

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Seminar Focus: Lobbying, NYC Campaign Finance And Ethics

The New York State Bar Association has planned a timely seminar titled 2008 New York City Lobbying, Campaign Finance and Ethics Update to take place on Thursday, December 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Radisson Martinique on Broadway, 49 West 32nd Street, NYC.

Mark Davies, executive director, New York City Conflicts of Interest Board; Sue Ellen Dodell, general counsel NYC Campaign Finance Board; Barry Ginsberg, senior investigative counsel, New York State Public Integrity Commission; and Arniel Wol-sky, deputy general counsel, Office of

the City Clerk, The City of New York are among the speakers.

The panel discussions will include a primer and update on conflicts of interests for those doing business with the City; campaign finance; an update on the Commission on Public Integrity; and a discussion of New York City's lobbying laws.

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To register call ((518) 463-3200 or visit www.nysba.org.

Rights And Obligations In Bankruptcy

The New York City Bar has scheduled a program titled Guarantees, Surety Bonds and Letters of Credit in Bankruptcy: Traps for the Unwary to be held on Tuesday, November 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 42 West 44th Street, NYC.

The program will be presented by Stephen M. Hryniewicz and Steven Wilamowsky, Bingham McCutchen LLP and Mark N. Parry, Moses & Singer LLP.

They will cover the rights and obligations of parties to guarantees, surety bonds and letters of credit when the principal obligor becomes the subject of bankruptcy proceedings. The discussion will encompass issues such as the

impact of the automatic stay on the rights of beneficiaries and obligees to pursue claims against guarantors, sureties and letter of credit issuers; the affect of recoveries from third parties on the remaining claim against the debtor; the potential for avoidable transfer liability associated with indirect preferences; and the competing rights of parties to excess proceeds of guarantees, surety bonds and letters of credit.

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ADR In Traditional Institutional Settings Is Focus Of NYC Bar Program

The New York City Bar Association will sponsor a program titled The Resolution of Environmental Interest Disputes: An Emerging Area of Practice. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, November 10 at the House of the Association, 42 West 44th Street, NYC.

Program co-chairs Rachel E. Deming, Scarola Ellis LLP; Pamela R. Esterman, Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C.; and Christine Fazio, Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP will lead the discussion on the use of ADR in traditional institutional settings such as the New York State court system, federal court litigation regarding environmental liability, local land-use decision-making agencies, and State of New York DEC administrative law judge proceedings. The skills and

techniques lawyers use in these traditional settings will be described and discussed as a prelude for examining the resolution of critical environmental, land, and resource conflicts that are not adjudicated in these familiar settings. The program will concentrate on the management and resolution of environmental conflicts where rights are less well developed, the conflicts are new and rapidly evolving, the stakeholders many and where there are less obvious forums for conflict resolution.

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Hottest Issues In Communications Law Focus Of PLI Seminar

This 36th annual PLI communications seminar titled Communications Law in the Digital Age 2008 will update the audience on the hottest issues in media, First Amendment and communications law. The dates are November 13 and 14, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on both days. The location is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1605 Broadway, NYC.

Among the many expert speakers will be Bruce P. Keller (chair), Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; Lee Levine (chair), Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz LLP; Stephanie S. Abrutyn, vice president and senior counsel, Home Box Office, Inc; John G. Palfrey, vice dean for Library and Information Resources, Harvard Law School; Jessica L. Rich, assistant director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, U.S. Federal Trade Com-

mission; Mary E. Snapp, vice president and deputy general counsel, Microsoft Corporation; Helgi C. Walker, Wiley Rein LLP.

They will answer such questions as the following: will the FCC ever deregulate media ownership? What are the states up to on the privacy front? Do the *Wen Ho Lee* and *Hatfill* cases foreshadow a new wave of subpoenas to reporters? Are the basic constitutional protections for the press, recognized since *New York Times v. Sullivan*, safe in the current environment?

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To register, contact (800) 260-4754 or visit www.pli.edu.

Timely NYC Bar Program On Employment In Financial Sector Scheduled

The NY City Bar Association has scheduled a program titled Managing the Changing Employment Relationships in the Financial Services Industry to take place on Thursday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the House of the Association, 42 West 44th Street, NYC. It will be chaired by Robert Kraus, Kraus & Zuchlewski LLP.

Change is a constant on Wall Street. As a result of recent market development, there is more change than ever. In this annual program, a panel of prominent attorneys representing both individuals and firms in employment matters will focus on the nature of today's changes and how to manage them. Particular incentive compensation struc-

tures, garden leave, non-solicit, and other post-employment restrictions typical to the financial services industry present unique issues when employees, individually or in groups, are terminated or resign and join other firms. What are the issues? How are those issues managed most effectively by both firms and employees so as to avoid dispute? How does counsel handle the disputes that inevitably follow these changes?

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NYSBA Schedules Dispute Resolution Section Fall Meeting

Titled Exploring Established Techniques, Challenges and New Directions In Mediation and Arbitration, The New York State Bar Association's new Dispute Resolution Section is holding its inaugural Fall Meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania, in New York City on November 13th beginning at 8:00 a.m. and adjourning at 4:45 p.m. A reception will follow from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Fall meeting features mediator and arbitrator and former Dean of Fordham Law School, John D. Feerick, who

will be introduced by NYSBA President Bernice Leber.

The meeting will feature three programs: explore mediation skills and strategies; discovery in arbitration; and the mediation privilege proposed by the Uniform Mediation Act ("UMA").

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Advanced Corporate Immigration Law To Be Addressed By NJICLE

Advanced Corporate Immigration Law Conference: Issues for Attorneys, In-House Counsel & Human Resource Personnel has been scheduled by the NJICLE to take place on Wednesday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Seton Hall University Law School, Newark.

The luncheon speaker will be Marshall Fitz, AILA. He will be joined by a faculty to include Neil S. Dornbaum, Dornbaum & Perego, LLC; Chuck

Liptz, director, Employer Wage Reporting and Relations Staff, Social Security; Harry Sheinfeld, counsel for litigation, Division of Employment Training Legal Services, Officer of the Solicitor, USDOL; Margaret A. Catillaz, Harter, Secrest & Emery, LLP; Michelle Funk, Duane Morris LLP; and David H. Nachman, Nachman & Associates, PC.

As the world becomes smaller as a result of globalization, and competition for skilled workers and talent increases,

employers in all industries have learned that the ability to compete depends on the ability to hire the best, no matter what their country of nationality. As a result, this trend has placed increased importance on corporate immigration lawyers and accordingly, their knowledge of the most current trends and developments in this constantly evolving area of law.

The conference will explore in depth labor certification, motion to reconsider

and BALCA caselaw, how the November elections will affect the legislative agenda, employment verification (DHS, ICE, SS, Wage & Hour), and how to conduct an internal/external, I-9 audit.

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