

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### DC Bar Ethics Council

#### To Present Program On Pro Bono Challenges

On Monday, March 16, The DC Bar will host a program titled Ethics & Pro Bono: Remaining Ethical While Doing Good. The session will begin at 6 p.m. and adjourn at 8:15 p.m. at the DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The DC Rules of Professional Conduct have numerous provisions that are particularly relevant to attorneys handling pro bono matters.

Using hypothetical scenarios based on actual issues and questions that have

been raised by pro bono attorneys, DC Bar ethics council will give attendees the tools to avoid ethical problems when representing pro bono clients. The session is extremely relevant to any attorney engaged in pro bono work.

Saul Singer of the DC Bar ethics council will present the program.

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

To register visit [www.dcbar.org](http://www.dcbar.org).

### Remedies For Problem Employees Presented In PBI Program

Problem employees can be very costly to businesses. On three dates in February, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute will host a seminar titled Dealing with the Problem Employee designed to address the legal issues of this important topic.

On Wednesday, February 11, PBI will offer this program at the PBI Conference Center, 5080 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg. The PBI Professional Development Center, Heinz 57 Center, 339 Sixth Avenue, in Pittsburgh, will host the seminar on Thursday, February 19. On Thursday, February 26, PBI will present the program in their Philadelphia offices at The CLE Conference Center, Wanamaker Building, Suite

1010. Each program will begin at noon and conclude at 4:15 p.m.

Sally Griffith Cimini, Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C. and Schaun D. Henry, McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC, will lead attendees through such vital topics as pre-employment – avoiding problem employees – establishing requirements of the job, typical problems during employment, investigation and disciplinary action short of termination and the termination process itself.

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For more information and to register for the seminar, visit [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org)

### Defending White Collar Cases In Upcoming PBI Seminar

On two dates in February, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute will offer a seminar examining the daunting but surmountable challenge of defending white collar cases. On Thursday, February 12, the course will take place at the PBI Professional Development Center, Heinz 57 Center, 339 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA; on Friday, February 27, the course will be held at The CLE Conference Center, Wanamaker Building, Suite 1010, in Philadelphia. Both courses will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

The Department of Justice describes white collar offenses as “those classes of non-violent illegal activities which principally involve traditional notions of deceit, deception, concealment, manipulation, breach of trust, subterfuge or illegal circumvention.” Lives and careers are on the line and for corporate defen-

dants, the company’s continued existence may be at risk.

Faculty for this seminar will examine the substantive and procedural nuances of white collar criminal defense and discuss the tactics and strategies necessary for a successful outcome. The panel will include James M. Becker, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney; Ellen C. Brotman, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; Efreem M. Grail, Reed Smith, LLP; Jerry S. McDevitt, K&L Gates; Thomas W. Ostrander, Duane Morris LLP; Mark B. Sheppard, Sprague & Sprague; and Eric W. Sitarchuk, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP.

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For reservations call (800) 247-4724 or visit [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org).

### WA Bar Program To Focus

#### On Using Technology To Legal Advantage

The Washington State Bar Association is presenting a seminar on Friday, February 6 in Seattle titled Practicing Law in the Electronic Era. The program will begin at 8:25 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

This seminar will discuss a variety of ways lawyers can use technology to their advantage, as well as illustrate potential pitfalls and liability issues and provide tips for attorneys to improve the use of technology in their practice.

The program will also offer opportunities for hands-on learning with an audience participation workshop that will explore a cutting-edge electronic evidence issue.

Chairing the course will be Gregory D. Shelton, Williams Kastner PLLC.

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To reserve visit [www.wsbacl.org](http://www.wsbacl.org).

## Partners Notes

### King & Spalding Strengthens Middle East Property Practice With Additions In Abu Dhabi

King & Spalding has expanded its Middle East property practice with the deployment of two senior lawyers to its Abu Dhabi office. The move brings to 27 the number of King & Spalding lawyers and legal assistants in the Middle East, strengthening the firm’s position as one of the largest U.S. law firms in the region.

Partner W. Clay Gibson and senior counsel Timothy N. Tucker have relocated to Abu Dhabi from King & Spalding’s office in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Gibson will head up King & Spalding’s real estate practice in the region.

Early in January, 2009, construction partner James Bremen and three associ-

ates joined King & Spalding’s London office.

Mr. Bremen, who previously was with Maxwell Winward and White & Case, has been involved in some of the largest and most complex international construction projects in the world and has a strong Middle East construction practice that he will continue to develop at King & Spalding.

Mr. Gibson has 28 years’ experience in commercial real estate transactions, representing U.S. and international clients in the acquisition, disposition and development of, and joint venture investment in, the full range of asset classes.

### Weil, Gotshal & Manges Partner Awarded For Exemplary Pro Bono Work

In November 2008, two hundred volunteers, clients, and supporters gathered at Pfizer Conference Center in New York City to help Lawyers Alliance honor 2008 Cornerstone Awardees. This impressive group of two law firms, one accounting firm, and nine individual attorneys showcased the outstanding pro bono legal work so essential to nonprofit organizations that are improving New York neighborhoods.

Among the individuals honored was

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP partner Warren T. Buhle. His longstanding pro bono commitment as volunteer general counsel to Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of America assists this organization promote research to find new treatments and a cure for the rare genetic skin disease.

Mr. Buhle is a member of the firm’s corporate department, specializing in representing lenders and borrowers in a wide variety of financial transactions.

### Sills Cummis & Gross Merges With Silverberg Stonehill Goldsmith & Haber

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. has announced the expansion of its New York office with the addition of the lawyers of Silverberg Stonehill Goldsmith & Haber, P.C.

Steven E. Gross, chairman of Sills Cummis, stated, “Silverberg complements our practice areas with a broad-based general civil practice and noted expertise in corporate and commercial finance law, as well as litigation.”

Senior Member Michael B. Goldsmith practices as both a corporate advisor and litigator, and Harvey T. Haber,

the other senior member, focuses on business law and finance.

Along with Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Haber, the firm also welcomed Jay L. Silverberg as a member of the Corporate Practice Group; Kenneth R. Schacter and David F. Segal as members of the Litigation Practice Group; Robert Stonehill as of counsel to the Trusts and Estates Practice Group; Marc D. Leve and Joseph C. Walsh as associates in the Corporate Practice Group; and Lori K. Sapir as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group.

### Goodwin Procter Wins Significant Patent Case

In recent public decisions issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), Goodwin Procter LLP achieved a significant litigation victory for its client Pass & Seymour (P&S), a leading supplier of electrical wiring devices. In a 172-page initial determination, the ITC noted numerous violations of P&S’s patents by the importation and sale of ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) by a number of Chinese manufacturers and their U.S. distributors.

In a Recommended Determination, Judge Charneski recommended entry of a general exclusion order as a remedy for the infringement. A general exclusion order is a very powerful remedy only available in the ITC, which would

exclude from importation into the U.S. any infringing GFCIs manufactured or imported either by parties to the ITC Investigation or by non-parties. Mark J. Abate of Goodwin Procter LLP’s New York office served as lead counsel for P&S. George R. McGuire of Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC’s Syracuse, New York, office served as co-counsel. The Goodwin Procter trial team also included attorneys Jennifer Albert, Charles Sanders, Ankur Parekh, Andrew Stein, Calvin Wingfield and Eleanor Hynes. Since 2007, Goodwin Procter has been involved in five ITC investigations.

To see the P&S news release on the ITC finding, please go to: <http://www.passandseymour.com>.