

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

CPR Institute Corporate Leadership Award Dinner Honors Microsoft And Brad Smith

Microsoft Corporation's Legal and Corporate Affairs Department and Brad Smith, senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary, were honored last month in New York City by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR Institute). On behalf of his company, Mr. Smith accepted CPR Institute's 2008 Corporate Leadership Award for Microsoft's leadership and commitment to the principles of conflict management and resolution and to institutionalizing the values of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) into their corporate culture.

In his acceptance remarks, Mr. Smith encouraged the support of organizations, such as the CPR Institute, whose work provides innovative and effective legal tools and ADR methods to empower corporations to build and preserve partnerships not only with vendors and cus-

tomers, but also with communities in which their work is done.

The event's keynote address was presented by John Ruggie, a professor at the Kennedy School of Government and Law, Harvard University and the UN Special Representative for Business and Human Rights.

The CPR Institute bridges the gap between thought leadership and practical application, helping to make dispute resolution integral to how business is done. Many times, it is the work of general counsel and corporate law departments that sets benchmarks, provides inspiration, spearheads innovation, and promotes excellence. Therefore, each year the organization recognizes corporations for leadership and commitment to principled and creative conflict management and resolution with the CPR Corporate Leadership Award. For more information visit www.cpradr.org.

University Of Texas School Of Law To Explore Patent Law

On Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, the University Of Texas School Of Law will join with the George Mason University School of Law to present its 4th annual Advanced Patent Law Institute.

The program will be held at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria Virginia. It will begin at 8:45 and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on day one and go from 8:30 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. on day two. Lunch and a luncheon presentation are included on both days.

Seminars include Disasters in Litigation: What Patent Prosecutors Could Have Done to Prevent Carnage; new USPTO appeal rules; a panel discussion about recent federal circuit and BPAI decisions on patent eligible subject matter and USPTO guidelines; patent exhaustion in light of Quanta; antitrust

and SSO developments; and a judicial panel discussion about managing, hearing and trying patent cases.

Among the faculty are Jeffrey Blumenfeld, Crowell & Moring, LLP; Adam C. Hemlock, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP; the Hon. Carl Charneski, U.S. International Trade Commission; the Hon. Ron Clark, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas; the Hon. Timothy B. Dyk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; Kenneth R. Adamo, Jones Day; and David J. Healy, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP.

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

University Of Texas Plans Fall Corporate Counsel Institute

The University of Texas School of Law has planned a video replay of its two-day corporate counsel CLE seminar for Thursday and Friday, November 20 and 21, at the Norris Conference Center in Austin.

Designed for corporate counsel, outside counsel, and other lawyers whose practices deal with business entities, the course promises to be both comprehensive and practical. Topics include e-discovery, insurance policies, contracts, real estate transactions, fiduciary duties of officers and directors, auditing and accounting compliance issues, criminal law issues, securities law, bankruptcy, employment law, environmental issues, intellectual property, ethics, effective

arbitration, organization of an in-house legal department, litigation management, tax law, and privacy and data security issues.

Among the faculty are Kenneth P. Held, Vinson & Elkins LLP; Timothy J. Hill, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP; Noelle M. Reed, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; and Ira B. Shepard of the University of Houston Law Center.

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ACC San Francisco/Bay Area To Discuss Enforcing Arbitration

The San Francisco/Bay Area ACC chapter has scheduled a lunchtime CLE seminar titled Injunctive Relief and Arbitration Remedies – Can You Actually Enforce Them When Push Comes to Shove? It will be presented on two dates – on Tuesday, November 11 at the Garden Court Hotel in Palo Alto and on Thursday, November 20 at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. The program will go from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. both days.

The presentation will address uncertainties and recent developments affecting two staples of standard contract provisions: stipulated remedies clauses

affording streamlined injunctive relief and arbitration clauses allowing expanded judicial review. Such provisions, which are broadly relied upon by businesses to provide predictability and cost control in resolving disputes, are increasingly becoming sources of unpredictability and risk.

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To make a reservation, email DeeDee Ford at ddfdd@sfba-acc.com or go to www.acc.com.

Los Angeles County Bar Schedules Expert Witness Workshop

The Los Angeles County Bar has scheduled an afternoon program titled TAP: Expert Witness Workshop for Tuesday, November 11, at the LACBA Executive Presentations Mock Courtroom, 281 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles.

A meal and reception will be held from 1 to 1:30 p.m. with the programs following from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide attendees with introductory and advanced instruction on how to use expert witnesses in civil and criminal actions, with special emphasis on expert testimony. Topics that will be covered in the lecture part of the program include evidentiary rules

regarding expert opinions, taking and defending expert depositions, how experts can help and hurt a case, direct and cross-examination of expert witnesses, establishing and challenging expert qualifications, and advanced expert testimony techniques.

In the workshop portion, participants conduct direct and cross-examination of an expert witness.

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To make a reservation, send an e-mail to msd@lacba.org or call 213-896-6560.

San Francisco Bar Plans Mediation Clause Seminar

The San Francisco Bar Association has scheduled a lunchtime CLE seminar titled Drafting Mediation Clauses for Friday, November 7, at the BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street in San Francisco.

The lunch and program will go from noon to 1 p.m. with registration at 11:30 a.m. Speakers Matthew J. Geyer and Connie Moore Dunning will teach business transactional attorneys how to protect clients with enforceable mediation

clauses attuned to the latest case law and appropriate to domestic and international deals. Mr. Geyer is an attorney, arbitrator and mediator, and Ms. Dunning is the ADR director of the San Francisco Bar Association.

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To make a reservation, call 415-477-2388 or go to www.sfbar.org.

San Francisco Bar To Explore China's IP Laws

In a program titled China's IP Laws, Ambush Marketing, and Piracy, presenter Seagull Haiyan Song will provide an overview of IP law in China.

The program will be held at the BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street in San Francisco. The lunch and program will go from noon to 1 p.m. with registration at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Song, Foreign Attorney with Arnold & Porter, is a former partner with King and Wood (China), which was the sole domestic counsel for the

Beijing Olympic Games Committee. She will discuss IP issues related to the 2008 Olympic Games, specifically how Chinese agencies and firms addressed ambush marketing and unauthorized retransmission of the games over the internet.

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