

bar happenings

By Kathryn Alfisi



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Health Law Reception Addresses Viability of Health Care Act

On January 12 the D.C. Bar Health Law Section will hold a reception featuring a discussion on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a legal challenge pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The discussion will be led by Randy Barnett, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, and Simon Lazarus, public policy counsel at the National Senior Citizens Law Center. Both experts have written extensively on the questions raised by the various court challenges to the act, and they have assisted in writing amicus curiae briefs submitted to the courts addressing the constitutional challenges. Barnett is part of the legal team for the case decided by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, which is before the Supreme Court.

Stuart I. Silverman of the Office of the Inspector General for the District of Columbia will moderate the program, which takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 600 13th Street NW.

For more information, contact the Sections Office at 202-626-3463 or sections@dcbar.org.

New CLE Course Examines Cloud Computing Trend

On January 19 the D.C. Bar Continuing

Legal Education (CLE) Program will hold a new course, "Cloud Computing: The Basics and Much More," which will cover one of the hottest trends in technology impacting government agencies, corporations, and law firms.

Cloud computing technology involves accessing and using computer software, hardware capacity, and other computing resources and related services through the Internet, rather than purchasing or licensing them for installation and operation on one's own premises.

The course will provide background information about these transactions that are already dominating the delivery of technology, a discussion on managing the primary risks they raise, and a mock negotiation of a cloud computing services agreement.

Participants will learn about basic cloud computing service models and the significant issues raised by cloud computing, including data security, confidentiality, service levels, and remedies and termination.

H. Ward Classen, deputy general counsel at Computer Sciences Corporation, and Philip D. Porter, a partner at Hogan Lovells, will serve as faculty.

The course, which takes place from 6 to 8:15 p.m., is cosponsored by the D.C. Bar Arts, Entertainment, Media and Sports Law Section; Computer and Telecommunications Law Section; Corporation, Finance, and Securities Law Section; Government Contracts and Litigation Section; and Intellectual Property Law Section. It will be held at the D.C. Bar Conference Center, 1101 K Street NW, first floor.

For more information, contact the CLE Office at 202-626-3488 or visit www.dcbar.org/cle.

Law Students, Employers Meet for 10th Public Service Career Fair

On January 27 area law students and employers will get together once again

SAVE THE DATE

On January 4 the Women's Bar Association (WBA) of the District of Columbia will present a program titled "Persuading With Passion: Tips From the Top" moderated by Hollingsworth LLP's Rebecca Womeldorf and featuring some of the area's top attorneys. For more information, contact the WBA at 202-639-8880 or admin@wbadc.org.

for the annual Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair, which gives participants an opportunity to discuss local public interest and government job opportunities.

Participating organizations and agencies will hold individual interviews, conduct table talk sessions, and accept résumés.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at George Mason University School of Law, 3301 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. It is sponsored by American University Washington College of Law, Federal Bar Association, George Mason University School of Law, Howard University School of Law, The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, and University of Maryland School of Law.

For more information, contact coordinators Christina Jackson at cjackson@wcl.american.edu or Jennifer Pollard at jpollard@law.umaryland.edu.

Superior Court Seeks Applicants for Civil Mediation Program

The Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia is accepting applications until January 13 from lawyers interested in mediating in its Civil Mediation Program.

Lawyers do not need to be D.C. Bar members to be considered, but applicants who have experience litigating personal



Randy Barnett

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injury, negligence, and motor vehicle accident cases will be given priority.

Interviews and selection will be conducted throughout the application period, and the class may be filled before the close of the application period if sufficient numbers of qualified applicants are accepted before that date.

Those accepted will attend a four-day training that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 15, 16, 22, and 23. Trainees must attend the entire training.

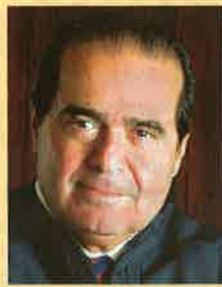
Following training, mediators will complete a mentorship with an experienced civil mediator for at least three cases. Following the completion of the training and mentorship, mediators must commit to mediating at least two mornings per month for one year. Mediation in these cases is held from 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Mediators are paid a stipend of \$50 per case after completing training and mentorship and mediating three cases pro bono.

The application form can be found at www.dccourts.gov/mediationtraining. Applications may be submitted by e-mail (the preferred method) to MultiDoor-Training@dcsc.gov or by regular mail to Karen Leichtnam, Training Manager, D.C. Superior Court, 515 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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JUSTICE SCALIA KEYNOTES WMACCA MEETING



Antonin Scalia

The Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association (WMACCA) will hold its annual meeting on January 19, featuring Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. WMACCA also will elect its new officers and directors at the meeting, which takes place from 12 to 2 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, Virginia. For more information, contact Ilene Reid at 301-881-3018, or Ilene.Reid@WMACCA.com, or visit www.wmacca.com.

January Ethics Offerings Address a Range of Topics

In January the D.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Program will offer ethics courses dealing with effective time management techniques for lawyers, post-government service, and ethics issues facing corporate counsel.

First up on January 4 is "So Little Time, So Much Paper: Effective Time

Management Techniques for Lawyers," which will teach participants how good organization and time management skills can help them attain their goals and make them more effective lawyers.

Meg Spencer Dixon of Spencer Consulting will discuss topics such as time management techniques, the power of effective goal-setting, planning on a regular basis, filing systems/information management techniques, lawyers' top 10 law practice/client service problems and how to solve them, and avoiding procrastination. The D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct also will be discussed to demonstrate how many ethical violations can be avoided by implementing these various time management techniques.

The course takes place from 6 to 9:15 p.m. and is cosponsored by the D.C. Bar Administrative Law and Agency Practice Section; Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section; Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice Section; Criminal Law and Individual Rights Section; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section; Family Law Section; Government Contracts and Litigation Section; Health Law Section; Labor and Employment Law Section; Law Practice Management Section; Litigation Section; and Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Section.

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Ethics Issues for Attorneys” on January 11 will address the important ethics issues and potential pitfalls for attorneys leaving federal government employment for the private or nonprofit sector. Even those who are not planning to leave government work will benefit from a clear understanding of postgovernment employment ethics issues, including matters an attorney may be permanently barred from working on after leaving federal service.

Participants will learn about everything from potential conflicts of interest that must be considered during and after the employment search process to rules about confidentiality and contact with one’s former government employer. Attendees will walk away with a better grasp of both the ethical standards in the applicable D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct and any relevant statutory requirements. The course also will alert participants to postgovernment employment issues on fee sharing, the Obama Ethics Pledge, and other matters dealing with employment transitions.

Peggy Love, an attorney and former deputy ethics official at the Office of General Counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Thomas B. Mason, a partner at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, will serve as faculty.

The course takes place from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. and is cosponsored by the D.C. Bar Administrative Law and Agency Practice Section; Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section; Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice Section; Criminal Law and Individual Rights Section; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section; Government Contracts and Litigation Section; Labor and Employment Law Section; Law Practice Management Section; Litigation Section; and Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Section.

“Ethics Issues Facing Corporate Counsel” on January 18 explores the unique ethics issues, including conflicts of interest, confidentiality, corporate wrongdoing, and compliance with the Sarbanes–Oxley Act requirements, that corporate counsel face.

Faculty expert Thomas E. Spahn, a partner at McGuireWoods LLP, will address such issues as the dangers of not properly identifying your exact client within the corporate entity, what to do when one of your client’s affiliates dis-

agrees with another affiliate, who owns the attorney–client relationship after a company you represent sells its stock or assets, whether a law firm can represent one of your client’s affiliates while taking a matter adverse to another affiliate, how to handle requests for privileged documents from employees and former employees of the company you represent, and the “fiduciary exception” and when it applies.

The course takes place from 6 to 8:15 p.m. and is cosponsored by all D.C. Bar sections.

“For Lawyers Who Lobby (and Their Firms): Legal Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Update” on January 26 will help District lawyers and law firms involved in lobbying activities understand the implications of recent opinions by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law and the D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Committee regarding how the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct apply to lawyers who lobby.

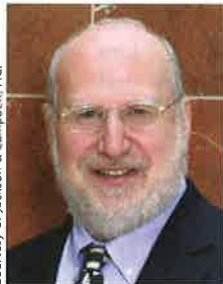
Faculty will use hypothetical scenarios to explore important issues and recent developments for lawyer-lobbyists such as when is lobbying governed by the ethics rules; the ethical implications for law firms with nonlawyers engaged in lobbying; what issues arise for law firms that lobby and have law offices in different jurisdictions; how do conflict-of-interest ethics rules apply to lobbying matters; non-waivable, personal, and other conflicts of interest that come up in the lobbying context; lobbying and the rules preventing contact with represented parties; confidentiality and attorney–client privilege in the lobbying context; and advance waivers and lobbying.

Arthur Burger, a director at Jackson & Campbell, P.C., and Albert W. Turnbull, a partner at Hogan Lovells, will serve as faculty.

The course takes place from 6 to 8:15 p.m. and is cosponsored by the D.C. Bar Administrative Law and Agency Practice Section; Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section; Government Contracts and Litigation Section; Labor and Employment Law Section; and Law Practice Management Section.

All courses will be held at the D.C. Bar Conference Center, 1101 K Street NW, first floor.

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Arthur Burger

Courtesy of Jackson & Campbell, P.C.

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On January 18 the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will hold a Library of Congress Luncheon featuring speaker Maria Pallante, the 12th United States Register of Copyrights, at the United States Library of Congress. For more information or to register, contact Matt McGhie at 202-224-6494 or matt_mcghie@slc.senate.gov.

Federalist Society Holds Faculty Conference

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies will hold its 14th Annual Faculty Conference on January 5 and 6 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW.

The conference will allow for those interested in the Federalist Society to share ideas and scholarship with one another. The conference starts at 5:15 p.m. on January 5 with a panel discussion on government ownership and corporate law post-bailout, followed by a reception from 7 to 9 p.m.

Day two of the conference starts with a continental breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. and will feature panels on public sector unions, judicial ethics, a young legal scholars paper presentation, and a luncheon debate about “The Alien Tort Statute, International Law, and the Judiciary.” The day ends with a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Anthony Deardurff at anthony.deardurff@fed-soc.org, or visit www.fed-soc.org.

Children’s Law Center Holds Special Education Attorney Training

On January 18 the Children’s Law Center (CLC) will hold a special education training session that will teach participants how to represent parents and caregivers of children with special education needs.

The training, which takes place from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., also will allow participants to learn more about pro bono work with the CLC.

Founded in 1996, the CLC is a D.C. legal services organization and the only one that provides comprehensive representation specifically on behalf of children.

For more information, visit www.childrenslawcenter.org. To RSVP to the training, contact Melanie Jaskolka at 202-467-4900, ext. 586, or mjaskolka@childrenslawcenter.org.

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