



GSCPA Atlanta Chapter July 2006 Meeting

Date: July 18, 2006

Place: Renaissance Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta

Location: Conference room adjacent to buffet line on street level of hotel

Time: 12:00 noon (**Please arrive 15 minutes early for sign-in and payment**)

Cost: \$20 (**includes lunch and 1 hr of CPE**)

Topic: ** Knowing the Changing Rules of the Road with Insolvent Clients or Customers: How to Get (and Stay Paid) and Avoid Getting Sued as well as Understanding the Implications of Your Client's or Customer's Actions**

Speaker: **Robert M.D. Mercer**, Partner of Powell Goldstein, a Leading Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Law Firm. He specializes in Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Securities, Corporate & Fiduciary Litigation Special Matters & Investigations (see Bio below)

Topics to be covered:

- I. How the zone of insolvency changes the rules of the road.
- II. The attorney-client privilege rules can be waived by a trustee in a bankruptcy.
- III. It is important for accountants, who are frequently the target of lawsuits by bankruptcy trustees, to understand key issues and to understand how to get (and stay paid) by an insolvent client.

GSCPA Atlanta Chapter meetings are open to professionals with interest in the topic being discussed. 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:

Michael Levine, Atlanta Chapter President, at: mlevine@advantagetalentinc.com

For Directions to the Renaissance Hotel [click here](#).

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

2006-2007 Schedule of remaining Meetings (Mark your calendars now)

July 18 - Robert Mercer - Knowing the Rules of the Road with Insolvent Clients and Customers: How to Get (and Stay Paid) and Avoid Getting Sued as well as Understanding the Implications of Your Client's or Customer's Actions

August 15 - David Nour - Relationship Economics

September 19 - Panel Discussion - M&A and Capital Markets Update

October 17 - TBD

November - Fall Dinner Speaker Event

December - No Meeting

January 16 - TBD

February 20 - TBD

March 20 - TBD

April 17 - TBD

May 15 - TBD

Robert M.D. Mercer (Bio)

Powell Goldstein

Partner

Robert M.D. Mercer is a Partner in the Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Group who concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy law, bankruptcy litigation and commercial litigation. His experience includes representation of corporate debtors, trustees, creditors and creditors' committees in Chapter 11 cases. Mr. Mercer's experiences also include representing parties in purchasing significant assets from bankruptcy estates. He also has substantial experience in dealing with intellectual property in a bankruptcy setting.

In the trial context, Mr. Mercer's recent experience includes the successful representation of a DIP lender that extended postpetition financing to the largest Vidalia onion grower. As lead trial counsel, Mr. Mercer successfully defended the proposed financing in a lengthy evidentiary hearing in the face of numerous objections, including the allegation that the proposed financing constituted impermissible forward cross collateralization. The bankruptcy court and, on appeal, the district court ruled in favor of Mr. Mercer's client.

In another matter, Mr. Mercer represented an indenture trustee of \$90 million of municipal bonds. As lead trial counsel on behalf of the indenture trustee, Mr. Mercer successfully opposed efforts by judgment creditors in federal district court for the appointment of a receiver. Mr. Mercer also represented the indenture trustee in a subsequent Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy of the debtor.

Mr. Mercer serves on the Board of Directors for the Associates Campaign, an organization that raises money to support various pro bono legal organizations.

Mr. Mercer has been selected as a 2005 Georgia Super Lawyers' **Rising Star**

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