



Chapter News



Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

Our April meeting will occur on April 22, 2008, and our speaker is Tom Rosseland of Bodker, Ramsey, Andrews, Winograd & Wildstein, P.C. He will be speaking about "Leveraging Trade Secret Laws to Increase a Company's Corporate Value." This topic is a great example of how accounting and business operations come together.

At this meeting, we will also be honoring students and educators who represent the future of the accounting profession. The Atlanta Chapter will be paying for the lunch of accounting students who RSVP, so if you know of a full time accounting student who would benefit by attending the meeting, please remember to send a copy of this newsletter to them. We're sure you and they will enjoy the meeting, and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Atlanta Chapter officers continue to give thought to the question: What does the Atlanta Chapter mean to you, and how can you use it to grow professionally? We are working to help you make progress related to continuing education and developing your professional network and career path, and have fun in the process. We also work to provide a comfortable environment for students as they advance to enter our profession. As we move toward these goals, we see a need for members to join the leadership team to help us carry out the initiatives of education and professional development, and we welcome your ideas. If you want to be involved this year, reach out to any of the chapter officers or committee chairs. We'll be happy to help you find a position to best help you achieve your goals.

Thanks,
Michael Levine

Chapter Meeting Information

Meeting Information

Date: April 22, 2008

Location: Vintage Room, Renaissance Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta (conference room adjacent to buffet line on street level of hotel)

Time: 12 p.m. (please arrive 20+ minutes early for registration)

Cost: \$20 cash or check (includes lunch and 1 hour of CPE credit)

Speaker: Tom Rosseland

Topic: Leveraging Trade Secret Laws to Increase a Company's Corporate Value

GSCPA Atlanta Chapter meetings are open to professionals with interest in the topic being discussed. The meetings also happen to be great opportunities to meet other professionals. If you know of someone who would benefit by attending this month's meeting, please forward this invitation to them with a request to RSVP.

Please forward your reservations/cancellations via email ASAP to:

[Kris Clark](#), Atlanta Chapter Secretary

Complimentary valet parking is available at the Renaissance main entrance for those attending the Atlanta Chapter meeting.

Speaker's Biography

Thomas Rosseland represents clients engaged in all areas of business, including heavy equipment financing and leasing companies, retail and wholesale distribution businesses with credit facilities, and importers of high quality and high-value products for the consumer and business markets. These clients are based in and operate on the local, regional, national as well as international level. Over the past 21 years of legal practice, Mr. Rosseland has worked with and successfully handled a wide array of complex legal matters for individual and corporate clients, with a dedicated focus on achieving client goals timely and efficiently. Mr. Rosseland is committed to each client and views each matter as an opportunity to demonstrate a level of dedication and persistence that serves to strengthen the relationship with the client and to justify their confidence in the Firm. Early in his career, Mr. Rosseland served as in-house counsel for Exxon Corporation (now ExxonMobil). Mr. Rosseland's experience as in-house counsel for a global corporation has provided him with a unique sensitivity to needs of business clients and their in-house counsel.

Mr. Rosseland serves on the Board of Directors and is Chairman of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce (Georgia Chapter). He is a member of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Atlanta Chapter. Mr. Rosseland also serves on the Board of Directors of his homeowners' association, is pro bono legal counsel to several nonprofit cultural and charitable organizations, and volunteers in community service activities through his church.

2008 Meeting Schedule

May 20, 2008 - Tom Ledford "Identifying and Overcoming Challenges of Selling a Business in Today's Environment"

June 17, 2008 - Jason Hoffman – Topic TBD

July 15, 2008 - TBD

August 19, 2008 - TBD

September 16, 2008 - Stuart Johnson (moderator) "Private Equity Update"

October 21, 2008 - TBD