



# Chapter News



North Atlanta Chapter - In It's 29th Year

July 2008

[www.gscpa.org](http://www.gscpa.org)

[Unsubscribe](#)

## Meeting Details

**When:** July 17, 2008

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel NW Atlanta off Windy Hill Road. From I-75 in Cobb Co. go west on Windy Hill Road (exit #260). Hotel driveway will be on your right located between Popeye's Chicken and Wachovia Bank. Phone: 770-272-9441.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. registration, 6 p.m. First Speaker, 7:30 p.m. Second Speaker

**Cost:** Students \$15, \$25 for chapter members, with a \$5 member discount available if registered by Monday, July 14th.

**To Register:** Send email to [nacgscpa@yahoo.com](mailto:nacgscpa@yahoo.com) or visit the North Atlanta Chapter's web page at [www.gscpa.org](http://www.gscpa.org). From the meeting registration link, scroll down the list of meeting dates & select the appropriate date. Remember to include (1) your name, (2) GSCPA member number and (3) a contact phone number.

**Dinner Buffet:** Garden salad with Dressing, Asian Cole Slaw, Smoked BBQ Chicken, Braised Short Ribs, Sweet Potato Au Gratin, Haricot Vert (French Green Beans), Orange and Bittersweet Chocolate Cake, Rolls and Butter, Coffee & Ice Tea

### Speaker Before Dinner: (1 hr CPE):

Thomas E. Ledford of the Lenox Group will present a topic titled "Challenges of Selling a Business in Today's Environment". Mr. Ledford is a 25 year veteran in the investment banking industry. His career has been highlighted by significant capital raising experience for middle market companies. Prior to Lenox, Tom was a Managing Director for Legacy Securities Corp., where he was co-head of the firm's Basic Industries Group and a senior member of the Healthcare and Hospitality Groups. He was actively involved in both capital raising and M&A engagements. Tom has also had significant experience in real estate and oil and gas ventures. Prior to joining Legacy, Tom was founder and served as President of Ledford Securities Corporation for 12 years which focused on capital raising for southeastern companies. Tom was also Vice President with Equitable Securities Corporation directing corporate finance and real estate finance activities. From 1973 until 1979, Tom served as the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

### Speaker After Dinner: (1 hr CPE):

Our speaker after dinner will be Gregory Bartko, founder and chief executive of Capstone Partners L.P. speaking on Legal and Practical Issues in Selling Businesses. Mr. Bartko, has over 26 years experience practicing as an attorney, with special emphasis in corporate securities and regulatory law, both at the state and federal level.

For several years, Mr. Bartko advised corporate clients seeking to tap the capital markets from the environment of national and international law firms. He is particularly experienced in advising clients on securities regulatory matters, structuring private and public offerings, preparing and filing offering documents and registration statements with state and federal securities regulators. Mr. Bartko prides himself in delivering hands-on corporate finance advice and services to business enterprises. He serves on a day-to-day basis as a principal of the firm and holds Series 7, 24 and 63 NASD licenses.

As chief executive officer of Capstone Partners, Mr. Bartko also practices corporate and a security law in Atlanta, Georgia as a sole practitioner and routinely represents corporations desiring to conduct public offerings and those that already are public companies trading their securities on one or more national securities exchanges.

Prior to becoming an officer and principal in his own firm Mr. Bartko was a partner at Glass, McCullough, Sherrill & Harrold, in Atlanta, Georgia. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Bartko was a partner at Graham & James', Raleigh, N.C. and Atlanta, Georgia. His primary responsibilities included all corporate, securities, mergers, acquisitions, and joint venture activities at the firm. From 1989 to 1992, Mr. Bartko was a partner with Reynolds, Bryant, Patterson & Covington, P.A., and Raleigh, N.C., a research triangle-based law firm with emphasis on a securities and commercial law practice. Responsibilities there included representation of public and privately -held emerging growth companies as well as large North Carolina-based bank holding companies and performing similar duties as with current firm.