

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

California State Bar Plans IP Institute

The State Bar of California has scheduled a three-day Intellectual Property Institute for Thursday through Saturday, November 6 to 8, at the Rancho Las Palmas, 14000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage.

On day one, concurrent sessions go from 1 to 4 p.m. with a general session from 1 to 5 p.m. to be followed by a dinner, receptions, and a movie screening, "This Film is Not Yet Rated" with director Kirby Dick from 10:00 p.m. to midnight.

On Friday, sessions go from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by a BBQ dinner and a Monte Carlo Casino Night. The luncheon and keynote program, which will address global intellectual property theft, will be presented by Wayne Pugh,

acting U.S. coordinator for international intellectual property enforcement, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

On Saturday, session go from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Topics include hot topics in patent prosecutions, a mock Markman hearing, intellectual property verses the First Amendment, and the Trademark Dilution cause of action. Concurrent sessions are offered on all three days.

For more information about available CLE credits and fees, see CLE Events on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorp-counsel.com.

To make a reservation, call (415) 538-2393 or go to www.calbar.ca.gov/ipsection.

University Of Texas To Host Two-Day Bankruptcy Seminar

The University of Texas School of Law has scheduled its annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference for Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas.

On Thursday, the seminar will go from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Friday it runs from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This is a comprehensive program. Topics to be discussed include a panel discussion about recent developments around the nation, bankruptcy alternatives, where the economy is headed, bankruptcy issues in the retail sector, the art and technique of claim estimation, strategic use of involuntary bankruptcy, recent sanction decisions, a practical approach to bankruptcy tax matters, and

technology and IP assets in bankruptcy.

Among the speakers are David M. Bennett, Thompson & Knight LLP; Jason B. Binford, Haynes and Boone, LLP; Michael W. Brandl, The University of Texas, McCombs School of Business; Rhett G. Campbell, Thompson & Knight LLP; the Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of TX; Myron M. Sheinfeld, King & Spalding, LLP; and Bruce H. White, Greenberg Traurig LLP.

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To make a reservation, call 512-475-6700 or go to www.utcle.org.

Business Litigation Section Hosts November Meeting

The Business Litigation Section of the Orange County Bar Association has scheduled a meeting for Friday, November 7, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the OCMA/Turnip Rose, 300 South Flower St., Orange, CA.

The topic under discussion is Alter Ego Liability – Practical Considerations. It offers participants a practical consideration for preparation of a case involving alter ego liability and single enterprise liability; a neutral format and the issues facing both plaintiffs and

defendants; and case law statutes and application of these principles from actual cases.

The scheduled speakers are the Hon. Stephen E. Haberfeld, retired, the Hon. John C. Woolley (retired), and Jaime C. Holmes, SingerLewak LLP.

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To make a reservation, go to www.ocbar.org.

San Diego ACC Schedules Mini MBA

The San Diego ACC chapter has scheduled a mini MBA program for in-house counsel for Tuesday, November 18, at the Rady School of Management in Otterson Hall on the UCSD Campus.

The program will start at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 6:30 p.m. with a half-hour lunch and keynote presentation and a wine and cheese reception that begins at 5:30. It is designed for in-house counsel who have extensive corporate experience but who would like to develop a better understanding of other aspects of a firm such as business strategy, operations management, and finance.

Faculty include Holly Green, founder and managing director of The Human Factor LLC, who will present a segment about how personality affects decision making, data gathering, organization,

and communication; Jerry Jellison, author, speaker, and professor of social psychology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles who will speak about change management and why traditional tools often fail to overcome emotionally based resistance to change; and Rossen Valkanov, associate professor of Finance at the Rady School of Management at UCSD who will discuss valuation and the financial mechanics of merger acquisition deals.

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To make a reservation, contact Exclusively Legal at 619-595-0440. Space is limited to 50 people.

State Bar of Texas To Explore Consumer And Commercial Law

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled a two-day Advanced Consumer and Commercial law seminar for Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, at the Rosewood Crescent Hotel in Dallas.

On Thursday, the seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and adjourns at 5 p.m. followed by a reception, and on Friday it begins at 8:45 a.m. and adjourns at 3:30 p.m.

The program will include an insurance law update, a panel discussion about consumer privacy issues, a consumer law and DTPA update, an ethics presentation, what a consumer lawyer should know about consumer bankruptcy, an arbitrations update, a panel discussion titled Winning in Arbitration, and discussions about debt and foreclosures, effective depositions, and pro

bono opportunities in Dallas.

Scheduled speakers include F. Paul Bland, Jr., of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in Washington DC; Ambassador Robert W. Jordan, Baker Botts L.L.P.; M.H. Cersonsky, Alonso, Cersonsky & Garcia, P.C.; Ira Rheingold, executive director of the National Association of Consumer Advocates in Washington DC; Peter T. Hoffman, professor at The University of Houston Law School; and E. Steve Bolden II of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

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To make a reservation, call 80-204-2222 or go to www.texasbarcle.com.

SF Bar To Discuss Business Bankruptcy

The San Francisco Bar Association has scheduled a CLE seminar titled Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy for Thursday, November 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the BASF Conference Center in San Francisco.

The topics that will be covered in this afternoon CLE program include automatic stay, executory contracts, property of the estate, professionals and committees, avoiding powers, sales and compromises, consumer cases, and Chapter 11 decisions of note. Light refreshments

will be served.

The scheduled speakers are the Hon. Dennis Montali, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge; Ron Oliner, Duane Morris LLP; and Cecily Dumas, Friedman Dumas & Springwater LLP.

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To make a reservation, go to www.sfbar.org.

San Diego Brown Bag Lunch Addresses Greenhouse Gas Program

The San Diego ACC chapter has planned a brown bag lunch program titled Greenhouse Gases and Greenbacks – The Dysfunctional Relationship Between Emissions and Money for Thursday, December 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Morrison & Foerster, 12531 High Bluff Drive in San Diego.

Speaker William Sloan, of counsel with Morrison & Foerster, will discuss the proposed national cap and trade program that was considered by Congress

earlier this year. The potential economic impact of climate change regulation is measured in trillions of dollars. From taxes to markets to prescriptive measures, regulators around the world are attempting to align economic interests with environmental interests to tackle climate change. The seminar will help prepare corporate counsel for climate change regulation at the state, regional, national, and international levels.

Mr. Sloan serves on his firm's Clean-

tech Steering Committee, and he represents domestic and international clients on matters involving natural resource and emission management, regulation and litigation, with a particular focus on climate change, energy, and water resources.

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To reserve a place in the seminar, contact Melissa Ruth at mruth@mofo.com.

COMING IN JANUARY: Taxation/Finance