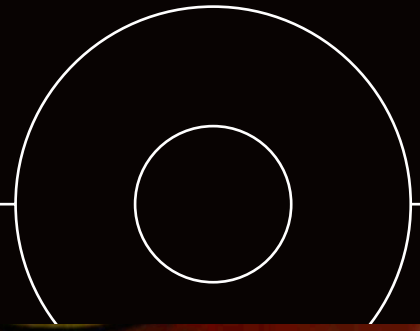


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The member firms of ALFA International invite you to please join us at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago for the ALFA International Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar. We are very excited about this unique seminar which will differ from most other ALFA seminars in that it will focus on jointly developing solutions to "real-life" legal and business problems. At the start of each half-day session, the ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group will present a hypothetical business problem, and the clients and ALFA lawyers in attendance will consider the problem and brainstorm appropriate solutions during a series of structured round-table discussions, which will be moderated by table leaders who will be responsible to keep the discussion lively and productive. There will be two different rounds for each hypothetical so that the clients and lawyers will have an opportunity to participate in the discussion of two separate topics. On Thursday afternoon, the group will focus on a crisis situation, and the objective of the round-tables on Thursday will be to develop best practices, check-lists and approaches for managing the crisis. On Friday morning, the group will discuss development of a National/Regional Model for Managing Litigation through the ALFA network, and will include coordination of litigation among multiple firms, rate and billing issues, and sharing of work product and use of single vendors. At the conclusion of the round tables on both days, each table leader will report the findings to the group. Following the conclusion of the program, the round table leaders will then prepare a White Paper describing the conclusions and solutions which will be circulated to the clients and lawyers who participated in the program. The ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group sees this program as a unique opportunity to focus on real-world legal and business issues in an interactive setting, and will allow ALFA clients to interact with their colleagues while at the same time receiving the benefit of analysis by outside counsel. Again, we hope to see you in Chicago for the 2012 ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar!

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

REGISTRATION & LUNCH

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Grand Ballroom C

WELCOMING REMARKS & PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
Grand Ballroom A & B

Michael J. Murphy
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THINK TANK CRISIS MANAGEMENT

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Grand Ballroom A & B

You are the General Counsel for a publicly traded company in the process of developing a new product that will have a dramatic impact in the industry. Although the company's disclosures about the product have created a "buzz" on the street, the product development process is behind schedule and an outside research group is questioning whether the product will ever be ready for market, two facts which the CEO and CFO have kept from the public. To make matters worse, they became romantically involved with each other and decided to engage in a clandestine plan to inflate the company's reported earnings in an attempt to maintain its stock price. When the romance went south, the CFO leaked the story to the press. The company's stock is now dropping precipitously, the FBI and Justice Department are snooping around, and 26 state attorney generals are pounding on the company's door. It is Tuesday afternoon and a reporter from The Wall Street Journal is on the phone seeking your comment on the story that will run in two days. What will you do?

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Round 1**
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Break**
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Round 2**
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Round Table Report**

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WOMEN'S INITIATIVE COCKTAIL RECEPTION

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | The Cafe

Women attendees are invited to arrive for dinner a bit early in order to make connections with their female counterparts at this special cocktail reception. Please join attending women ALFA International attorneys and corporate counsel for a meet-and-greet before the dinner buffet begins.

Teresa "Terri" Kimker
*Women's Initiative Practice
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DINNER BUFFET

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
Season's Ballroom

Catch up with your colleagues over cocktails and a dinner buffet in the beautiful Season's Ballroom at the Four Seasons.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

BREAKFAST BUFFET

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Grand Ballroom C

THINK TANK DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL/REGIONAL MODEL FOR MANAGING LITIGATION

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Grand Ballroom A & B

You work in the Office of the General Counsel for a public company which has been growing rapidly both in terms of revenues and additional offices nationwide. The company has long-standing relationships with law firms for its corporate, securities, and tax work. Like the growth of the company itself, the company's legal bills also have been growing rapidly as a result of an upsurge in litigation around the country. In the past, the Office of General Counsel has retained the best local firms it could find wherever litigation was filed. However, many of the firms had a steep learning curve regarding the company's business operations and the specific legal issues facing the company, and the legal bills reflect that learning curve. The Board of Directors has instructed the Office of the General Counsel to reduce the amount of money the company is spending on lawyers, particularly for litigation. In turn, you have been asked to draft a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to send to a select number of law firms which includes all the criteria necessary to select the right firms, as well as a plan for the company to work closely with the chosen firms to effectively manage the company's litigation and reduce costs. Likewise, you have been asked to prepare a memorandum regarding how the company should most effectively and appropriately work with the selected firms to achieve the Board's directive. The draft RFP and plan must be delivered to the General Counsel in one week. Where do you start, and what issues are likely to be of primary concern to you in preparing the draft RFP and the plan?

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Round 1
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Round 2
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Round Table Report

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Grand Ballroom A & B

LUNCH BUFFET

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Grand Ballroom C

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ARCHITECTURE RIVER CRUISE AND DINNER

(See Insert) Advanced registration is required.

WHAT IS ALFA INTERNATIONAL?

ALFA International is a network of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 145 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 60 non-U.S. based firms) employing over 9,000 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Latin America, South America, Africa, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International's basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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