

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### WMACCA To Celebrate The Rise Of The In-House Counsel

The Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association (WMACCA), the leading professional association for in-house counsel in the metropolitan area, will celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of in-house counsel and recognize the significant role in-house attorneys play in their companies and organizations at its Second Annual Corporate Counsel Awards Reception on November 2.

"The rise and prominence of in-house counsel has been significant over the past decade," said Eric D. Reicin, WMACCA president. "There are now thousands of in-house attorneys in the DC metropolitan area working for more than 500 corporations and other private-sector organizations. We are pleased to honor their outstanding contributions through these Corporate Counsel Awards."

In-house counsel will be recognized in the following four categories: Outstanding Chief Legal Officer of the Year; Outstanding In-House Counsel of the Year; Outstanding Law Department of the Year; and Community Service Award.

Past winners include in-house counsel from some of the region's leading corporations including: Anteon International Corporation, Nextel Communications, Inc. (now Sprint Nextel Corporation), MCI (now Verizon Business), and Choice Hotels International and

Sodexo, Inc.

"Receiving this award from WMACCA is a wonderful testament to the crucial role the chief legal officer plays in corporate America today," said Curtis L. Schehr, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Anteon International Corporation, who won the award for Outstanding Chief Legal Officer in 2005. "Chief legal officers and their corporate clients would do well to pursue this award as it involves recognition by the client and the greater business community of the chief legal officer they hold in the highest regard."

To be eligible for the awards, the nominees must work for a private sector organization, such as a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, association, or non-profit organization, in the DC, Virginia or suburban Maryland area. The company's primary business cannot be the practice of law.

Finalists will be announced on or about September 1. Winners will be announced when the awards are presented at the WMACCA Second Annual Corporate Counsel Awards Reception on Thursday, November 2, at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner in McLean, Virginia.

For additional information about the reception, contact Ilene Reid at WMACCA@verizon.net or visit the WMACCA Web site at: [www.acca.com/chapters/wmacca.php](http://www.acca.com/chapters/wmacca.php).

### Seminar Will Examine Foreign Cartels

Law Seminars International this month is planning a two-seminar on Foreign Cartels.

The program will take place on Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8 at the Jurys Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on day one and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on day two.

Serving as conference co-chairs are Willie I. Hudgins, Kelley Drye Collier Shannon, and William A. Isaacson, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. Among other speakers are Donald C. Klawiter, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; Stephen J. Pollak, Goodwin Procter LLP, and Richard L. Schwartz, assistant attorney general, Antitrust Bureau in the Office of the New York Attorney Gen-

eral.

Attendees can expect to learn:

- How to detect cartel activity and decide what action to take and when;
- National and international cartel regulation and significant enforcement actions;
- Policies that might change business in the future;
- New techniques for investigation and litigation;
- Initiatives to recover damages – practical issues in discovery.

For details on registration fees and CLE credits, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorpcounsel.com](http://www.metrocorpcounsel.com).

To register for the seminar, call (800) 854-2009 or visit [www.lawseminars.com](http://www.lawseminars.com).

### Illinois State Bar Schedules Mediation Seminar

The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) this month is planning a CLE seminar titled Mediation in Illinois: A Lawyer's Guide to the Mediation Process.

The program will take place on Thursday, September 21 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the ISBA Regional Office in Chicago.

The program will cover topics such as:

- The Anatomy of Mediation;
- Imaginative Solutions to Deadlock and Various Mediation Methodologies;
- The Case for Using Attorneys as Mediators;

- Ethical Considerations for Attorneys Acting as Mediators;
- Controversial Issues and Case Law Summary;
- Should the Supreme Court Adopt Comprehensive ADR Rules? And What About Pre-exemption of Local Rules?

The program coordinator is Stephen B. Cohen, Kelly Olson Michod DeHaan & Richter, LLC.

For information on available CLE credits, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorpcounsel.com](http://www.metrocorpcounsel.com)

To register for the program, visit [www.isba.org](http://www.isba.org).

### How To Handle Copyright Infringement

The DC Bar Association this month has scheduled a CLE seminar titled How to Litigate a Copyright Infringement Case.

The program will take place on Tuesday, September 26 from 6 to 9:15 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

This class provides an introduction to copyright infringement litigation. It will begin with an overview of copyright infringement issues, including copyright subject matter, duration, formalities, works made for hire, and recent amendments to the copyright law.

Jurisdiction, venue, pleadings, and causes of action will be considered.

Motions, discovery, and trial issues and strategies, including affirmative defenses such as fair use, will be explored. Attendees also will learn about remedies, appeals, compulsory licenses, and recent developments involving copyright in the digital era.

The speaker is Kenneth M. Kaufman, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

For details on registration fees and available CLE credits, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorp-counsel.com](http://www.metrocorp-counsel.com).

To register for the program, call (202) 626-3488 or visit [www.dcbar.org](http://www.dcbar.org).

### Seminar Will Review 2005-2006 Supreme Court Cases

The DC Bar Association this month will present a CLE program titled Supreme Court Review and Preview 2006.

The session will take place on Wednesday, September 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

This popular annual course features a lively panel discussion of the highlights of the 2005-2006 Supreme Court term and a look forward at the issues that will be before the Supreme Court in the next term. Decisions from the 2005-2006 term on topics such as military tribunals, environmental law, freedom of speech,

business law, criminal procedure, and similar issues will be discussed by panelists. Speakers also will focus on the role of the newest members of the Supreme Court and their impact.

Panelists will include Beth S. Brinkmann, Morrison & Foerster, LLP; Michael R. Dreeben, Office of the U.S. Solicitor General, and Thomas C. Goldstein, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

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### Seminar Will Cover Representing Employees When Firm Is Being Investigated

The DC Bar Association this month is planning a CLE seminar titled Representing Corporate Employees When Companies Get in Trouble With the Authorities.

The program, will take place on Monday, September 11 from 6 to 9:15 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Providing the view from both prosecution and defense perspectives, this course will examine the increasingly common and complex issues that arise in representing individuals in the context of government investigations or corporate malfeasance.

Attendees will learn how to effectively handle the representation of cor-

porate employees during internal investigations; what they need to know about the government's policies on investigating and prosecuting corporate malfeasance, including the Thompson Memo; the risks to employees created by the increasingly common deferred prosecution agreements, and the ethical and practical concerns raised by the representation of multiple employees.

The program chair is Geoffrey Bestor, The Bestor Law Firm.

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### DC Bar Seminar To Review Litigating Patent Infringement Cases

The DC Bar Association this month is offering a CLE seminar titled How to Litigate a Patent Infringement Case.

The program will take place on Tuesday, September 12 from 6 to 9:15 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

This program will provide a practical introduction to patent infringement litigation. Practice tips will include a look at pre-trial investigation; jurisdiction, pleading and venue issues; joinder of parties and claims; preliminary motions

practice; discovery; working with experts; damages; Markman motions; summary judgment; pre-trial and trial, including evidence, witnesses, demonstrative exhibits, and other graphics tools; post-trial motions, and appeal.

The speakers will be Patrick J. Coyne and Jerry Ivey, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP.

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