

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Letter from the President of South/Central Texas Chapter Of The Association of Corporate Counsel

To The Readers Of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*:

The Girl Scouts have their cookies. I love their cookies. The Central/South Texas Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel has its Ethics Follies. I love their Follies. No, there are no thin mints at Ethics Follies, but I'm trying to fix that. But there are edgy musical parodies, laughter, some surprisingly good singers and some very serious legal and business ethics issues approached with aplomb. As a board member for the Girl Scouts of America, I see young women learn important skills and leadership qualities from organizing the sale of cookies and marketing their mission. As the Chair of the local ACC Chapter's Board of Directors, I see almost sixty doctors, lawyers, accountants, and executives work as a team for months to put on a three-hour musical production that teaches more about ethics than the audience knew existed. The girls walk away from cookie season with an air of confidence and accomplishment, and a little bit tired from the work. The actors from Ethics Follies walk away from the show with an air of accomplishment, without waiting until the cast party to start talking about the next year's parodies. They are tired too, by the way, but satisfied with a job well done.

The parodies are performed with the abandon of polished performers who, just hours before the show, were reserved professionals, providing legal, business, or accounting advice. This year's Ethics Follies will be held on November 6 in the beautifully restored Charline McCombs Theater in San Antonio, Texas. The theatre is a great venue for the ethics conference and performance. There are U.S. District Court judges, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals Justices, and Bexar County District Judges in the cast, singing and dancing right next to the attorneys who argue cases in their courts. Next to them is a cardiologist and an accountant. All of these actors have one thing in common. They care about preserving San Antonio's small town culture in one of the biggest cities in the United States. While raising ethics awareness to protect the San Antonio culture, attendees also receive three hours of Texas Ethics CLE. All proceeds benefit The Community Justice Program, which provides legal services to those who can't afford it in Central and South Texas.

This year's show boasts some ambitious parodies, including jabs made at Shania Twain, Bette Midler, Martha Stewart, and The Backstreet Boys; the Broadway Shows *Wicked*, *Spamalot!*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Annie*, and the many others listed on the event's website. Mission Pharmacal Company's General Counsel, C. Lee Cusenbary, has written the script and parodies for the show. He has brought in some help from choreographer Gloria Liu and a professional stage manager, Susan Breidenbach. Since the show is in a professional theatre this year it will be professionally lit with sound and stage crews working to make the show look and sound its best.

Although the Association of Corporate Counsel has conducted an ethics conference for the past ten years for in-house attorneys, this year's conference is unique since the door is open for all professionals to attend. The San Antonio Bar Association and Bar Foundation have also agreed to sponsor the event and encourage attendance by its membership. The script explores ethical issues for trial lawyers, in-house attorneys, M&A attorneys, criminal attorneys, upper-level management, health care professionals, and accountants.

It's nice for a nonprofit organization that does good work to have an icon or symbol that sets them apart. Cookies are a wholesome reminder of the wonderful programs of the Girl Scouts of America. ACC hopes that when you think of women dancing in curlers to funny lyrics about ethical conflicts of interest, or computer nerds singing about the ethics of bidding on Ebay items while at work, you'll think of Ethics Follies.

If you haven't heard, seen, or read about Ethics Follies, open some Thin Mints and visit www.ethicsfollies.com to watch a film clip or two.

Sincerely,
Diane Hirsch

CLE Seminar To Explore Corporate Governance And White Collar Crime

The Pima County Bar Association has scheduled a seminar to discuss corporate governance and avoiding prosecution of corporate crimes in a CLE seminar planned for Thursday, June 5 at 177 North Church Street in Tucson.

This afternoon program, titled *Corporate Governance and White Collar Crime*, will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Topics under discussion will include civil litigation, the role of in-house counsel, internal investigations, E-dis-

covery, and the danger of waiving attorney-client privileges, among others.

The presenters are Bruce R. Heurlin and Eric J. McNeilus of Karp Heurlin Weiss.

For information about program fees and available CLE credits, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpocounsel.com.

For reservations, call (520) 623-9772 or visit www.pimacountybar.org

Houston Bar To Examine Municipal Court Ethics

The Houston Bar Association is planning a CLE seminar titled *Ethics in Municipal Courts for Lawyers*.

The program will take place on Friday, July 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harris County Jury Assembly Room, 1019 Congress Plaza, Houston.

This seminar, presented by a municipal court judge, will inform attorneys about the ethical policies and procedures that are required to successfully maneuver the City of Houston's municipal

court system.

The featured speaker will be the Hon. Berta Mejia, presiding judge at the municipal courts in Houston.

For information on available CLE credits and registration fees, see the Bulletin Board on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpocounsel.com.

To make a reservation, call the Houston Bar Association at (713) 759-1710 or visit www.hba.org.

Partners Notes

Stradley Ronon Chairman Appointed Vice-Chair Of PA Board Of Law Examiners

William R. Sasso was appointed vice-chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners. The Board emphasizes the importance of professional responsibility and character in the legal profession, and evaluates the likelihood of an aspiring lawyer's ability to uphold, and commit to, the standards of the profession. It is empowered by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to recommend individuals for admission to become a member of the bar of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth.

Mr. Sasso has served as chairman of Stradley Ronon's 190-plus-attorney firm since 1994. In addition, he is widely recognized for his civic accomplishments including serving as former chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, as a member of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau board and executive committee, a trustee of his alma mater LaSalle University, and as a trustee of Leo Niessen Jr. Charitable Foundation.

Stradley Ronon partner and intellectual property group chair Kevin Casey served as the moderator at the Philadelphia IP Law Association meeting and CLE presentation, "Arbitrating/Mediating Intellectual Property Disputes -

Before Filing, Pending Trial, and on Appeal," which over 100 IP practitioners attended. The panel included Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and Judge Berle M. Schiller and Magistrate Judge L. Felipe Restrepo both of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Casey also led a program titled "Ethical Jeopardy!" at a meeting of the Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court, which promotes skill improvement, professionalism and legal ethics through collegial discourse and mentoring programs. The program explored ethical issues confronting the intellectual property lawyer in the general context of the familiar game show format.

Mr. Casey has more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and related matters. Mr. Casey is ranked one of the leading IP attorneys in Pennsylvania by America's Leading Lawyers for Business, *The Client's Guide* and has authored numerous papers on IP issues and teaches IP courses at Temple University School of Law as an adjunct professor. Mr. Casey is also the co-chair of the firm's alternative dispute resolution practice group.

Wiley Rein Partner Named A Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer

The *Legal Times* has named Wiley Rein LLP Copyright Practice Chair, Bruce G. Joseph, one of the capital region's ten "Leading Intellectual Property Lawyers" in the areas of copyright and trademark law. A profile of Mr. Joseph in the paper highlights an impressive career that includes his central participation in legislative and inter-industry policy debates as well as his involvement in litigating many of the important cases in the field.

Recognizing him as a "leading advocate for corporate copyright users," the paper reports that Mr. Joseph represents a range of corporations and associations - AT&T, the Association of American Universities, CTIA-the Wireless Association, Clear Channel Communications, Philips Electronics, Sirius Satellite Radio and Verizon among them - in connection with copyright litigation; copyright and digital content protection legislation, regulation and inter-industry

activities; music and sound recording fee proceedings, and copyright licensing and registration.

Mr. Joseph has been with Wiley Rein since just after its inception in 1983.

Wiley Rein recently hosted more than 40 children during the firm's 2008 "Take Your Child to Work Day." As part of this annual tradition, employees are invited to bring their children, ages 9-17, to experience a day in the office and to participate in an age-appropriate program.

In keeping with the political season, the day's theme was an imaginary presidential campaign (no actual candidates needed to apply). With the involvement of members of the firm's Election Law & Government Ethics Practice, the children learned about the process electing a president - from holding press conferences and creating campaign ads to fundraising and the actual nomination.