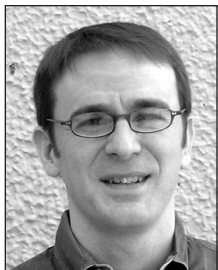


Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Letter From The President Of The Arizona Chapter Of The Association Of Corporate Counsel



To The Readers Of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*:

In 2005 the generous support of our volunteer leaders and sponsors enabled our chapter to meet our basic mission of providing high-quality CLE programs targeted to in-house counsel. Thanks to all of you, and we look forward to working with you again in 2006.

We kicked off 2005 with a program on litigation management co-sponsored by Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. and Lex Mundi. Next, drawing on internal resources, James Curtin, now with Honeywell Process Solutions, discussed work with a previous employer and provided a rare look from inside the law department of a public company that experienced great growth but eventually filed for bankruptcy.

In the spring, I led a discussion about the dormant Commerce Clause and the 21st Amendment entitled "Interesting Cases of Wine Before the Court," focusing on two cases before the Supreme Court involving interstate wine shipping laws. The door prize was a fantastic bottle of Pierre Bourree Fils Gevrey-Chamberlain 1999, courtesy of a local merchant, Duck & Decanter. Attendance was strong at this meeting.

In July, our CLE featured another chapter member. Tom Tollison, Chief Legal Counsel-Marketing Group, U-Haul International, discussed advertising from an in-house perspective. In September, Steptoe & Johnson LLP sponsored a joint program with the Licensing Executive Society that offered practice tips on technology transactions for the generalist corporate counsel.

Our fall programs also included a return visit from Paul Burns in the Phoenix office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. At this meeting, Paul led a discussion of the risks posed by the widespread use of email and suggestions for how in-house counsel can help their companies to minimize the risks. At another fall meeting, we held a roundtable discussion on the DOJ's position on waiver of privilege and work product in light of the October 21 DOJ Memorandum.

We look forward to building on the success of last year's program. Our first program in 2006 was an interactive ethics program developed by ACC's Greater New York Chapter, which featured a series of vignettes depicting the ethical issues facing in-house counsel today.

To learn more about our upcoming events, please visit www.acca.com/chapters/all_event.php?chapter=ariz. If you have any suggestions for future programs and other services that you would like the Arizona Chapter to offer to our members, I encourage you to contact me at mnrogers@insight.com.

Sincerely,
Mark Rogers

Partners Notes

Wiley Rein Elects Six New Partners

Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP (WRF) has announced the election of six new partners to the firm effective January 1. Joining the partnership are Thomas W. Antonucci, John D. Cole, Karalee C. Morell, Daniel B. Pickard, Benjamin B. Reed and Kathryn Comerford Todd.

Mr. Antonucci, a member of WRF's Business & Finance, Communications and Election Law practices, specializes in handling negotiations of communications transactions and agreements.

Mr. Cole joined WRF's Insurance Practice as of counsel in 2002 following a 20-year career as an insurance industry senior executive, culminating in his service as executive vice president and chief claims officer of Zurich North America.

Ms. Morell began her legal career as an associate with the firm's Insurance

and Litigation practices, representing insurers in areas including insurance coverage for pharmaceutical, asbestos, bankruptcy, business interruption, technology, products liability, construction defects and environmental claims.

Mr. Pickard, formerly of counsel to the firm's International Trade Practice, joined WRF in 1999 from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Mr. Reed began his legal career as an associate at WRF, and is a member of the firm's Franchise, Litigation, Food & Drug and Product Safety, and Intellectual Property practices.

Ms. Todd joined the firm as an associate following clerkships for the Hon. Clarence Thomas, Supreme Court of the United States, and the Hon. J. Michael Luttig, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Eric D. Reicin Of Sallie Mae Begins Term As 25th President Of The Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association (WMAACCA)

On January 26, Eric D. Reicin, Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Sallie Mae, was elected the 25th President of the Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association (WMAACCA), the region's premier professional association for in-house counsel.

With approximately 1,300 members from more than 500 corporations and private-sector organizations, WMAACCA is a significant professional resource for in-house counsel in Washington, DC, suburban Maryland and Virginia. WMAACCA is the largest regional in-house bar association in the United States, and the largest chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC).

The WMAACCA Annual Meeting featured a keynote address by The Honorable George J. Mitchell on the subject of the globalization of the world economy. Mr. Mitchell, a former U.S. Senator from Maine and former Senate Majority Leader, currently is Chairman of the Global Board and Co-Chair of the Government Controversies Practice Group for DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP and serves as Chairman of the Walt Disney Company.

Previously, Mr. Reicin served as President-elect and Vice President and Program Chair of WMAACCA. Among his goals for his term are to raise awareness of the significant role played by in-house counsel in their organizations and of the rise of in-house counsel in the legal community in general.

At Sallie Mae, Mr. Reicin serves as the company's chief litigation, labor and employment, and intellectual property attorney and also is responsible for managing legal support to the company's debt-management operations division, IT division, and Noel-Levitz, Inc. subsidiary. He joined Sallie Mae in April 1999 as assistant general counsel, was promoted to associate general counsel in January 2001, and was named an officer of Sallie Mae, Inc. in January 2003. In 2005, Sallie Mae promoted Mr. Reicin to Vice President. Prior to joining Sallie Mae, he was an employment litigator at a law firm in Washington, DC. He is also the national corporate counsel chair for the American Bar Association EEO

Committee and is one of the founders of the ABA/EEOC Joint Training Partnership. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mr. Reicin received his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law.

The following WMAACCA officers also began their terms on January 26:

- Mary E. Kennard, Vice President and General Counsel of American University, was elected President-elect.

- Mollie D. Roy, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Freddie Mac, was elected Vice President. She will also serve as Program Chair of WMAACCA.

- Thomas D. Hickey, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Sprint Nextel Corporation, was elected Secretary.

- Joseph M. Titlebaum, General Counsel and Secretary of XM Satellite Radio Inc., was elected Treasurer.

The other members of the WMAACCA Board of Directors, who were elected, reelected or continue to serve, are:

- Marian S. Block, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Lockheed Martin Corporation;

- Frank R. Borchert III, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Capital One Financial Corporation;

- Charles E. DeLeon, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, GTSI Corporation;

- Robert E. Gans, Employment Counsel, Computer Sciences Corporation;

- Kevin S. Lapidus, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of YellowBrix Inc.;

- Manik K. Rath, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Logistics Management Institute;

- Judith S. Sapir, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of APCO Worldwide;

- Curtis L. Schehr, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Anteon International Corporation;

- Rhonda S. VanLowe, Legal Counsel of Rolls-Royce North America Inc.; and

- Karen Wishart, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, TV One LLC.

Partners Notes

Brown Raysman Opens Office In Silicon Valley, CA

Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP has announced the opening of a Silicon Valley office.

Located in Redwood Shores, the new office expands Brown Raysman's presence in California, where the firm currently maintains a 20-attorney office in Los Angeles.

Two new Brown Raysman partners, Marc Sockol, previously with Squire Sanders, and Leah Sherry, previously with Dechert, will lead the Silicon Valley launch.

Other attorneys from Brown Raysman's New York office will join Mr. Sockol and Ms. Sherry in the new office, focusing on patent and information technology-related matters involving software, networking, financial systems, business methods, interactive television, digital rights management, pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

In 2005, the *IP Law Bulletin* named Brown Raysman's Intellectual Property Group as one of the fastest growing IP practices in the country.

Coming in March:

Special Report: Diversity – Part II