

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

ACC Panel To Discuss Global Compliance In London

On Wednesday, January 13, the ACC Europe chapter will hold a seminar titled Developing a Global Privacy Compliance Program to discuss the problems faced by companies implementing a global compliance program.

It will run from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Bird & Bird LLP, 15 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP.

The seminar will cover the particular problems faced by companies based out-

side of the EU and the binding corporate rules approval process. The panelists will include Bojana Bellamy, director of data privacy, Accenture; Ruth Boardman, partner and coauthor, Data Protection Strategy, Bird & Bird; and Sue Gold, executive counsel, corporate legal, The Walt Disney Company Ltd.

For more information, contact Françoise Maon, 32 2 761 16 13 or email acceurope@kelleneurope.com.

PLI To Host Securities Regulation Conference In London

The Practising Law Institute has scheduled a two-day conference, Securities Regulation in Europe: A Contrast in EU & U.S. Provisions, for Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, at the Clifford Chance Auditorium in London.

This, the ninth annual conference, promises to be the most comprehensive securities program in Europe. It will feature leading practitioners active in U.S. and European securities law as well as government regulators, investment bankers, and in-house counsel. They will put the historic events of the past two years in perspective and prepare attendees for what will happen in 2010. They will focus on the increased globalization and interdependence of the financial markets and how this has affected how regulators respond to critical issues and how they are working together to repair the financial infrastructure.

The following critical issues will be covered: the latest innovations in capital raising; developments in mergers and acquisitions and private equity; the mar-

ket response to the new regulatory environment; timely competition law developments and emerging enforcement issues; the current trends in restructuring and liability management; and what every securities lawyer needs to know about ethics.

Meredith B. Cross, director, Division of Corporation Finance for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, will open the conference with the keynote address. Among the other scheduled speakers are Mark Harding, group general counsel, Barclays'; William E. Kovacic, commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Guillaume Lorient, European Trade Commission; Scott V. Simpson, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (U.K.) LLP; and Stephen G. Williams, general counsel & chief legal officer, Unilever PLC.

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

Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals Plan Three-Day Seminar In Florida

The Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals has scheduled their annual Essentials seminar, The Basics of Corporate Governance and Beyond, for late January. It will be held at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort, 4401 Grand Floridian Way in Orlando, from Wednesday to Friday, January 27 to 29.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Basics portion of the program will examine the responsibilities and purposes of the corporate secretary's office, including practical solutions and advice to help corporate secretaries and their staff in these challenging times. It is designed for anyone who is new in the functions of the corporate secretary's office or for anyone who wants to brush up on the basics. On Friday, the seminar will focus on general governance and compliance challenges.

Some of the topics that will be discussed in the Basics portion are The Basic and Not-So-Basic Role of the Corporate Secretary – Traditional Responsibilities and New Challenges; Managing and Supporting Your Board; Basic Challenges when Dealing with the Regulators; Understanding and Managing Your Shareholder; and The Share-

holder Meeting: Your Most Visible and Vulnerable Event.

Beyond the Basics begins on Thursday with Disclosure, Good Governance in Private and Non-Profit Companies; New Challenges in Shareholder Voting; and e-Corporate Governance.

On Thursday, the luncheon speaker will be Mauri Osheroff, associate director, Regulatory Policy, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

Special membership offer: Nonmembers attending two to three days of the seminar are eligible to take advantage of a special membership tuition package. Participants pay an additional \$195 to the nonmember tuition rate if from a company without members, and they pay an additional \$125 to the nonmember tuition rate if from a company with members.

To learn more about the program, registration, and membership, visit www.governanceprofessionals.org/essentials.

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All are invited to attend whether or not they are members of the Society.

ABA Panel: Using Mediation To Resolve International Disputes

The International Chamber of Commerce and the American Bar Association sections of International Law and Dispute Resolution are holding a joint international mediation conference on Thursday, February 11, at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), 38 Cours Albert 1er, 75008 Paris, France.

Designed for in-house counsel, members of senior corporate management, newcomers to mediation, law firm attorneys, and mediation practitioners, this course aims to provide companies with guidance on using mediation in the current economic climate, when companies are interested in limiting risk and achieving quick and business-wise results when resolving disputes and

cheaper and less litigious ways of settling controversies.

Experienced practitioners and users of mediation will describe the benefits it offers as a dispute resolution technique for international businesses, with examples of corporate disputes where mediation has been helpful in reaching a settlement for all parties.

Speakers will also provide insight into the process of choosing settlement techniques for specific disputes and offer practical advice on setting up mediation, including drafting clauses, appointing mediators, and mediation advocacy and representation.

For more information, email mediation@iccwbo.org.

Mountain West ACC To Host Awards Gala In Idaho and Utah

The Mountain West ACC chapter has planned two gala awards ceremonies to pay tribute to corporate counsel in January.

On January 11, the in-house counsel from across Idaho and Montana will gather to pay tribute to award nominees in three categories: Corporate Counsel Leadership, Corporate Counsel Community Service/Pro Bono Award, and the States' Best Corporate Counsel Award. The evening's master of ceremonies will be nationally known legal humorist Sean Carter.

The event will be held at The Powerhouse Events Center at 621 S. 17th

Street in Boise, Idaho.

On January 12, the chapter will host the gala ceremony at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, located on the University of Utah Campus at the Marcia & John Price Museum Building in Salt Lake City. Once again, the event will offer a chance to socialize and be entertained by Sean Carter.

The Idaho event will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and the Utah event will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

To make a reservation for either location, contact Kristie Marshall at (801) 698-6513 or email mountainwest@acc.com.

Upcoming Texas Seminar Explores Carbon And Climate Change

The University of Texas School of Law has scheduled a two-day seminar – Carbon and Climate Change – for Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18, at the AT&T Conference Center Hotel at the University of Texas in Austin.

The conference opens on Tuesday afternoon at 5 with a networking reception at the campus courtyard, where attendees can join speakers, registrants, and sponsors of the RPSEA CO2 EOR Forum and the UT Carbon and Climate Change Conference along with regulatory and legislative members and staff.

On Wednesday the conference will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn to a reception at 5:40 p.m., and on Thursday the conference runs from 8:20 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday's topics include Emerging U.S. Climate Policy and Regulation – an analysis of key provisions of recent EPA regulations and pending cap-and-trade legislation with Kenneth Berlin of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, William M. Bumpers of Baker Botts L.L.P. and Kenneth B. Medlock II

of the Rice University James A. Baker II Institute for Public Policy will discuss Understanding the Economics and Key Design Issues of Cap and Trade.

Wednesday's luncheon presenter, Carol O. Bauer, director of the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown, WV, will present a View from the Department of Energy. On Wednesday afternoon, panelists Jon Johnson of the University of Arkansas and Mark D. Newton, senior manager for environmental sustainability at Dell, Inc., will discuss Monetizing Carbon II: Corporate Strategies and Opportunities from Sustainability and Green Branding.

Thursday's luncheon presenter, Richard G. Smead, director of Navigator Consulting, Inc., will discuss the Economics and Future of Gas for Power Generation.

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