

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

University of Texas Plans Fall M&A Institute

The University Of Texas School Of Law will host a two-day Mergers & Acquisitions Institute on Thursday & Friday, October 15 & 16, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dallas.

The Institute will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on day one and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on day two.

Highlights of the program include opportunities in distressed M&A, a panel discussion of distressed investors, restructuring advisors and bankruptcy lawyers; a corporate deal makers roundtable, a discussion about the deal-making world that is likely to emerge from the financial crisis; trends and developments in public company M&A 2009 with public company M&A practitioners discussing today's public company deal trends and issues arising out of the recent litigation surrounding broken

deals; an in-house M&A counsel roundup with in-house attorneys discussing success stories and lessons learned in teaming up with outside counsel to plan and execute strategic acquisitions and divestitures; and a private equity roundtable.

Among the faculty are Michael E. Rogers, Ernst & Young, LLP; John R. Adams, Kimberley-Clark Corp.; Peter O. Broussard, Celanese Ltd in Dallas; Eileen T. Nugent, Skadden Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom LLP; Byron F. Egan, Jackson Walker L.L.P.; and Mary R. Korby, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

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

Texas Seminar Focus: Advanced Patent Law

The University of Texas School of Law has scheduled a seminar titled Advanced Patent Law Institute on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin.

The program will run from 9 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. on day one and from 9 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. on day two.

Topics that will be discussed are Top 10 Prosecution Ethics Issues with David Hricik, Mercer University School of Law; a panel discussion about Patentable Subject Matter and Practice Strategies in the Shadow of *Bilski* moderated by Barton Showalter, Baker Botts L.L.P.; Obviousness: KSR's Impact on Litigation with Nicolas G. Barzoukas,

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; and Damages and Apportionment: Trends, Responses, and Tough Questions for the Experts moderated by Robert Barr, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology and with commentators Brent K. Bersin, Navigant Consulting, Inc. and Walt Bratic, CRA International, Inc. Other topics include Cost-Management Strategies: An In-House Counsel Viewpoint and International Patent Prosecution and Litigation: China.

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Texas Immigration And Nationality Law Conference '09

The University Of Texas School Of Law will host a Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law in San Antonio on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, at the Marriott Plaza.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday.

An optional Wednesday evening session has been scheduled, beginning with registration at 4 p.m. and adjourning at 7:15 p.m.

Among the speakers and topics to be explored are Fixing a Broken System: The Policies and Politics of Immigration Reform with Benjamin E. Johnson of the American Immigration Law Foundation; a panel discussion that addresses the basic eligibility for U Visas, T Visas,

and VAWA and a legislative update regarding VAWA 5, moderated by Edna Yang of American Gateways in Austin and with panelists Maurice Y. Hew Jr. of Texas Southern University and Erica Britt Schommer of the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Employment-Based Strategies in an Economic Downturn, Employer-Sponsored Immigrant Visas Via Labor Certification, and Access to Justice Update in Texas are among the other topics that will be discussed.

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Texas Bar To Explore Legal Issues And The Internet At Houston Seminar

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled a CLE seminar titled Emerging Legal Issues and the Internet for Friday, November 13, at the Crowne Plaza Houston - River Oaks, 2712 Southwest Freeway in Houston.

It will begin at 8:15 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m.

In the morning, a panel discussion,

The Problem of the Online Juror - A Juror Perspective, moderated by the Hon. W. Royal Furgeson, Jr., senior U.S. district judge, U.S. District Court, Northern Texas, will cover twittering in the court, revising juror instructions, and the danger of the online juror. Other topics that will be covered throughout the day are conducting electronic dis-

covery on the Internet, ethical issues for lawyers involving the Internet, Internet-related Employment Law Issues, Internet and privacy, intellectual property concerns, and lawyers' use of social networking sites.

The lunchtime presenter, Thomas H. Watkins of Brown McCarroll will discuss what should and shouldn't be in

Insurance Law Explored In San Antonio Seminar

The University Of Texas School Of Law has planned its 14th Annual Insurance Law Institute for Thursday and Friday, October 15 & 16, at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio.

The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. on Friday.

Among the topics to be explored are When the Policyholder Goes Belly Up, a panel discussion with R. Glen Ayers Jr., Langley & Banack, Inc., J. Mark Lawless, Nickens Keeton Lawless Farrell & Flack LLP, and Brian Scott Martin Jr., Haynes and Boone LLP; D&O Directors and Officers Coverage in a Time of

Economic Crisis with Ernest Martin Jr., Haynes and Boone, LLP; and Advanced Business Interruption and Time Element Coverages with Thomas H. Cook Jr. of Zelle Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP and Vincent E. Morgan of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Thursday's luncheon presentation, titled Thieves in the Night: London Market Solvent Schemes of Arrangement will be presented by D. Christopher Heckman of Exxon Mobil.

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Texas Bar Offers Strategies For Hard Economic Times

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled a two-day law practice management course titled Working Smarter in Hard Economic Times to be held on Thursday and Friday, November 5 and 6, at the Norris CityCentre, 803 Town and Country Lane in Houston.

It will run from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Topics to be discussed include Less is More: Why You Are Here with Terry O. Tottenham, Fulbright & Jaworski; Office Feng Shui: Maximizing Client Confidence with Mark L. Greenwald, Law Office of Mark Greenwald, and Susan K. Johnston, Johnston and Johnston; Beat the Clock: Alternative Billing for Better Client Relations with Mark D.

Wolf, assistant general counsel, FMC Technologies; and Getting to Know You: Using Social Media Ethically in Your Law Practice by Debra L. Bruce, Lawyer-Coach LLC and Richard C. Price, The Price Law Firm. Other topics are New and/or Tightwad Technologies for Interesting Times, Perfecting Presentations for Trial, Mediation and Clients, and a lunch presentation, Never Dine Alone: Old School Client Communication Techniques Still Work.

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To make a reservation, call (800) 204-2222 or go to www.texasbarcle.com.

State Bar Of Texas Schedules Two-Day Business Law Course

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled its annual Advanced Business Law Course for Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, at the Norris CityCentre in Houston.

The course will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Friday.

Topics to be discussed include tax issues contained in the stimulus package; a market study of mergers and acquisitions; M & A negotiation trends; top issues to know about international trade compliance; and equity compensation for LLCs.

On Thursday, fraud enforcement will be discussed from the perspectives of the regulators/enforcers with Alan M. Buie, assistant U.S. attorney, Northern

District of Texas; Steven Korotash, associate regional director, SEC; and Joseph Jason Rotunda, Texas State Securities Board. A discussion about fraud enforcement from the internal investigator and defense perspective will follow with Brent Alan Benoit, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell and Noel Reed of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. On Friday, David Rex of Jackson Walker will discuss Current Trends in Venture Capital and Private Equity in a lunchtime presentation.

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