



Chapter News



Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

Thank you, the members of the Atlanta Chapter, for the opportunity to serve as president for the second term of fiscal year 2007-2008. I am very happy about the programs we have scheduled for this year, and others that are about to be added to the calendar. I've received many positive comments from members and guests about the quality of speakers our chapter attracts. If you haven't come to a meeting in a few months, or even years, reserve lunchtime on August 21, September 18, and/or October 16 to enjoy lunch with us.

I also want to thank Gary Austin, Kris Clark, and J.T. Moore for their service as officers, and Michael Broughton and George Ambler for their service as committee chairs. As our chapter continues to evolve, we see great opportunities to add value to the profession and the Georgia Society of CPAs. We also see a need for members to join the leadership team to help us carry out the initiatives of education and professional development, and look forward to 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 find position which will help you achieve your goals.

Thanks,
Michael Levine
Atlanta Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

Meeting Information

Date: August 21, 2007

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, etc.)

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

Speaker: Robert F. Dow, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP

Topic: Option Backdating and Other Timely Reporting Issues

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.

Speakers' Biographies

Robert F. Dow

Mr. Dow is a partner of the firm, whose practice is primarily focused on securities and transactional matters including mergers, acquisitions, initial and other public offerings, and venture capital financing. Mr. Dow advises public and private companies on corporate governance issues and SEC compliance issues. Mr. Dow is a CPA with experience as a financial analyst, corporate controller and "Big 4" auditor.

Mr. Dow also serves as the Pro Bono Chair for the firm, coordinating the firm's numerous pro bono programs. In that connection, Mr. Dow is an active participant in the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program.

Chapter Announcements

The Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL) and the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (GSCPA) will be co-hosting a mixer from 6 - 8 p.m. on August 28 at Gordon Biersch (848 Peachtree Street, NE). This is a great opportunity for you to network with people in complementary professions in a relaxed and fun environment! The cost to attend is \$15, which includes plenty of terrific appetizers and one free drink ticket. You may register for this event [online](#), or you may pay at the door if you prefer. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact [Kathy Harrington](#) at 770-914-1413.

2007 - 2008 Meeting Schedule

September 18 - Stuart Johnson - Panel Discussion - M&A and Capital Markets Update

October 16 - Michael Blake - Valuation Topics & Techniques: An Executive Summary