

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Texas Bar Schedules Insurance Law 2010

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled an Advanced Insurance Law Course for Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, at the Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce Street in Dallas.

The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

David D. Disiere, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, will offer Thursday's luncheon presentation – Family Feud – Ethics Presentation, and James L. Mitchell of Payne Mitchell Law Group will moderate a discussion about appealing to the courts in insurance cases. On Friday, Ernest Martin Jr. of Haynes and Boone will offer Progress-

sive Losses – The Montrose Case, and Werner A. Powers, also of Haynes and Boone, will discuss Suing Surplus Lines and Unadmitted Carriers.

Among the topics that will be discussed on Friday are Chinese Drywall: What is It? with Bruce W. Steckler of Baron & Budd, and Chinese Drywall Litigation – Coverage Issues with Veronica Martinens Bates, Hermes Sargent Bates.

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

Political Trends Affecting California Lawyers

The San Diego ACC chapter has scheduled a lunchtime CLE discussion for Thursday, March 11.

Titled Political Trends Most Relevant to California lawyers, the event will be held at AMN Healthcare, 12400 High Bluff Drive in San Diego.

Darry Sragrow and Gary Roberts, both of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, will analyze developments that will affect companies in California and around the country, including California's ongoing budget woes and the

upcoming election for governor; continued stakeholder concerns about the California economy; the national fight over comprehensive healthcare reform; and federal efforts to create jobs and address demands for finance reform.

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UT To Host Corporate Counsel Institute

The University of Texas School of Law is hosting its annual Corporate Counsel Institute on two separate dates in two locations.

On Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, the institute will be held at the Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce Street in Dallas, and on Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, it will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar Street in Houston.

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Friday.

Topics include records retention; schedule/policy; implementing compliance programs; transportation contracts and logistics; antitrust; a midstream

review; intellectual property; top 10 focus items; enterprise risk management and the practice of preventive law; and a federal regulations overview.

Among the faculty are Thomas E. Evans and Mickey R. Dragash, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Kent Newsome, Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Gregory S.C. Huffman, Thompson & Knight LLP; Errol A. Summerlin, Legal Aid of North-West Texas; William D. Marsh, Baker Hughes Inc.; and Gary L. Osborn, Ernst & Young LLP.

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University Of Texas To Explore Land Use Issues

On Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, the University of Texas School of Law has scheduled a Land Use Conference in Austin at the AT&T Conference Center Hotel at UT.

It will run from 9 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. on Friday.

Among the topics and speakers are An Updated Look at Public Improvement Districts to Promote Economic Development with Dwight A. (Ike) Shupe, K&L Gates, LLP; Avoiding the Perp Walk: Criminal Laws and Ethics in Land Use with Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha, & Bernal, P.C.; Recent Land Use Law Developments with Bruce M. Kramer, of counsel, McGinnis, Lochridge, & Kilgore, L.L.P.; and Getting What You Want: A Review of

Negotiation Skills and Ethical Issues with DeWitt F. McCarley, City of Charlotte, president of the International Municipal Attorneys Association.

On Wednesday, March 24, UT will offer a Land Use Boot Camp from 9:30 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. CLE sessions will be offered in the morning, including a Boot Camp Q&A panel discussion. At 2:15 p.m. the conference will adjourn to a bus tour of two of Austin's signature developments with commentary and discussion from master planners, developers and city officials.

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Texas Bar Schedules Water Rights Course In Austin

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled its annual Changing Face of Water Rights course for Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel.

Practitioners may come a day early, on Wednesday, April 7, for Water Rights Law 101, also at the Sheraton Austin.

The course will tackle some of the major challenges facing communities, environmentalists, and real estate developers. Presentations on Thursday include Reservoir and Surface Water Supply Issues with Steven P. Watters, PWS, Environmental Scientist with Freese and Nichols, Inc.; a Legislative Update with Bruce Wasinger, general counsel of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority; and Water Development Board: Financing and Programs with Kip Averitt, the Texas State Senate, District 22.

On Friday, a morning session titled Water Rights Enforcement and Drought Management is scheduled. The luncheon presenter, Gabriel E. Eckstein, the Texas Tech School of Law, will address Water Ethics: What Is Your Role as a Lawyer? followed by a panel discussion titled Water Supply for Land Development: Dealing with Water Utilities and Environmental Flows that Affect Water Rights moderated by Mark McPherson, the McPherson Lawfirm, and with Ingrid Karin Hansen of the Texas Water Development Board among the panelists.

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Texas Bar Examines Water Rights In Spring Seminar

The State Bar of Texas has scheduled The Changing Face of Water Rights for Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel in Austin.

On Wednesday April 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the bar will present an evening session, also at the Sheraton Austin, titled Water Rights Law 101.

The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Among the speakers and topics are a Legislative Update with Bruce Wasinger, general counsel, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority; Water Development Board: Financing and Programs with Sen. Kip Averitt, the Texas State Senate, Dist. 22; and an Overview of the GMA Process with Gregory Ellis, executive director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Dis-

tricts.

On Friday, Greg Graml, the Lower Colorado River Authority, and Leonard H. Dougal, Jackson Walker L.L.P., will discuss Water Rights Enforcement and Drought Management. The Friday luncheon presentation by Gabriel E. Eckstein, Texas Tech School of Law, is titled Water Ethics: What is Your Role as a Lawyer, and Mark McPherson, McPherson Lawfirm, will present Water Supply for Land Development: Dealing with Water Utilities and Environmental Flows That Affect Water Rights.

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University Of Texas To Hold Health Conference In Houston

On Wednesday through Friday, April 7 to 9, the University of Texas School of Law will hold its annual Health Law Conference at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston.

The conference will begin with an optional Wednesday evening session from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A health law primer and in-house counsel panel discussion about the impact of federal health care reform, the operational impact of privacy requirements and current litigation-related issues will be discussed.

On Thursday, sessions run from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and include such topics as Health Care Reform – an overview of the major elements of federal healthcare reform proposals, the recent history of the efforts by Congress to act on these matters, alternative proposals that are gaining traction and the political and market forces at play. A follow-up session to Health Care Reform will focus on the advent of Accountable

Care Organization, bundled payments and electronic medical record connectivity.

After lunch, All Eyes on Quality: The increasing Role of Quality in Federal Program Payment and Enforcement Policies will be presented by Gregory Nolan Etzel, Baker & Hostetler. Other presenters include Glen A. Reed and Adam Robinson, King & Spalding LLP; Frankie S. Louis, Texas Children's Hospital, Legal Department; and Leah Beth Stewart and Elizabeth N. Rogers, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

On Friday, sessions run from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and include Operational Impact of Significant Cases, Selected Medicare Issues of Current Interest, and Self-Disclosure of Healthcare Fraud and Abuse.

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