



Chapter News and Events



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Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the Buckhead Club located in the Sovereign Building. This meeting will be our annual Middle Market Private Equity/Mergers and Acquisitions Update. The moderator will be Stuart Johnson from Barnes & Thornburg. I am sure the panel will provide a fresh perspective on deals in this difficult environment. I encourage you to invite some friends to attend.

Also, I want to thank those who attended last month's meeting. Due to part of Buckhead being blocked off unexpectedly, we had a networking-oriented meeting for those who were able to attend. Our speakers, Tim Pollock and Charles Beaudrot, have agreed to speak to the Atlanta Chapter in September.

Information about the Buckhead Club (including directions and maps) can be found [here](#). Note that the cost of the meeting is \$25 which includes complimentary parking (either valet or self parking).

As always, we invite you to give us feedback on how we are doing. We are also interested in mentoring additional leaders who would like to join our management team. We'll be happy to help you find a position to best achieve your goals.

Regards,
Michael Broughton
Atlanta Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

Date: August 18, 2009

Location: The Buckhead Club located in the Sovereign Building at 3344 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 2600, Atlanta, Georgia 30326

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

Cost: \$25 check preferred, cash accepted (includes lunch and 1 hour of CPE credit)

Moderator: Stuart Johnson from Barnes & Thornburg

Panelists: Babette Henagan, Managing Director, Linx Partners

Ira Moreland, Private Equity Investor

Andy Mason, Managing Director, VRA Partners

Brian Corbett, Managing Partner, CCG Advisors

Joe Longosz, Managing Director, Golub Capital

Kurt Putkonen, Senior Vice President, PNC Business Credit

Topic: Come and hear a panel of private equity, investment banking, and lending experts discuss the state of the private equity/mergers and acquisitions market for middle market companies. In a difficult economic environment, what deals are being done, and in what fashion? How are companies currently being valued? What kinds of deal structures are being used? What is the profile of a company that is in demand in the current environment? If you're a principal of a middle-market company or you

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August 26-27, 2009

Georgia International
Convention Center
College Park, GA

work with middle-market clients, you will not want to miss this discussion.

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:
Chet Hosch, Atlanta Chapter Secretary, at chosch@swfillp.com.

Complimentary valet or self-parking is available at The Buckhead Club garage for those attending the Chapter meeting.

Speaker's Biography

Stuart Johnson, Partner
Barnes & Thornburg, LLP

Stuart Johnson is a partner in the Atlanta office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he is a member of the firm's business department. His practice focuses on counseling growth-oriented middle market businesses on strategic transactional activity and general business matters. He has specific experience in transactions involving private equity and venture capital investors.

Mr. Johnson has authored and been quoted in numerous articles relating to merger and acquisition trends and activities, particularly those related to growth-oriented businesses and private equity transactions. He has organized and participated in business growth and business expansion programs sponsored by institutions such as the Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, the Georgia Society of CPAs, the Atlanta Business School Alliance, the Technology Association of Georgia, Lorman Educational Services, and the Academy of Management.

Mr. Johnson is involved in a number of other professional organizations, including the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), the State Bar of Georgia's Corporate Law and Taxation Sections, the Technology Association of Georgia, the Turnaround Management Association and the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, Committee on Venture Capital & Private Equity, Negotiated Transactions and its Subcommittee on Mergers & Acquisition Market Trends. He is a founding sponsor representative for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Corporate Growth at Emory University. He has also been a member of the planning committee for the Southeastern M&A Forum, and a faculty member for the Alliance for Mergers and Acquisitions Advisors' Certified Mergers and Acquisitions Advisor credentialing program.

Mr. Johnson received his B.A. with distinction in 1982 from the University of Virginia and his M.A. (Economics) in 1986 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In 1987, he earned his J.D. from the University Of Virginia School of Law, where he was named to the Order of the Coif. He is admitted to practice law in the state of Georgia.

a.m., at the offices of AGG 171 17th Street, N.W., Suite 2100, Atlanta, GA.

TOPICS

- . Risk management for small companies.
- . Fiduciary duties of the board.
- . Special reporting issues for smaller companies.
- . Restrictions and limitations on trading OTC stock.

- . SEC enforcement priorities.
- . Dealing with lenders.
- . Managing investor relations.
- . Choice of exchange/quotation system.
- . Valuation Issues (No Man's Land).
- . Going Private Issues.
- . Capital raising alternatives.

PANELISTS

- . Robert Dow, JD, CPA, CMA, Partner
Arnall Golden Gregory LLP
- . Rick Eiswirth, former director and special committee chairman on going private transaction for Color Imaging, Inc.
- . Michael Golden (moderator), Partner
Arnall Golden Gregory LLP
- . Graham Loomis, Trial Counsel, SEC
- . Seth McDaniel, CPA, Partner
Frazier & Deeter LLP
- . Michael Siegel, Managing Director
Houlihan Lokey

REGISTRATION

- . Please register [online](#) by Thursday, August 20th.
- . Cost is only \$30. Attendees are eligible for 2 hours of CPE credit.
- . For more information, please contact [Robert Dow](#).

Presented By: Institute of Management Accountants, Arnall, Golden & Gregory, LLP and the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs

2009 Meeting Schedule

September 15, 2009 - Tim Pollock and Charles Beaudrot, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP on "Loan Workouts and Debt Restructuring in Today's Economy"

October 20, 2009 - Ed Baker, Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Business Update"

January 19, 2010 - Mark Zyla, Acuitas, Inc. on "Valuation Matters"

February 16, 2010 - Dawn Ely, "The Critical Steps in Handling Your Distressed Real Estate Assets"

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