

Corporate Counsel Organization Highlights

Los Angeles County Bar Honors Outstanding Corporate Counsel

On Friday, April 9, the Los Angeles County Bar will present its annual Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award to an outstanding in-house counsel who has demonstrated exceptional career achievement. This year, the award dinner will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Ave. in Los Angeles.

A reception will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the program from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the immediate past chairman of the American Hospital Association Board of Directors. As chairman, Mr. Priselac was closely involved in the development and advocacy of the AHA's recommended reform of the nation's healthcare system to address the challenges of expanded coverage,

increasing cost effectiveness, and providing more uniformly high-quality healthcare services.

The bar's award recipient is Peter E. Braveman, senior vice president for legal affairs and general counsel of Cedars Sinai Medical Center. Mr. Braveman has served Cedars Sinai since 1987 as its chief legal officer. He is a leader in the nonprofit and healthcare bars and was named a Southern California Super Lawyer in 2005 and 2006.

In keeping with the dinner's focus on public service, an award will be presented to a corporate legal department that has made a substantial commitment to providing pro bono legal services. The NBC Universal Legal Department, where the majority of in-house counsel legal staff is engaged in a portfolio of pro bono projects, will be the recipient

of this year's award. It will be accepted by Jennifer Dominitz, vice president of legal affairs for NBC Universal's West Coast TV Group and pro bono coordinator for the legal department.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards a donation to a local law school to fund a scholarship to a deserving law

student. A donation will also be made to Mr. Braveman's law school, the University of Utah College of Law.

To make a reservation, call member services at (213) 896-6560 or email msd@lacba.org.

To purchase a table, send an email to gcoleman@lacba.org.

Insurance Law Seminar Scheduled In Tucson

The State Bar of Arizona has scheduled a morning Insurance Law Seminar for Friday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the State Bar headquarters, 270 N. Church Street in Tucson.

The program will cover the following current topics in insurance law: ethical considerations of an insurance law practice, including discussion of the *Parsons* case; issues of *Morris*, *Damron* and *Helme* agreements, including recent developments; bad faith litigation; insurance litigation from the judicial perspective and summary jury

trials/ADR; and an in-depth discussion on medical liens, including Medicare.

Ted A. Schmidt, Kinerk, Schmidt & Sethi, P.L.L.C., John L. Tully, Law Offices of John L. Tully, P.C., and Hon. Carmine Cornelio, Pima County Superior Court, are among the speakers for this event.

For information see CLE Events on *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* website at www.metrocorpocounsel.com.

To make a reservation, call (520) 623-9944 or go to www.myzabar.org/CLE.

DRI To Discuss Damages In Las Vegas Seminar

DRI has selected the Vdara Hotel, 2600 West Harmon Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the site for its Damages Seminar in March.

The seminar will run from Wednesday to Friday, March 17-19, and will include tips from general counsel and in-house counsel about how to be invaluable to clients; new law and innovative presentation techniques; what today's judges are thinking; an opportunity to network with peers and clients from around the country; and CLE credits. Speakers will share creative thoughts on how to understand and manage client expectations; how to evaluate and strategize a case; how to address intangible values; new rules and junk science; how to listen and talk to juries about value and money; current trends in damages law; and how to harmonize

empathy, sympathy, ethics and justice in the courtroom and beyond.

Among the speakers are Paul Lancaster Adams, associate general counsel for Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington; Tomas J. Fernandez, senior litigation attorney for Walgreen Co. in Chicago; Guy E. Hughes, attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Lexington, Kentucky and member, DRI's Trial Tactics Committee and program vice chair; and Sidney K. Kanazawa, a partner with McGuireWoods LLP in Los Angeles and a *Los Angeles Magazine* "Super Lawyer."

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

To make a reservation, call (312) 795-1101 or go to www.dri.org.

Registration Has Begun For ACC SoCal Gala

It is time to register for ACCA SoCal's flagship event, the Annual Gala Dinner and Pro Bono Silent Auction, being held this year on Thursday, April 15, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

This year's keynote speaker is Condoleezza Rice, U.S. secretary of state from 2005 to 2009 and assistant to the president for national security affairs (national security advisor) from January 2001 to 2005. She joined the Stanford University faculty as professor of political science in 1981 and served as Stanford's provost from 1993 to 1999.

Each year the chapter raises thou-

sands of dollars to support legal service providers. This year, proceeds from the gala will benefit the Public Counsel Law Center, the Southern California affiliate of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law. The Public Counsel's Community Development Project is committed to supporting community-based organizations and businesses that strengthen low-income and underserved Los Angeles neighborhoods.

Pro bono and diversity awards will also be given at the event.

To purchase a table or individual tickets, contact Betty St. Marie at (213) 443-1105 or email socal@acc.com.

Women Lawyers Share Advice For Success

DRI's Women in the Courtroom Committee has scheduled a two-day meeting to help women lawyers maximize their potential in the courtroom, law firm and community. *Sharing Success - A Seminar for Women Lawyers* has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, at the Westin Kierland in Scottsdale Arizona.

The conference begins on Wednesday evening, March 24, at 6 p.m. with a networking reception and dinner. Thursday's sessions run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and are followed by a networking reception and dinner, and on Friday, sessions run from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The seminar will afford women lawyers the opportunity to meet and network with other female lawyers from the U.S. and Canada; to hear what in-house counsel have to say about alternative billing arrangements and how to be successful in the current economic climate; and how to improve your trial skills as a female lawyer. Attendees will learn how to handle the impossible witness, how to be successful at the "business" of being a lawyer, how to use juror perceptions of women litigators to your

advantage, and navigating the e-market maze of the 21st century.

On Thursday, Jane E. Bockus of Clark Thomas & Winters PC and Chilton Davis Varner of King & Spalding LLP will present *Leading the Trial Team as a Female Lawyer*. Arin N. Reeves of The Athens Group in Chicago will address *Generational Differences*, and Jodi R. Smith will explain why you should talk to strangers.

Mentoring for female lawyers will be presented on Friday by Sharon E. Jones, Jones Diversity Group, and will be followed by *Beyond the Billable Hour - How Companies are Changing the Way They Work with Outside Counsel* with three presenters: Bridgette A. Berry-Smith, Taco Bell Corp., Julie S. Mazza, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., and Patricia E. Ratner, Electric Insurance Co.

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LA Bar Schedules Employment Law Symposium

The Los Angeles County Bar Association has scheduled the Thirtieth Annual Labor and Employment Law Symposium for Wednesday, March 31, at the Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Ave. in Los Angeles.

Registration and breakfast begin at 7:45, and the program runs from 8:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The symposium uses panel discussions to explore cutting-edge labor and employment law issues of critical importance to attorneys, judges, neutrals, government practitioners, in-house counsel, and human resource professionals. Panelists, who are experts in their fields, will share their perspectives and ideas, and their discussions will cover opposing viewpoints and encourage questions and participation from the audience.

Among the highlights are an update on significant developments during the past year, plenary sessions on practical

issues, a keynote address by California Supreme Court Justice Hon. Carlos R. Moreno, and breakfast, lunch and a networking cocktail reception hosted by JAMS.

Specific topics and speakers include the following: *The Year in Review* with Michael A. Robbins, EXTTI, Inc., moderating a discussion about the year's most important court decisions and legislative activity; *Hearing Secrets That You Keep*, a discussion about employee privacy with Daphne M. Anneet, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP moderating; and *20 Tips for Successful Navigation of eDiscovery Requirements* with Heather A. Morgan, Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP speaking.

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