



The Greater Cincinnati  
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# The GCMCP Gazette

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## A Changing of the Guard

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#### Upcoming Events:

#### [2013 Annual Meeting](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 12th

Location: Contemporary Arts Center, 44 E. 6th Street

CLE: 1:00-4:45 p.m.

Reception: 4:45-6:30 p.m.

CLE: hours general credit pending in OH & KY

Cost: Free for members of GCMCP & \$45 non-members

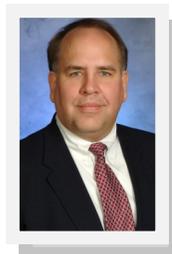
By: Richard Moore, GCMCP Co-Chair

As many of you may already know, the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program ("GCMCP") is losing its long time Co-Chair Mark Stall. Mark has accepted a new position as General Counsel of Toyota Industries North America in Indiana and will be focusing all of his time and attention on the challenges of his new position. The good news is that we will be welcoming Dave Horn AK Steel as the new GCMCP Co-Chair. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mark for all of his many contributions to GCMCP during his tenure as Co-Chair and to welcome Dave to his new role with GCMCP.

Mark has served on the Board of the GCMCP since Xpedx first joined as a member and has served as Co-Chair since 2010. From the beginning, Mark brought a tireless energy to his service on the Board and was never satisfied with the status quo. Mark always looked at the challenges the organization faced with an attitude of what can be done to overcome these issues and what can we do differently to move the organization forward. Mark has helped GCMCP grow through pursuing programming that highlights the outstanding diverse lawyers at member firms,

providing interesting and relevant programming, and actively and continuously recruiting new corporate and firm members.

For example, during his service as Co-Chair, Mark has helped revamp the marketing material for the organization, developed an innovative pricing structure for new members, and personally met with a number of representatives of corporations to recruit them as new members. As a result of Mark's efforts, the GCMCP



Mark Stall,  
GCMCP Co-Chair

welcomed eight new corporate members during his tenure as Co-Chair and two additional law firm members.

In addition to revitalizing the organization with new members, Mark has also help implement several innovative ideas to increase the exposure and interaction between diverse outside counsel and in-house counsel responsible for assigning legal work. Some of these ideas include lunch and breakfast meetings with diverse attorneys at member firms and the in-house legal teams of corporate members. These meetings allowed the in-house and outside coun-

sel to get to know each other and their practice areas in a focused and intimate setting. This is just one example of the type of ideas that Mark has brought forward to help develop relationships that are so important to attaining the mission of the GCMCP – to increase the value, volume, and significance of legal work being handled by diverse attorneys for GCMCP corporate members.

Mark's creativity, tireless energy, and dedication to the GCMCP will be sorely missed. I am certain that I speak for everyone involved in the GCMCP when I say that the organization owes Mark its endless gratitude for his efforts over the last three years. We all wish Mark the best in his new position and hope we can continue to count him as a friend of the GCMCP.

Although we will miss Mark's leadership – when one door closes, another door opens. With Mark's departure, we have the opportunity to welcome Dave Horn as the new GCMCP Co-Chair. Dave is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of AK Steel Corporation. He joined AK Steel in 2000. Prior to that, he was a partner in the Cincinnati law firm Frost Brown Todd LLC, where he was a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He holds a Bachelor's degree from

## A Changing of the Guard (Continued)

Yale University and a Juris Doctorate degree from the Vanderbilt University School of Law, from which he graduated Order of the Coif.

Since AK Steel joined the GCMCP, Dave has shown the kind of top-level leadership that the organization needs to fulfill its mission. In addition to his work with GCMCP, Dave is currently a member of the Board of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Mercy Health Foundation. He also is a member of the Adviso-



**Richard Moore,**  
GCMCP Co-Chair

ry Board of the Cincinnati Child Health-Law Partnership. He is a past board member of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati Opera Association, and the University of Cincinnati

Center for Information Technology and Law. As you can see, Dave



**Dave Horn, Incoming**  
GCMCP Co-Chair

has plenty on his plate and we appreciate his willingness to add the GCMCP Co-Chair position to his many leadership roles.

I want to again thank Mark for his service and I look forward to working with Dave in continuing to move the GCMCP

forward in 2014.

*Richard L. Moore is a partner with Frost Brown Todd in their Labor and Employment Group. Richard is also a Co-Chair of the GCMCP.*

## Recap: GCMCP 3rd Quarter CLE Program

By: Pramila Kamath

The GCMCP held its second CLE event this year on September 26, 2013, which was generously hosted by Frost Brown Todd at their office in the Great American Tower.

The CLE featured several presentations from local attorneys. Jennifer Morales, Brandi Stewart and Joe Lehnert of Keat-

ing, Muething & Klekamp, Pramila Kamath of Bricker & Eckler, Dianna Anelli of Anspach Meeks Ellenberger, and Todd Bailey of Frost Brown Todd.



L to R: Todd Bailey, Frost Brown Todd; Danyel Wiley; Juan Holloman; Candice Thomas; Christine Wheatley, The Kroger Co; Tenechia Lockhart



Pictured: GCMCP Co-Chair Richard Moore, Frost Brown Todd & Remington Jackson

Pictured: Brandi Stewart, Keating, Muething & Klekamp, presenting at CLE event



Two presentations focused on litigation issues that affect both corporate counsel and outside counsel. One presentation discussed best practices in responding to subpoenas and upcoming changes to Rule 45 of the Federal Civil Rules of Procedure. Another presentation discussed False Claims Act litigation including best practices for limiting exposure to such litigation and tips for how to handle False Claims Act lawsuits in a timely and cost efficient manner.

## GCMCP 3rd Quarter CLE Recap (Continued)

The CLE also offered an ethics presentation and a substance abuse presentation.

Following the CLE, GCMCP members and diverse law students from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law met to network and mingle at a cocktail reception sponsored by the GCMCP and BLAC. The cocktail reception was well attended and gave the students an oppor-

tunity to meet with local practitioners, discuss their practice areas of interest, and start building professional relationships.



Pictured: Pramila Kamath presenting at CLE event

## GCMCP Happy Hour at Kaze

By: Roshani Hardin

On October 17, the GCMCP held a fall social event at Kaze on Vine Street, a Japanese GastroPub and sushi bar that opened in early 2013 in the Gateway Quarter. The restaurant/bar is located in the beautifully renovated Cincinnati Color Building, a distinctive Cincinnati landmark and an excellent addition to the recent Vine Street resurgence.

The GCMCP happy hour took place in Kaze's private bar room, and all attendees enjoyed excellent sushi and libations of many sorts in the vibrant and contemporary setting. The bar's ambience is minimalist brick

with enormous red paper lanterns as accents, and it features several large TVs showing Japanese anime movies and quirky Japanese television shows.



Pictured left to right: Richard Crosby and Jennifer Morales

According to attendee Renee Filiatraut, "It was a festive evening with a good turnout from both in-house counsel and attorneys from the private firms. We were happy to see friends that we hadn't seen in a while."

GCMCP members were able to mingle and enjoy the autumn evening with their colleagues. Extending a pleasant night, several GCMCP members stayed after the event to enjoy dinner at Kaze with family and friends. A special thanks to John J. Williams for organizing the Kaze happy hour, and please stay tuned for further GCMCP social

## *Dinsmore & Shohl's Umar Bakhsh named to Lawyers of Color Hot 100 List*

Dinsmore & Shohl is pleased to announce that Umar Bakhsh has been named to the Lawyers of Color Hot 100 List. The list recognizes 100 minority attorneys under the age of 40 from the Midwest.

Bakhsh was selected through a two-pronged process that indicated nominations and research. Bakhsh is an associate in the Intellectual Property Department and focuses his practice



Umar Bakhsh,  
Dinsmore & Shohl

on patent preparation, prosecution, and litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Bakhsh practiced as an Engineer at Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., where he gained experience with electrical component technology and mechanical design of

manufacturing equipment.

Bakhsh earned his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

## **GCMCP Welcomes New Members: Faruki Ireland & Cox and Fujitec**

The GCMCP would like to welcome two new members to the organization: Faruki, Ireland & Cox and Fujitec America. Brian Wright will serve as board representative for Faruki, while Darryl Mitchell will represent Fujitec.

Mr. Wright focuses his practice primarily on commercial litigation matters. Mr. Wright represents publicly traded companies, privately held companies, and individual clients in complex business disputes in both federal and state courts, and alternative dispute

Darryl Mitchell joined Fujitec America as Chief Legal Counsel in September 2012, and was promoted to Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary in August 2013. He is responsible for management of the Legal, Human Resources and Safety departments in addition to functioning as the Company's Corporate Secretary.

He has several years of global legal business experience in executing complex international transactions in various industries, including aviation, equipment leasing, information technology, finance and manufacturing. He also has significant experience in managing domestic and international compliance, environmental, intellectual

resolution proceedings throughout Ohio and the United States.

He has been selected as an Ohio Rising Star by the Law & Politics Magazine each year from 2006 to 2013, and was chosen as one of the top 40 business professionals under the age of 40 in the Miami Valley in 2007 by the Dayton Business Journal.



Brian Wright  
Faruki, Ireland & Cox

He is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Dayton and a fellow in the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL Class XV).

He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law and Baldwin-Wallace College.

property, labor and employment, and merger and acquisition matters.

In addition, Mr. Mitchell has extensive experience working at the executive level of publicly traded corporations and private entities. He has held positions of significant responsibility with GE Aircraft Engines, GE IT Solutions, Inc., CompuCom Systems, Inc. and Harsco Corporation prior to joining Fujitec America.

Mr. Mitchell earned his B.A. in Computer Science from Columbia University and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College Of Law.

# 2013 Annual Meeting

## "General Counsels Leading the Way"

*You are cordially invited to attend the GCMCP Annual Meeting featuring ...*

**Michael R. McAlevey, Vice President and General Counsel Legal Operations and Business Development, GE Aviation**

*CLE Program, Awards and Cocktail Reception*

Agenda:

12:30p.m. - 12:55p.m. - Registration

1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. - **Michael R. McAlevey, Vice President and General Counsel Legal Operations and Business Development**

2:00p.m. - 2:20p.m. - Co-Chair remarks and award presentation

2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m. - *"The Evolving Needs and Expectations of In-House Counsel in an Age of Heightened Compliance."*

General Counsel Panelists:

**Moderator: Prof. Sean Mangan, Associate Professor of Practice, University of Cincinnati College of Law**

**Ned Greene, Chief Legal Officer & Secretary, Vantiv, Inc.**

**David Horn, EVP, GC and Secretary, AK Steel Corporation**

**Alan Tse, EVP & General Counsel, Churchill Downs**

3:45p.m. - 4:45p.m. - *"Looking into the Crystal Ball - Where is the Relationship Between Inside and Outside Counsel Heading?"*

General Counsel Panelists:

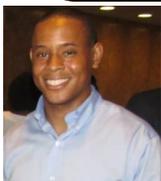
**Moderator: Renee Filiatraut, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation, AK Steel Corporation**

**Kenya Faulkner, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, University of Cincinnati**

**Julie Janson, EVP, Chief Legal Officer & Corp. Secretary, Duke Energy**

**Mark Stall, General Counsel, Toyota Industries**

4:45p.m. - 6:30p.m. - Cocktail Reception



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