

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### OK Bar Plans Stress Management Seminar

The Oklahoma Bar Association this month has scheduled a CLE seminar titled Stress Management for Professionals: Change and Powerlessness as part of its Ignore No More: Mental Health Issues in the Legal Workplace series.

The program will take place on Thursday, November 9 from 6 to 6:50 p.m. at the Oklahoma Bar Center, Oklahoma, City, OK. Registration will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The program will look at Conceptive Stress Management to include home-related, health-related and work-related

issues. Participants will identify how full their cups are, realize that they have control over emptying space in their own cups, but accept that they cannot empty or control other cups.

The featured speaker is Dr. Wenonah R. Barnes, CEO and counselor at Life-Focus Counseling services in Oklahoma City.

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 (405) 416-7000 or visit [www.okbar.org/cle](http://www.okbar.org/cle).

### Texas Bar Will Replay Advanced In-House Counsel Course

The State Bar of Texas this month will present a video replay of its 5th Annual Advanced In-House Counsel Course.

The program will take place on Thursday and Friday, November 30 and December 1 at the Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 North Haskell, Dallas. Sessions run from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on day one and from 8:25 a.m. to 3 p.m. on day two.

Among the topics that the course examines are: Corporate Compliance; Requirements of Corporate Minutes; Drafting an Employee Handbook; Managing Your Career for Success in a Legal

Department; Retaining Foreign Counsel in Latin America and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; Export Control Compliance; Arbitration Clauses/Arrangements; Internal Investigations, and Best Practices for Handling Transactions.

The course director and moderator is Lynne Liberato, Haynes and Boone.

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 (800) 204-2222, extension 1574 or visit [www.texasbarcle.com](http://www.texasbarcle.com).

### State Bar Of Texas Schedules Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course

The State Bar of Texas this month will present its 29th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course.

The program will take place Wednesday-Friday, November 8-10 at the Westin Oaks Hotel, 5011 Westheimer, Houston. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on day one, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on day two, and 8:20 a.m. to 2 p.m. on day three. A video replay of the live session has been scheduled for Wednesday-Friday, December 6-8 at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedmon Drive, Austin, TX.

Topics to be covered during the three-day event include: Updates in Eight Critical Areas; Two Expert Witness Panels; Supreme Court Update; IP for Civil Litigators; Insurance: Recent Changes

& Cases; Enforceability of Arbitration; Criminal Issues for Civil Litigators, and Do's and Don'ts From Local Judges.

The course director is Linda S. McDonald, Shaddox Compere Walraven & Good. Among the speakers will be the Hon. J. Dale Wainwright, justice, Supreme Court of Texas; A. Martin Wickliff Jr., Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall, and the Hon Craig Enoch (ret.), Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C.

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### Seminar Focus: How To Deal With Outdated Boilerplate

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) this month is offering a CLE seminar titled Take the Boil Out of Boilerplate: Often Ignored Contract Provisions.

The program will take place on Thursday, November 16 from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the LACBA Conference Center, 281 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Lawyers often ignore the boilerplate provisions in a contract and focus on the "deal." Unfortunately, when a deal evolves into litigation, it is often the

boilerplate provisions that may be outdated, not really applicable to the deal or not even valid under current law. This program provides insights into these issues and provides forms and suggested provisions for the most common issues.

The featured speaker will be Lawrence Teplin, Cox Castle & Nicholson LLP.

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

To register for the event, call (213) 896-6560 or visit [www.lacba.org](http://www.lacba.org).

### Program Will Review Environmental Decisions Of U.S. Supreme Court

The Environmental Law Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco this month will present a CLE seminar titled U.S. Supreme Court 2005-2006 Term: Review of Environmental Decisions.

The program will take place on Thursday, November 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the CLE Auditorium, 465 California Street, San Francisco. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Three law professors will offer their perspectives on the Supreme Court's 2005-2006 term and discuss the potential effects of the High Court's recent decisions on administrative law in general and environmental law in particular.

The panel of speakers will be Vikram Amar, Harry and Lillian Hastings Professor of Law, UC Hastings College of Law; Clifford Rechtschaffen, professor of law and co-director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Golden Gate University School of Law, and Rick Frank, executive director, California Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

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

To make reservations for the program, visit [www.sfbar.org](http://www.sfbar.org).

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and

Thomas Baxter, General Counsel,  
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Please join us on  
Thursday, November 30  
Cocktails at 6 p.m. Election and Awards at 7 p.m.

University Club  
One West 54th Street  
New York, New York

#### Program:

Annual Meeting to Elect Board of Directors

Award to Martha Driver, Publisher of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* for extraordinary service to the in-house bar in providing relevant articles and information for this unique practice bar

Award to Thomas Baxter, for his leadership as President and the production of the DVD Corporate Professional Responsibility

To RSVP, please contact Audrey Greenberg, Executive Director, Greater New York Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel at [accagny@acca.com](mailto:accagny@acca.com) by November 7.

## Partners Notes

### DataCert General Counsel Honored

DataCert, Inc., a leading provider of electronic invoicing and legal spend management solutions, announced that General Counsel Mark Poag was selected as the 2006 Outstanding Solo Corporate Counsel by the Association of Corporate Counsel and the Houston Business Journal. The award, previously categorized as "Best Solo General Counsel," recognizes expertise and accomplishment by in-house counsel in

the field of corporate law.

Mr. Poag was selected as the winner by a panel that included retired Judge Ruby Kless Sondock and the former general counsel of Toshiba International Corporation, Michelle M. Hedges.

Mr. Poag was awarded the honor for his legal contribution to DataCert's recent expansion into Europe, as well as his successful handling of highly complex litigation matters.