

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### Letter From The President Of The Minnesota Chapter Of The Association of Corporate Counsel (MNACCA)



To The Readers Of The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel:

The summer is flying by. The Minnesota State Fair is just around the corner and before we know it summer will be a thing of the past. I'm not trying to rush things along, but those of us who serve on the Board of Directors and the working committees of MNACCA are already busy with plans for the fall.

This month I'd like to highlight some of the activities planned by MN ACC's Community Service Committee. The mission of the committee is to provide members opportunities to give back to the community and to build and strengthen relationships within the chapter. This is a relatively new committee (started in October, 2007) and is chaired by board member Nicole James of Ameriprise Financial. This committee is amazing! So far this year the Committee has partnered with LegalCORPS to staff a pro bono legal clinic for small business owners at the Central Library in downtown Minneapolis and Volunteer Lawyers Network to provide pro bono legal advice to homeless veterans on housing, family law, criminal expungement, and bankruptcy matters as part of the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans' annual StandDown event. The Committee is not done yet. Members are diligently planning three more activities for MNACCA members to round out the year.

On Saturday, September 20, 2008 MNACCA will partner with Hearts and Hammers, a private nonprofit organization that provides exterior painting and home improvement assistance for seniors and the physically disabled. Chapter members can take a break from the practice of law and bring their families to provide exterior home re-hab for people in our community to continue living independently in safe and secure homes. For more information about this event, contact Rob Foehl at 612.307.6239 or Nicole James at 612.671.4035.

MN ACC members will help staff another LegalCORPS pro bono legal clinic for small business owners on Tuesday, September 23 at the Central Library in downtown Minneapolis. Volunteers are asked to work a 1.25 hour shift so it's something nearly everyone can make time for. For more information, contact Nicole James.

The Committee will offer its final community service activity for the year on Tuesday, November 4 by participating in the National Campaign for Fair Elections, a program by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. MN ACC volunteers will work as election observers to help ensure the fairness of the election process. Volunteers will help to staff various sites around the Twin Cities. For more information about this event, contact Zoe Murray at 612-372-3651.

We have had great volunteer participation in the Committee's activities and hope to continue grow that participation throughout the rest of the year and beyond.

Our upcoming events this fall include:

**5th Annual Legal Sampler**, Tuesday, September 9, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Grand Hotel Minneapolis, 615 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue So., Minneapolis MN 55402. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverages (wine, beer and soft drinks) while sampling the educational opportunities of the evening. Four law firms will offer mini-sessions and each participant is invited to attend any three of four sessions in a round robin fashion. It's a very fun evening of learning and networking. See event posting at [www.acc.com/chapters/minn.php](http://www.acc.com/chapters/minn.php) for details and registration instructions. In-house guests are welcome.

**Networking Social**, Wednesday, October 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m., at The Metropolitan, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. All in-house attorneys are welcome. Contact Betsy Handlson at [mnacca@acc.com](mailto:mnacca@acc.com).

**Lunch & Learn**, Tuesday, October 7, 12:00-1:30 p.m., The Metropolitan, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Network over lunch and stay for a 1 hour CLE. Details to be announced next month. See the event posting at [www.acc.com/chapters/minn.php](http://www.acc.com/chapters/minn.php). Or contact Betsy Handlson, Chapter Administrator at 651-771-1218 or [mnacca@acc.com](mailto:mnacca@acc.com).

If you aren't already a member of ACC and you want to know more about us contact our chapter office at [mnacca@acc.com](mailto:mnacca@acc.com) to get a complimentary user ID and password. Then visit the ACC website at [www.acc.com](http://www.acc.com) and check out the Virtual Law Library. You'll soon discover why ACC has over 25,000 members. If you have any questions about our chapter, please contact our Chapter Administrator, Betsy Handlson, at 651-771-1218 or [mnacca@acc.com](mailto:mnacca@acc.com).

Please note that if you're not a member of ACC and you've never attended an ACC event, you are welcome to come to one of our events at *no cost whatsoever*. All you have to do is RSVP so we know you're coming.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Johnson

### Charlotte ACC Program Examines ADR

The Charlotte, North Carolina chapter of ACC is hosting a Lunch-n-Learn discussion: Perspectives and Recent Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The program, complimentary to ACC members, will take place on August 27, beginning at noon and ending at 1:30 p.m. Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., are sponsoring the meeting, which will be held at their offices, 101 North

Tryon Street, Suite 1900, Charlotte.

David C. Wright, III, Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson will speak on the latest developments in ADR.

For information on available CLE credits and registration, visit the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metro-corpccounsel.com](http://www.metro-corpccounsel.com).

For reservations, call (704) 377-8115 or visit [www.acc.com](http://www.acc.com).

### Partners Notes

#### Integreon Acquires Datum Legal, Launches Improved Services

Integreon Managed Solutions, Inc., a global leader in diversified knowledge process outsourcing, has announced that it has acquired Datum Legal, Inc., a leading litigation support and electronic data discovery (EDD) company in New York City. Chris Egan, Datum Legal's founder and CEO, has been named an Integreon Senior Vice President and will oversee the company's Discovery Solutions business.

Integreon is the leading global legal process outsourcing (LPO) firm with 400 offshore professionals reviewing litigation documents for law firms and Global 2000 corporations. With the

addition of Datum Legal's capabilities, Integreon now offers an integrated discovery management solution with a guaranteed fixed-price per document. Furthermore, corporations and law firms can now deal with a single point of contact for all the key elements of an e-discovery case: professional services, data reduction through analytics, processing, hosting and attorney review. Integreon performs all services at its wholly owned facilities onshore and offshore.

Corporations will be able to drastically and predictably reduce litigation costs, and improve review quality and speed.

#### Stradley Ronon Attorney Invited To Reform Copyright Law

Stradley Ronon attorney Kim Jessum was invited to participate in the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law's newly formed Copyright Law Reform Task Force. The task force will meet with congressional leaders in an effort to reform copyright law.

As of counsel in Stradley Ronon's intellectual property practice group, Ms. Jessum focuses on patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret matters.

Joshua Shapiro, of counsel in Stradley Ronon's business group, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Tobacco Settlement Investment Board. Mr. Shapiro, who serves as a member of the House of Representatives from the 153rd Legislative District in Montgomery County, PA, will participate in managing the \$11 billion settlement that the Commonwealth received from the national tobacco litigation. The funds will be disbursed to health-related programs, making it the largest investment ever in the health of Pennsylvania residents.

Mr. Shapiro focuses his practice on general corporate work, real estate, commercial litigation, public housing law and regulatory compliance.

John Ake, partner at Stradley Ronon, served on the faculty of the International University Audentes in the Republic of Estonia teaching U.S. investment and securities law. The course focused on U.S. and European Union securities regulatory structures, disclosure protocol and requirements, anti-fraud prohibi-

tions and equity market structures.

Stradley Ronon partner Danielle Banks was appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) House of Delegates. The House, which establishes PBA policy, is comprised of members who vote on matters affecting the substance and administration of policies.

As a partner in the firm's litigation practice group, Ms. Banks represents companies and individuals in employment law matters, including claims brought under Title VII, Section 1981, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

Jeff Grossman, Stradley Ronon partner, was elected as a member of the board of Musicopia—a nonprofit organization that delivers music education and programming to students and communities throughout the Delaware Valley, with a particular focus on geographical areas that lack adequate music programs.

Nonprofit Forum, a group of attorneys that addresses problems in the nonprofit sector and developments in the field, has elected Stradley attorney Mark Chopko to its membership. Membership is limited to 30 attorneys specializing in areas of law that affect nonprofit organizations and are drawn from academia, inside counsel to nonprofit institutions and private practice. Mr. Chopko is the chair of Stradley Ronon's nonprofit & religious organizations practice group.

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER:**

**Focus on Texas**