

Partners Notes

28 Young Conaway Lawyers Named Among Best

The Best Lawyers in America® 2007 has named 28 Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP attorneys as leaders in their respective fields.

The Young Conaway attorneys named and their primary practices as classified by Best Lawyers are: William W. Bowser, labor and employment law; Robert S. Brady, bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law; Ben T. Castle, medical malpractice law, personal injury litigation; Richard A. DiLiberto Jr., personal injury litigation; Eugene A. DiPrinzio, real estate law; Anthony G. Flynn, environmental law, insurance law; Lisa B. Goodman, land use & zoning law, real estate law; Jerome K. Grossman, tax law; Timothy Jay Houseal, environmental law; Josy W. Ingersoll, intellectual property law; Frederick W. Iobst, personal injury liti-

gation; William D. Johnston, corporate law; Richard A. Levine, real estate law; David C. McBride, commercial litigation, corporate law; Pauline K. Morgan, bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law; James L. Patton Jr., bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law; Richard J. A. Popper, trusts and estates; Cassandra F. Roberts, workers' compensation law; Sheldon N. Sandler, labor and employment law; Melanie K. Sharp, personal injury litigation; Bruce L. Silverstein, commercial litigation; Timothy J. Snyder, employee benefits law; Larry J. Tarabicos, real estate law; Robert L. Thomas, gaming law, real estate law; Neilli Mullen Walsh, personal injury litigation; Barry M. Willoughby, labor and employment law; Natalie Wolf, workers' compensation law, and Richard A. Zappa, personal injury litigation.

DataCert Enhances Business Rules Engine

DataCert, Inc. has introduced new enhancements to Guide including the ability to prototype and deliver rules in a faster and more efficient manner.

Guide, a business rules engine, automates the enforcement of corporate law department billing guidelines for legal electronic invoicing. With Guide, the tedious and time-consuming task of manually validating thousands of line items on legal invoices is eliminated.

Guide gives companies the ability to create powerful, client-specific rules that match the manual invoice review processes already in place. Working in conjunction with DataCert's Advanced Invoice Management System (AIMS) version 3.8, Guide can automate invoice-related tasks such as enforcing time keeper rates, applying bulk discounts and approving low-dollar

invoices from authorized law firms and vendors. Guide also warns law department personnel about invoices that may potentially violate billing guidelines such as duplicate invoices.

Guide provides flexibility by offering invoice adjustment capabilities that extend beyond "out of the box" solutions. A law department's adjustment process does not have to change to meet the capabilities of the technology. Instead, Guide effectively models both simple and complex validation guidelines and standards to provide rules that simulate each law department's unique approval processes.

For more information, contact DataCert at (713) 572-3282 or e-mail nasales@datacert.com (North American inquiries) or emeasales@datacert.com (international inquiries).

OnSite Announces Launch Of New Document Exchange/Review Tool

OnSite E-Discovery, a global e-Discovery and forensics firm serving law firms and corporations, has announced the launch of its new online on-demand document exchange and review tool, DXR™, at the International Legal Technology Association's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

DXR is OnSite E-Discovery's web-based document review tool that provides instant upload, advanced search capabilities, instantaneous native or image document retrieval, extensive

culling, filtering, tagging and review capabilities of electronic documents.

For more information on DXR visit www.DXRPortal.com, or for all of OnSite E-Discovery's products and services, visit www.OnSiteEDiscovery.com/DXR.html.

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OnSite E-Discovery and Clearwell Systems, Inc. have announced a strategic partnership between the two companies allowing OnSite E-Discovery to integrate the Clearwell Email Intelli-

gence Platform™ into its existing e-discovery services.

By using OnSite E-Discovery's services, clients will have access to the Clearwell Email Intelligence Platform's capabilities that provide a faster, more effective way to cull large datasets into smaller, more relevant data sets, and perform detailed review and analysis of these relevant datasets. Key characteristics of this solution include: Advanced Discovery & Organization, that provides a single interface to all email data stores

and analyzes data wherever it resides without creating separate databases or moving files; Classification & Analysis, that displays the most relevant emails first and links all related emails into a chronological thread which captures the entire discussion; Workflow & Reporting, that provides case management and reporting capabilities, and Administration, that provides capabilities to manage all aspects of the product.

For more information, visit www.OnSiteEDiscovery.com.

Looking For A Lawyer? Why Reinvent The Wheel?

Budget constraints make it essential to hire an outside counsel or legal service provider who does not charge you for reinventing the wheel. How can you identify the leading experts who can provide you with the advice that you need without reinventing the wheel?

Readers of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* are long familiar with the wealth of information that our publication makes available at their fingertips. Its many resources help corporate counsel to keep abreast of general legal trends, stay current in their fields and identify outside counsel and legal service providers that can provide the specific help they need.

The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel's resources are available through subscription to our print publication (complimentary to in-house counsel) as well as online at www.metrocorpocounsel.com (complimentary to all visitors).

Visitors to our website can access a wealth of information in a variety of ways. Our home page features our current issue and archives prior issues from January 2004 to the present. You can scroll through the online indexes of current issues to learn about hot topics and click on the title of the articles that you would like to read.

Here's a hypothetical demonstration of how you can use our site to delve more deeply into a topic and find the help you need.

What Do I Do Now?

For many years, ActionInvent has included stock option grants in its executive compensation packages. The company's audit committee has asked the general counsel and her staff to report as to whether or not options had ever been backdated.

ActionInvent's in-house counsel, Sara Abel, realized that an investigation would be involved and remembered reading articles in recent issues of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* about stock option backdating.

Ms. Abel went to www.metrocorpocounsel.com and inserted "backdating" in the search box. She found a number of articles about the current focus of government investigations into option backdating scandals; the spate of derivative and class action lawsuits based on alleged improper stock option backdating; steps that a company's general counsel and compliance officers can take to address potential option timing problems; and the availability of coverage under a company's D&O policy. She also found an article by the technology counsel for a leading e-discovery service provider explaining steps that should be taken to review emails to determine if evidence of backdating exists.

She then checked out the lawyers who wrote the law firm articles. She found by clicking on the links to their "Bios" in the "Links" bar at the top of their articles on our website that their backgrounds indicated that they had the expertise that she needed. She could also have clicked on "Other Articles" under the authors' names if she wished to see any other articles they had written for us. By clicking on "Other Articles" and "Website" under their firms' names, she found that the lawyers were in firms that were well able to provide the necessary back up and that their diversity and pro bono records met her company's standards in those areas. And, by clicking on "Website" in the "Links" bar over the article by the technology counsel for the e-discovery service provider, she was able to satisfy herself that it could do a search of emails for evidence of backdating without obstructing any future search pursuant to any governmental request for similar information.



Her next step was to send RFPs to each attorney's law firm and to the e-discovery service provider. The rest is history!

The information from *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* can help you to make an informed choice when selecting outside counsel or a legal service provider that will avoid paying them for re-inventing the wheel.

Be sure to visit www.metrocorpocounsel.com today!