

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### PLI Schedules Business Bankruptcy Seminar

PLI has scheduled a CLE seminar titled *Understanding the Basics of Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization 2008* for Monday and Tuesday, December 1 and 2, at the PLI Center, 685 Market Street in San Francisco.

On Monday, the program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. and on Tuesday the program will go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The seminar is designed for attorneys and allied professionals with limited bankruptcy experience as well as non-legal professionals who need a working knowledge of bankruptcy law and practice. It will cover such topics as when a business is in trouble, is bankruptcy the only answer, procedural requirements in bankruptcy and the role of the debtor, how to commence voluntary and invol-

untary cases, when is a creditor claim "allowed," practical considerations of running a business in chapter 11, preferences and fraudulent transfers, and one full hour of ethical considerations unique to bankruptcy.

Among the scheduled speakers are Sheri Bluebond, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central Dist. of CA; Kathryn Coleman, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP; Cecily A. Dumas, Friedman Dumas & Springwater, LLP; and Van C. Durrer II, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

For more information about available CLE credits and fees, see CLE Events at *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorp-counsel.com](http://www.metrocorp-counsel.com).

To make a reservation, call 800-260-4PLI or go to [www.pli.edu](http://www.pli.edu).

### Arizona Bar To Host Working With The Court of Appeals

The State Bar of Arizona is planning a day-long seminar titled *Working With the Arizona Court of Appeals* for Friday, November 7, at the Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix.

The program is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Attendees will learn important aspects of taking appeals from the point of view of appellate judges and their staff. Topics include the following: what most influences judges in briefs and oral argument, how judges reach decisions in appeals, avoiding malpractice by ensuring you have preserved issues and arguments on appeal, taking the necessary steps for the appeal, how to structure and write your brief, how to prepare for oral argument and what to argue, a discussion of major criminal and civil

appellate decisions, when you should take special action, working with appellate clerks and staff attorneys, and the role of appellate mediation.

The seminar faculty is made up of Arizona Court judges. Among them are the Hon. J. William Brammer, Jr., the Hon. Peter J. Eckerstrom, the Hon. Patrick Irvine, the Hon. Diane M. Johnsen, and the Hon. Donn Kessler. Other presenters are clerks and staff attorneys and practitioners. The program chair is Thomas L. Hudson, Osborn Maledon PA.

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To make a reservation, call 602-340-7322 or go to [www.myazbar.org](http://www.myazbar.org).

### Colorado State Bar Plans Environmental Update

The Colorado State Bar has scheduled an Environmental Update and Hot Topics seminar for Thursday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at the CLECI Large Classroom in Denver.

It will run from 9 a.m. until 4:40 p.m. with a lunch break on your own.

With so many new developments and critical issues in environmental law, this comprehensive program is important for seasoned environmental law practitioners and for those taking a first environmental case. Scheduled topics include an air update, Ozone – Strategies for Meeting the Current Federal Ozone Standard; Multi-Media Impacts: The Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission's New Public Health, Welfare, Environmental and Wildlife regulations; and Emergency Response: Tales from the CO Department of Public Health and Environment on the Salmonella Out-

break in Alamosa.

The faculty includes some of Colorado's experts in air, water and land issues. The new Oil & Gas Conservation Commissions updates panel will include Joshua B. Epel, member, CO Oil & Gas Conservation Commission and counsel to DCP Midstream, LLC and Jep Seman, of counsel, Hensley, Kim & Holzer, LLC. A session called Everything You Need to Know About Self Audits will be presented by Scott Reisch, Hogan & Hartson, and by David Rochlin, senior air enforcement attorney for EPA Region 8.

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To make a reservation, call 303-860-0608 or go to [www.cobar.org](http://www.cobar.org).

### PLI To Explore Parallel Patent And Reexamination Proceedings

An upcoming CLE seminar sponsored by the Practising Law Institute titled *Parallel Patent Litigation & Reexamination Proceedings 2008: Keeping Your Case on Track* is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, at the PLI Center, 685 Market Street in San Francisco.

In a time when the number of patent reexamination requests has more than tripled over the last four years, PLI offers this program which will be of particular interest to in-house IP counsel, patent litigators and patent prosecutors. The growing importance of parallel reexamination proceedings in patent litigation and what it means to both patent litigators and patent prosecutors will be thoroughly explored in this program.

The half-day session will begin at 9

a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m.. Topics that will be covered are *Understanding Patent Reexamination Procedure and the Impact of the Process*, the *Legal Implications of Patent Reexamination*, and the *Impact of Reexamination on Litigation Strategy and Tactics*.

The scheduled faculty are Rajiv P. Patel (chair), Fenwick & West LLP; Renee DuBord Brown, Day Casebeer Madrid & Batchelder LLP; Michael A. Molano, Mayer Brown LLP; and Michael Sacksteder, Fenwick & West LLP.

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### SF Bar Plans Persuasive Writing Seminar

Persuasive Legal Writing is the title of an annual seminar presented by the San Francisco Bar Association on Wednesday, November 12, from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at the BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street in San Francisco.

Speakers Daniel U. Smith and Justice Stuart R. Pollack will teach attendees to write motions and briefs that capture the court's attention, structuring a document, and ways to persuade a busy judge with brevity, simplicity, clarity and honesty. They will present more than 70 helpful writing tips, such as writing shorter briefs more easily, pleasing the client, enhancing credibility with the

court, and increasing a lawyer's chances of winning.

Daniel U. Smith is a certified appellate specialist and belongs to the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He has 32 years of civil appellate practice in state and federal courts. Justice Pollack, an associate justice of the court of appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three. For twenty years he served on the San Francisco Superior Court.

To find out more about fees and CLE credits, see CLE Events at *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at [www.metrocorp-counsel.com](http://www.metrocorp-counsel.com).

To make a reservation, call 415-477-2388 or go to [www.sfbbar.org](http://www.sfbbar.org).

### Annual Bench And Bar In San Francisco

The San Francisco Bar Association has scheduled its fifth annual Bench and Bar Conference for Thursday, November 6, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Bankers Club, 555 California Street, San Francisco. Registration will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon and a cocktail reception with the judges is scheduled for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Lunch with the judges is also included.

Topics that will be discussed are proposed changes at the San Francisco Superior Court, Picking a Jury When Technology Matters, and Using Experts

in the Online World. Among the faculty are: the Hon. David Ballati, presiding judge of the San Francisco Superior Court; the Hon. James McBride, presiding judge-elect, San Francisco Superior Court; the Hon. Mary Wiss, San Francisco Superior Court; and David H. Weinberg, JuryScope, Inc.

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### San Diego Bar Advises Lawyers Helping Clients in Trouble

The San Diego Bar Association will hold a seminar titled *Your Client Has Financial Problems: Now What?* for Wednesday, November 19, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Bar Center, 1333 Seventh Avenue, San Diego.

In this one-hour program, two bankruptcy/workout practitioners will instruct participants how to advise clients who are in financial trouble in this difficult economic environment. They will help participants to identify warning signs that a client might be in trouble, select the right team of profes-

sionals to guide individual clients, and learn more about the ongoing role of a business and corporate law practitioner vis-à-vis the financially distressed client.

The featured speakers are Michael E. Busch and Gerald N. Sims of Pyle Sims Duncan & Stevenson.

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