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## THURSDAY MORNING

Houston and Dallas Presiding Officer:
J. Matthew Lyons, Austin, TX

8:00 a.m.

**Registration Opens** 

Includes continental breakfast.

8:45 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks** 

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr including .25 hr ethics

# M&A From A-Z: Letter of Intent through Integration to Disposition

Our panelists have been through the M&A wars, and will share their insights regarding what keeps in-house counsel awake at night during the M&A process, including confidentiality, due diligence, personnel issues, indemnity issues, integration issues and much more.

Moderator: H. William Swanstrom, Houston, TX In Houston only: Robert B. Kinz, Houston, TX Charlene A. Ripley, The Woodlands, TX Douglas B. Whiting, The Woodlands, TX

9:45 a.m.

.75 hr

## Leases—Real Estate

A review of issues a tenant should be concerned about in negotiating office leases, commercial leases, and ground leases.

Gary M. Alletag, Houston, TX

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

.75 hr including .25 hr ethics

## **Compensation Process**

Panelists will discuss the process of setting, negotiating, and approving executive compensation; including director, office and attorney duties under state law and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; corporate communication practices between counsel and the Compensation Committee, the Board, and the auditors; stock option backdating issues; executive compensation disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission; and related issues.

Byron F. Egan, Dallas, TX Val D. Ricks, Houston, TX 11:30 a.m.

.75 hr

# What Every In-House Counsel Should Know about Insurance

General discussion of significant aspects of business insurance coverage, including a description of the basic types of business insurance, how and when to notify a carrier of a claim, how to analyze and maximize the insured's right to a defense, how to analyze "Additional Insured" issues, how to maximize recovery for settlements and judgments, and other salient and current topics.

David Taubenfeld, Dallas, TX

12:15 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Houston Presiding Officer:
Todd H. Silberman, San Antonio, TX

Dallas Presiding Officer: Stephen E. Stein. Dallas. TX

1:00 p.m.

.75 hr including .25 hr ethics

# Internal Investigations: Perspectives of a Recent SEC Insider

In the post-Enron, Sarbanes-Oxley world, Boards of Directors and Corporate Counsel are under intense pressure to ensure public companies maintain and implement policies and procedures to detect problems, and that public companies vigorously follow-up on indications of irregularity. These pressures often lead Directors and Counsel to initiate "Independent Investigations," typically led by outside counsel. There is hardly any public company which has not had to grapple with the issue of an Internal Investigation in recent years. In this environment, it is essential that Directors and Counsel be familiar with the issues and potential landmines prevalent in Internal Investigations, and the expectations of the SEC and other governmental and self-regulatory entities which could potentially scrutinize (i.e., "second-guess") the timeliness, scope, and methodology of the investigation.

Spencer C. Barasch, Dallas, TX

1:45 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

## Employee Protests, Blogs and the Like: Protected Activity or Grounds for Discharge?

Blogging in the workplace is gaining in popularity. Protect yourself from inadvertent disclosure of trade secrets and/or employee claims arising from blogs by understanding the issues and formulating a strong employment policy.

Shannon B. Schmoyer, San Antonio, TX

2:15 p.m.

.75 hr

## **Bankruptcy Nuts and Bolts**

When a customer files (or threatens to file) for bankruptcy, quick action is typically required. Areas to consider include the automatic stay; reclamation rights; intellectual property rights; etc.

Gregory G. Hesse, Dallas, TX

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.

.75 hr

## Top 10 Issues in Employment

This presentation will touch on the current top 10 Issues in the federal and state employment arena, including current developments in immigration law as it affects corporations in Texas.

Susan Sandidge, Dallas, TX Ethan E. Kaufman, New York, NY

4:00 p.m.

.75 hr including .25 hr ethics

## **Preparing a Witness**

This presentation discusses common mistakes in witness preparation and provides simple, time-tested rules for the successful preparation of a witness.

Tom Fulkerson, Houston, TX

4:45 p.m.

.75 hr ethics

# Whether "Inside" or "Outside," It is Getting Hotter

The effect of business pressure on ethical decision-making.

Thomas H. Watkins, Austin, TX

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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**Houston Presiding Officer:** Kevin M. McDonald, Houston, TX

**Dallas Presiding Officer:** Luis G. Garcia, Temple, TX

8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens** 

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1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics 9:00 a.m.

## Managing International Compliance Risks in the New Millenium

Corporate compliance with the exporting regulations, trade sanction and embargo regimes, and anti-boycott provisions of U.S. laws has become an enormous economic liability for GCs ground the country. Discover insights into where and why the post-9/11 U.S. government is able to levy enormous penalties, civil and criminal and personal and corporate from unsuspecting "business as usual" corporations. This segment will provide an overview of areas where many companies have festering noncompliance with commensurate risk. Understand why the sins of certain well-known companies might portend a similar nightmare for your company in '07 and beyond. Practical tips will be discussed regarding differing legal requirements and legal strategies for compliance with such export issues as deemed exports, anti-boycott policies, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and the basics of internal controls over the exports and the documentation and recordkeeping associated therewith.

Marian E. Ladner, Houston, TX Jay G. Martin, Houston, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

## Import/Export Compliance Issues

This program will address current developments in U.S. trade control compliance, including emerging trends in U.S. government enforcement of U.S. export controls, economic sanctions, and import regulation.

J. Scott Maberry, Washington, DC

10:30 a.m. **Break** 

.75 hr including .50 hr ethics 10:45 a.m.

## The McNulty Memorandum, or "Part III, the Return of the Lawvers"

First there was the Holder Memorandum, where the U.S. Department of Justice attempted to define what corporate cooperation might relieve a company of the threat of prosecution. Then there was the Thompson Memorandum which made waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege the

basis of cooperation. Now there is the McNulty Memorandum: Does it really give back the Privilege? Has the Department retreated? And what about cooperation and the (shudder) PAPER COMPLIANCE PROGRAM? Stay tuned.

Judah Best, Washington, DC

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

## Legislative Update

Hot topics in the legislature: What should corporate counsel expect?

J. Scott Sheehan, Houston, TX

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

**Houston Presiding Officer:** Jeanmarie B. Tade, Houston, TX

**Dallas Presiding Officer:** Mark L. Murdock, Austin, TX

## Luncheon Presentation

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.

12:15 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

## Corporate Pro Bono

How to set up pro bono services in your law department.

Thomas J. Brandt, Houston, TX Abigail G. Kampmann, San Antonio, TX Laney Vasquez, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

Tactics and strategy in mediation from the plaintiff and defendant's perspective.

Knox Nunnally, Houston, TX Mikal C. Watts, Corpus Christi, TX

1:45 p.m. **Break** 

2:00 p.m. .75 hr

## **Antitrust for the General Practitioner**

Price-gouging Investigations: Antitrust Lite? (Antitrust issues—and non-issues—in investigations of commodity price movements.) And, signs you may have an antitrust problem: traps for the unwary. (Problems lurking in commonlyencountered situations.)

Moderator: Rufus Oliver, Houston, TX Michael Fredette, Houston, TX Martin E. Loeber, San Antonio, TX

2:45 p.m.

#### Air, Waste, and Government Enforcement

The panelists will provide a basic understanding of environmental laws, regulations and trends with a focus on air, waste, and government enforcement.

Pamela M. Giblin, Austin, TX Celia J. Peressini, Atlanta, GA

3:30 p.m.

.75 hr

.75 hr

## Intellectual Property Overview: What the Generalist Needs to Know About IP

A basic understanding of IP rights is important for every corporate attorney who advises companies that develop, market, and sell products and services or license technology from others.

Irene Kosturakis, Houston, TX

4:15 p.m.

Adjourn

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