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7:45 a.m. Networking Continental

Breakfast: Registration Opens

Included in your registration fee. Don't miss the first of several networking opportunities at this year's Institute.

8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

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

Credit Facilities and Major Corporate Transactions

This presentation is intended to provide various constituencies an overview of developments and issues, including certain ethical issues, in the syndicated bank credit markets, particularly as they relate to mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations and other major corporate transactions.

Hoby Dillon, Houston, TX Roderick A. Goyne, Dallas, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

Corporate Minutes, a New Standard

In the course of deciding the Disney share-holder litigation, Delaware courts set forth best practices for boards of directors to use in evaluating and documenting their decisions. Going forward, these new standards will have significant implications for boards invoking the "business judgment" rule in defense of their actions.

Cullen M. "Mike" Godfrey, College Station, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

Current Topics In Acquisitions and Divestitures

This panel will discuss current topics in mergers and acquisitions, including the impact of private equity on customary terms and conditions, material adverse change clauses and busted deals, the impact of volatility in the credit and commodities markets, and ethical issues and lessons from some of the high-profile going

private transactions involving Texas companies like TXU, Clear Channel and Kinder Morgan.

Houston

Moderator: Keith Fullenweider, Houston, TX Jeff Cameron, Houston, TX Rishi A. Varma, Houston, TX

Dallas

Moderator: Jeffrey A. Chapman, Dallas, TX Richard A. Parr II, Toledo, OH Mark A. Solls, Addison, TX

11:45 a.m.

.50 hr

Reasons to Call Tax Counsel

Sometimes it's very obvious when you need to call a tax lawyer. Other times the key issues are subtle but significant. The key is to call early.

R. David Wheat, Dallas, TX

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LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

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12:30 p.m.

.50 hr ethics

Pro Bono Efforts by Corporate Law Departments

Corporate employees continue to make significant contributions to a variety of community needs. With the increased awareness of the need for legal resources for those who cannot afford legal services, corporate law departments are responding to another challenge in community service. Includes video presentation.

Charles W. Matthews, Irving, TX

1:00 p.m.

1.00 hr ethics

Pro Bono Opportunities for In-House Counsel

Panel presentation on varied Pro Bono opportunities available for in-house counsel.

Houston and Dallas:

Frances Leos Martinez, Austin, TX

Hong Tran, Austin, TX

Laney Vazquez, Houston, TX

Houston:

Samira A. Salman, Houston, TX

Dallas:

Michelle Alden, Dallas, TX

2:00 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

SEC Hot Topics: Developments and Disclosure Compliance

The panelists will address a variety of topics receiving special attention from the Securities and Exchange Commission, including practical tips regarding executive compensation disclosure; developments regarding shareholder involvement in proxy solutions; and "hot" issues that may be on the horizon. The panelists also will address disclosure issues and securities law developments that privately held companies face during the initial public offering process.

Moderator: Paul R. Tobias, Austin, TX Stephanie Lucie, Austin, TX Bryan Sims, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m.

.75 hr

Top Issues in Employment Law

This session features topics on no-match letters, non-competition covenants, U.S. Supreme Court decisions, EEOC trends, USERRA, class action wage and hour, and current legislative initiatives by unions.

Susan Sandidge, Dallas, TX

Houston:

Mark R. Steiner, Dallas, TX

Dallas:

W. Gary Fowler, Dallas, TX

4:00 p.m.

1.00 hr

International Compliance

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) update and import security including new data requirements – dramatic changes to corporate supply chains.

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

5:00 p.m.

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8:45 a.m.

.75 hr

Break

3:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

Environmental Law: Climate Change and Other Environmental Updates

This presentation will provide an overall perspective on current initiatives in climate change and describe the current status and trends in the carbon credits markets. Additional discussion will focus on initiatives in Texas renewable energy markets, and the role of environmental questions in customer choice and customer planning decisions. Finally, the session will touch on "green building" issues and initiatives, and describe some of the developments in this emerging area.

Moderator: Peter K. Nance, Austin, TX Les Lo Baugh, Los Angeles, CA Speaker TBD

9:30 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

Inside Out — Ethical Problems and The Corporate Attorney

Technology speeds things, regulators slow things down, costs go up. It is not the same old rodeo.

Thomas H. Watkins, Austin, TX

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

.50 hr

Anatomy of Construction Contract: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Overview of significant, frequently used contractual provisions in construction contracts and their impact on various parties involved in the construction process.

Stephen E. Ray, Chicago, IL

11:00 a.m.

75 h

Intellectual Property Update for the Generalist

This presentation will update the generalist on current events in intellectual property law, including Supreme Court case law and Patent Reform legislation and their implications for corporate counsel.

Irene Kosturakis, Houston, TX

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.50 hr including .25 hr ethics

Keynote Presentation: Current Thoughts On Sarbanes-Oxley

Michael G. Oxley, Washington, DC

12:45 p.m. .75 hr

Litigation Management and E-Discovery

One of the biggest changes resulting from the Federal Rules Amendments is the need for outside counsel to be well prepared to discuss e-discovery at the R-26(f) meet and confer with opposing counsel. This presentation will address the information needed by counsel to prepare for the meet and confer and will provide practical suggestions to clients on how they can assist counsel in preparing for the meet and confer to ensure a positive result.

Victor Luis Cardenas Jr., Houston, TX Carolyn B. Southerland, Houston, TX

1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

.50 hr

2008 Legal Requirements Under the National Labor Relations Act Impacting on Employer and Employee Rights

While the National Labor Relations Act remains unchanged, the Republican-led National Labor Relations Board has issued dramatic decisions which have changed the employer-employee-union relationship. These decisions will be addressed and practical advice will be provided on lawfully developing strategies to meet your clients' goals.

Christopher C. Antone, Dallas, TX

2:00 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m.

.50 hr

Campaign Finance

Current matters of concern to Corporate Counsel. Update on campaign contribution laws and PACs.

Steve Bickerstaff, Austin, TX

2:45 p.m.

.75 hr

The Insurance Bottom Line for 2008

The speakers will cover the most significant bottom-line insurance concepts for 2008. Some are the result of new case law and some have been around a little longer but each will affect what and how much you can recover from your insurer. For instance, can you choose your own lawyers when you are sued for a covered claim? If a carrier funds a settlement on your behalf, can it turn around and sue you to recover the amount it paid? Can the carrier attempt to recover amounts it has paid to defend you? If the carrier has a duty to defend you and fails to due so, is the carrier liable to you for an additional monetary penalty over and above the costs of defense? Get the latest on these and other current insurance issues.

Lee H. Shidlofsky, Austin, TX
David Taubenfeld, Dallas, TX

General Counsel Panel: Best Leadership Practices

Practices

Moderator: Michael P. Royal, Dallas. TX

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Charles R. Lotter, Dallas, TX Jane Mallor McBride, Plano, TX Charlene A. Ripley, Houston, TX

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4:30 p.m.

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