

## Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

### ABA Schedules Spring Business Law Section Meeting In Denver

The ABA has scheduled its spring Business Law Section Meeting in Denver this year.

The meeting will run from Thursday to Saturday, April 22-24, at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.

Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from over 50 CLE programs devoted solely to the practice of busi-

ness law, numerous committee and subcommittee meetings, exciting social events, and networking opportunities with lawyers from across the country and around the world.

Among the programs that will be offered are banking law, business and corporate litigation, business financing, community economic development,

corporate counsel, corporate governance, corporate law, cyberspace law, derivatives and futures law, employee benefits and executive compensation, pro bono, private equity and venture capital, state of securities, and federal regulation of securities.

Highlights include a diversity networking reception, a Women's Business Law Network Sweet Endings Dessert Reception, and a Pro Bono Breakfast and Committee Meeting. For those new to the profession, the meeting has planned an Institute for the Young Lawyer with nine business law basics programs and law student activities. Registration to the meeting is free to all law students.

Among the faculty are Gregory M. Giammittorio, partner, Morrison & Foerster; Frances Gauthier, of counsel, Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP; Carol D. Newman, Bryan Cave LLP; Gabe Galanda, Williams Kastner; Leianne Crittenden, chief counsel, Oracle Financing Div; Dennis Garris, Alston & Bird; and Michael W. Briggs, counsel, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

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To make a reservation, go to [www.ababusinesslaw.org](http://www.ababusinesslaw.org).

### PLI Offers Same Sex Marriage Pro Bono Program

To explain the patchwork of laws related to same sex relationships in California, PLI has planned a free program for Wednesday, March 10, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

It will be held at the PLI California Center, 685 Market Street in San Francisco.

Lawyers who represent same-sex couples, including family and estate planning lawyers, will benefit from this program, which will explain recent decisions that will affect their clients. The discussion will include rights under the California Domestic Partnership Act of 2003; the rights of those married in California before Proposition 8 and the status of foreign marriages; the effect of the Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act on non-California marriages; best practices for family and estate plan-

ning involving same sex marriage and parenting issues and the effect of the Federal Defense Marriage Act; and the national perspective on various state and federal laws and their impact on same sex marriages and marriage equivalents.

Speakers for the program include Frederick C. Hertz, Law & Mediation Office of Frederick Hertz; Deb L. Kinney, president, DLKLawGroup PC; Shannon Price Minter, legal director, National Center for Lesbian Rights; and Jennifer C. Pizer, senior counsel and marriage project director, Lambda Legal.

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

### No Glass Ceiling Task Force Schedules March Conference

The No Glass Ceiling Task Force of the San Francisco Bar Association has scheduled its first 2010 conference, "Crossing the Finish Line," for Thursday, March 25, at the BASF Conference Center in San Francisco.

The No Glass Ceiling Task Force was formed in 2001 to increase opportunities for women to serve in leadership positions in the Bay Area's legal profession. In 2005, survey results indicated that 63 percent of participating firms reported at least 25 percent women partners, and 69 percent reported having reached 25 percent for management positions, far ahead of the national average.

The No Glass Ceiling: Breaking the

Barriers 2010 initiative will be launched in 2010 with new goals and projects aimed at the retention and promotion of women attorneys.

This event, Crossing the Finish Line, is for senior associates (class of 2010 and up), junior partners (admitted to partnership since 2005) and in-house counsel. Other conferences will be scheduled for the summer and fall of 2010.

For more information, contact BASF's Yolanda Jackson at (415) 782-9000 x 8736 or [yjackson@sfbbar.org](mailto:yjackson@sfbbar.org), or contact Erin MacLeod, vice chair and project coordinator, at [erinjmacleod@yahoo.com](mailto:erinjmacleod@yahoo.com).

### Bar Association Of San Francisco Panel To Discuss Securities Litigation

The Bar Association of San Francisco has scheduled a panel discussion, Recent Developments in Securities Litigation, for Thursday, March 25, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

It will be held at the offices of Fenwick & West LLP, 555 California Street in San Francisco.

Kevin Muck, a partner at Fenwick & West, will moderate the discussion. The panel, which includes representatives from the defense bar, the plaintiffs' bar, and the SEC, will discuss trends in securities class actions: what cases are being filed and how they are being resolved; life in the post-backdating/post-credit-

crisis era; the view from the plaintiffs' bar; and recent enforcement priorities by the SEC, including the uptick in insider trading cases.

Panelists include Norman Blears, partner, Hogan & Hogan LLP; James Kramer, partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Robert Leach, branch chief, SEC; and Shawn Williams, partner, Coughlin Stoa Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP.

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### Lunch And CLE: Representing The Emerging Company

The Bar Association of San Francisco has planned a lunch and CLE event - They Grow up so Fast: Representing the Emerging Company - for Wednesday, March 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street in San Francisco.

Speakers Greg Beattie, MBV Law LLP, and Oscar Escobar, Niesar & Vestal LLP, cover the various aspects of emerging company representation,

including entity formation, founder equity and third-party relationships, early intellectual property strategies, and financing considerations and practical advice.

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### Colorado Bar Association Plans Workers' Compensation Update

On Friday, March 19, the Colorado Bar Association will hold its annual Spring Workers' Compensation Update 2010 at the CLECI Large Classroom, 1900 Grant Street in Denver.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. Highlights will include a case law update (CO Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and ICAP); evidence-based medicine and the role of the medical treatment guidelines in Colorado's Workers' Compensation System; the complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) diagnostic criteria; issue and claim preclusion in workers' compensation appeals; legal ethics; and practice issues revisited: how three recent changes in workers' compensation law are playing out in the real world.

ICAP Administrative Law Judge Curt Kriksciun will talk about issue and claim preclusion matters that often trip up workers' compensation attorneys filing appeals. The legal ethics portion will be taught through humorous skits and songs, and in the afternoon, Practice Issues Revisited is scheduled in three 20-minute presentations with Kristin A. Caruso, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP; Suzanne M. Gall, Suzanne M. Gall LLC; and Margaret D. Keck, Thomas Pollart & Miller, LLC speaking.

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### San Francisco Bar Hosts March Brown Bag Luncheon

On Tuesday, March 23, the Bar Association of San Francisco will host a brown bag luncheon to review retaliation protection under the Labor Code.

Speakers David Bell, Industrial Relations Counsel III and lead attorney for the labor commissioner's Retaliation Complaint Investigation (RCI) Unit and Holly Hayashida, also Industrial Relations Counsel III and RCI oversight, appeals process, will discuss the follow-

ing: behaviors protected by the Labor Code; labor commissioner jurisdiction as distinguished from that of DFEH; what to expect when representing a party; and common mistakes and misunderstandings.

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