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Presiding Officer:

Houston: Luis G. Garcia, Temple, TX Dallas: Todd Silberman, San Antonio, TX

8:00 a.m

Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr

DHS, Treasury, and DOJ Export Enforcement - The Sky's the Limit

This session covers extraterritorial U.S. laws, U.S. sanctions, embargoes and homeland security.

Marian E. Ladner

Epstein, Becker, Green, Wickliff & Hall Houston, TX

9:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

Before and After Bankruptcy: Insolvency Risks with Critical Customers and Vendors

Bankruptcy usually, but not always, overrides contractual arrangements. How can bankruptcy risks be anticipated in negotiating and administering business contracts? If a contract party files bankruptcy, what options and opportunities does your client have post-petition? Is your client at risk for preference or fraudulent transfer claims?

George Ervin Henderson Fulbright & Jaworski LLP Austin, TX

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

.75 hr

Hey You Can't Write That in English-It's a Contract: Improving Legal Writing for In-House Counsel

Lessons from the best seller list for improving all aspects of legal writing, including contracts, memos, and correspondence.

Chad Baruch

The Law Office of Chad Baruch

Rowlett, TX

11:45 a.m.

.33 hr ethics

Pro Bono

Pro Bono developments

Luis G. Garcia

McLane Company, Inc.

Temple, TX

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Houston: Dean D. Hunt, Houston, TX Dallas: Geoffrey M. Kolander, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:05 p.m.

Pick Up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration.

12:20 p.m.

Valuable and Valued

In this economic downturn, being viewed as contributing to your organization's success is more critical than ever. Whether you are interested in a career promotion, a better job, or business development, this presentation provides practical coaching tips that will help make you more valuable and valued.

Houston:

Karyl K. Innis

The Innis Company

Dallas, TX

Dallas:

Jane McBride

Optimus Legal Management & Consulting

Plano, TX

1:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

.50 hr

The Intellectual Property Landscape: How It Is Changing and What You Need to Know

Break

There have been recent, significant changes in intellectual property laws. This presentation illuminates those changes and offers real world suggestions on how practitioners are dealing with them.

Houston:

David J. Healey

Fish & Richardson P.C.

Houston, TX

Dallas:

Thomas Bernard Walsh IV

Fish & Richardson P.C.

Dallas, TX

2:00 p.m. .75 hr

E-Discovery

A general overview.

Linda Marie Kearney

WellPoint, Inc.

Austin, TX

Sonya Sigler

Cataphora Inc.

Redwood City, CA

2:45 p.m. 50 hr ethics

Ethics: E-Discovery

Discussion of production of electronic information in response to discovery requests, including preservation of electronic documents and inadvertent production of privileged documents.

Jason Boulette

Boulette & Golden L.L.P.

Austin, TX

3:15 p.m. .75 hr

Insurance

.75 hr

The most significant bottom-line insurance concepts for 2009. Recent case law is changing the way insurers can resolve claims. The economy has people asking what protections are available to them if their insurers fail and if there are other ways to transfer risk.

David Taubenfeld

Haynes & Boone, L.L.P.

Dallas, TX

4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:15 p.m.

.75 hr ethics

The FCPA: Recent Developments, Material Trends and Uncertainties

Recent cases settled or litigated by DOJ and/ or SEC; best practices; where we stand with monitors and independent consultants after the Morford Memo; where we stand with Deferred Prosecution Agreements generally; cooperation after the Filip Memo; and the implications of all of these developments for internal investigations or counsel advising companies.

James R. Doty Baker Botts L.L.P. Washington, DC

5:00 p.m.

1.00 hr

Controlling Outside Counsel Costs

Managing the selection and use of outside counsel plus controlling costs (defining and explaining costs), assembling a team for review and managing litigation, defining a repeatable process for use in litigation, and controlling review and production.

David M. Prichard

Prichard Hawkins McFarland & Young

San Antonio, TX

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6:00 p.m. Adiourn

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8:50 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

Ethics for Deal Lawyers

When it comes to ethics in deal-making, it's anything but anything-goes. Could a tiny white lie here and a teeny puffing there mean the difference between getting the deal done and getting disbarred? These questions and more as the speakers ask: "Are you smarter than a first-year associate?"

Wilson Chu

Haynes and Boone, LLP

Dallas, TX

Barrett Reid Howell

Winstead PC

Dallas, TX

9:45 a.m.

.50 hr ethics

Americans Abroad

Federal statutes now make United States citizenship the jurisdictional predicate for prosecuting criminal conduct, even where such conduct takes place outside the boundaries of the United States, and there is no other nexus between the conduct and the country. This session studies examples of U.S. prosecution of citizens for activities conducted abroad, as well as the Constitutional limitations (if any) of such governmental action.

Judah Best Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP Washington, DC

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

.50 hr

Legislative Update Part I: The Political Horizon—What to Expect with the New President and Congress

Houston:

J. Tullos Wells

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

San Antonio, TX

Dallas:

Joseph R. Krier

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

San Antonio, TX

11:00 a.m.

.50 hr

Legislative Update Part II: Update on Legislation in the 81st Texas Legislature Impacting Corporations

J. Gaylord Armstrong McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. Austin, TX 11:30 a.m.

.50 hr including .25 hr ethics

General Counsel at Risk

Review of recent actions aimed at in-house counsel for stock option backdating and other legal and ethical lapses.

Cullen M. 'Mike' Godfrey

The Texas A&M Health Science Center

College Station, TX

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Dallas: Steve Stein, Dallas, TX

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12:15 p.m.

1.00 hr ethics

Fitting It All In: Managing Difficult Situations with Ethics and Grace

Technology keeps us tethered to the office 24/7. Clients seem to expect instantaneous response time. How do we serve our clients without sacrificing our health and sanity?

Debra L. Bruce, JD, PCC Lawyer-Coach LLC

Houston, TX

1:15 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.

.50 hr

Choice of Entity: When To Call Your Tax Attorney

Within the United States and abroad it is not just an LLC issue. When do you call your outside lawyer?

R. David Wheat

Thompson & Knight LLP

Dallas, TX

2:00 p.m.

.75 hr

Hot Employment Issues That Will (or Should Be) on Every Company's Radar Screen in 2009

This fast-paced, interactive session covers a panoply of hot employment law issues, including the new FLMA regulations, the recent amendments to the ADA, the anticipated passage of the euphemistically entitled Employee Free Choice Act and its inroads on the unionization process, reductions in force, the ever-expanding coverage of retaliation claims, severance pagckages and covenants not-to-compete.

Joseph G. Galagaza Jackson Lewis LLP

Houston, TX

Paul E. Hash

Jackson Lewis, LLP

Dallas, TX

2:45 p.m.

Indemnity Provisions: Current State of the Law for Indemnity Across the U.S.

Overview of general provisions and enforceability, trends, and pitfalls for the unwary.

Houston:

Michelle L. Hartmann

Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

Dallas, TX

Dallas:

Angela C. Zambrano

Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

Dallas, TX

3:15 p.m.

.50 hr

.50 hr

Top 10 Website Issues

A review of important considerations for any company operating a web site. Topics include regulatory compliance, privacy, web site terms of use and similar issues.

Edward A. Cavazos
Fish & Richardson P.C.

Austin, TX

3:45 p.m.

1.00 hr

General Counsel Panel

Managing and motivating inside and outside counsel.

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