

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

PLI And PBI Presentation Focuses On Entertainment Industry Law

The Practising Law Institute in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute are holding a three-day "Combo" series of programs for lawyers who work within the different specialties of the entertainment industry.

The program will be held Monday through Wednesday, March 15-17. Interested attorneys may choose to take one or more of the segments or attend the entire program. It will be streamed live to PBI's Conference Center at the Wanamaker Building in Philadelphia, the PBI Professional Development Center at 339 Sixth Avenue in Pittsburgh, and the Cleveland Bar Association at 1301 East 9th Street in Cleveland.

Day one will focus on television, video, video games, user-generated content, computer entertainment, and how to build an entertainment law practice. Notable speakers for Monday include David P. White, interim national executive director, Screen Actors Guild and Brian L. Burkin, executive vice president, Sony Pictures Entertainment, who will discuss emerging trends in video, television and the hot topic of user-generated content. Monday's sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. and include a cocktail reception sponsored by SESAC.

Tuesday's session will focus on

sound recordings and the music publishing industry. Expert speakers Linda A. Newmark, executive vice president, Universal Music Publishing Group and Jeff Walker, executive vice president, Columbia/Epic Label Group will address the current issues and trends in the recording industry, including digital distribution of sound recordings. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday's program will focus on book publishing, union and guild issues, and film. Attendees will learn the ins and outs of publishing agreements, motion picture union issues dominating the headlines, and the advanced film issues involving the financing, production and distribution of motion pictures. Speakers will include industry insiders John Schline, senior vice president, Penguin Group (USA); Gail Ross, Lichtman, Trister and Ross, The Gail Ross Literary Agency; and David P. White, interim national executive director, Screen Actors Guild.

For information about available CLE credits and fees, visit CLE Events on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpocounsel.com.

To register for the program, call (800) 260-4PLI or visit www.pli.edu.

Pennsylvania Bar Looks At The Psychology And Technology Of Commercial Litigation

On Wednesday, February 17, join the PBI as they hold an intriguing program examining the psychology and technology issues involved in commercial litigation.

The program will be held at the PBI Professional Development Conference Center, 339 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. It runs from noon until 4:15 p.m.

Attendees will gain insights into how lawyers can more effectively captivate the judge and jury in a commercial case. Practitioners understand that commercial litigation often involves detailed documents, extensive and complex contracts and technical drawings. Juries find these cases tedious and overwhelming due to the technicality and amounts of

information presented.

Attendees will learn tips on how to hold the jurors' attention by simplifying the complex issues and gain insight into the psychology of a juror's perspective at trial.

The faculty includes jury experts, commercial litigators and judges, notably, Ann T. Greeley PhD, senior director, DecisionQuest, State College; Kathy K. Condo, Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C. and Wesley R. Payne, IV, White and Williams LLP.

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To register for the seminar, call (800) 932-4637 or visit www.pbi.org.

PLI And PBI To Look At Developments In Corporate Governance

On Wednesday, February 17, join the Practising Law Institute for a special program focusing on corporate governance in 2010.

The program is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and will be simulcast live to The CLE Conference Center, Wanamaker Building, Philadelphia, PA and to the PBI Professional Development Center, 339 Sixth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees will learn how corporate governance law continues to evolve and change and will be advised by expert co-chairs, David M. Becker, general counsel and senior policy advisor, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and James

R. Doty, Baker Botts LLP, on regulatory reform. The focus will be on new regulations on say on pay, disclosure, a review from the newly reconstituted SEC, and enforcement and litigation in the post-meltdown era.

Other distinguished faculty will include keynote speaker Hon. Elisse B. Walter, commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Hank Bond Walther, assistant chief, Criminal Division, Fraud Section, U.S. Department of Justice, and Gregory S. Bruch, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

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Partners Notes

Wiley Rein Promotes Six To Partner And Of Counsel

Wiley Rein has announced the election of four new partners and two new of counsel to the firm, effective January 1, 2010. Joining the partnership are William S. Consovoy, Adam H. Gordon, Brendon M. Pinkard and Dylan G. Trache. Promoted to of counsel are Thomas R. McCarthy and Cari N. Stinebower.

William S. Consovoy returns to the firm's Communications Practice after completing a clerkship for Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Consovoy will assist clients with trial and appellate matters.

Adam H. Gordon joined the firm's International Trade Practice as of counsel in 2009 and represents U.S. manufacturers, industries and agricultural groups in antidumping and countervailing duty matters.

Brendon M. Pinkard, formerly an associate in the Communications Practice, concentrates his practice on cable television, video, telecommunications and broadband matters.

Dylan G. Trache, previously of counsel in the firm's Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice is board certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He advises and counsels clients on corporate reorganizations, creditor's rights, commercial litigation and other matters

related to corporate insolvency.

Thomas R. McCarthy, formerly an associate in the firm's Communications Practice, represents clients in litigation before federal and state trial and appellate courts and in proceedings before the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies.

Cari N. Stinebower joined the firm's International Trade Practice after serving in the Office of the General Counsel (Office of Foreign Assets Control) of the U.S. Treasury Department. She counsels clients on compliance with U.S. economic sanctions, the Bank Secrecy Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and export controls.

Richard E. Wiley was recognized as a "Star of the Bar," and Wiley Rein partners Rand L. Allen, Jan Witold Baran, James N. Czaban, H. Jason Gold, Carol A. Laham, Bruce G. Joseph, Scott M. McCaleb, Valerie P. Morrison, R. Michael Senkowski, Nancy Victory, James H. Wallace, Jr. and Richard E. Wiley were named among "Washington's Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian* magazine. Joining an elite group of the top one percent of lawyers in the nation's capital, these attorneys represent the firm's diverse practices and reflect Wiley Rein's wealth of legal talent.

Stradley Ronon Partner Presents At Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference

Stradley Ronon partner Andrew Stutzman presented "Truth-in-Lending: Responding to the Continuing Evolution of TILA and its Case Law" at the Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference presented by the American Conference Institute in New York on Jan. 27-28, 2010. The conference – attended by in-house counsel, plaintiff, defense and private counsel involved in the consumer finance industry – addressed the challenge of managing consumer finance litigation this year.

As chair of the firm's mortgage and lending litigation practice, Stutzman oversees a team of lawyers who represent financial services and other clients in litigation involving consumer and

commercial loan transactions.

Stradley Ronon has added Fotini Antoniadis as an associate in its Philadelphia and Wilmington offices. As a member of the firm's litigation and bankruptcy, workouts & creditor's rights practice groups, Antoniadis will focus in the areas of corporate and commercial litigation, corporate bankruptcy, reorganization and liquidation. Her experience includes the representation of clients in complex commercial and corporate litigations and mediations involving matters of corporate governance and fiduciary duties, stock appraisals, stockholder class and derivative actions, antitrust and patent ownership disputes.

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