

**Donald Rapson Dinner**  
**August 7, 2008**

**INVITATION AND RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Please join in an evening event (cocktails followed by a dinner) in honor of the memory of our late colleague and friend Donald J. Rapson on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at the Yale Club of New York City. The evening, sponsored by the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers, the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys and The CIT Group, Inc., will take place on the eve of the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in New York. A seat at the dinner requires a payment of \$125 by March 21. Your prompt reservation will greatly facilitate planning and arrangements. Details on how to make your reservation are provided below.

As many of you know, Don served for many years as the assistant general counsel at The CIT Group, Inc, but he is primarily remembered by so many of us for his exceptional contributions to commercial law reform and the nurturing of younger lawyers in the commercial law field. For nearly two decades Don was an American Law Institute representative on the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code, where he oversaw the development of a series of PEB commentaries aimed at clarifying and improving the understanding of various provisions of the UCC. He also served as an American Law Institute representative on several drafting committees engaged in updating and revising the UCC, including Article 9 (Secured Transactions), Article 3 (Negotiable Instruments), Article 4 (Bank Deposits and Collections), Article 4A (Funds Transfers) and Article 6 (Bulk Sales). He wrote numerous articles on aspects of the UCC and acted as the planning chair of ALI-ABA's annual program on the "Emerging and Emerging New Uniform Commercial Code." Don was also a key adviser for ALI's recently completed Restatement of the Law of Suretyship and Guaranty, after having been instrumental in persuading the Institute's leadership that the project needed to be undertaken. Don was a fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and spoke regularly at the annual continuing education weekends of the Association of Commercial Finance Lawyers.

A graduate of both Columbia College and Columbia Law School, Don was an adjunct professor of law at New York University and a lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School. He was a member of the American Law Institute since 1968 and a life member since 1993. He received the Homer Kripke Award of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and ALI's John Minor Wisdom Award.

Don died in October 2007. Many of us in practice in the commercial law field today were inspired by Don's continual quest to make the UCC as perfect as possible, to balance the academic with the practical and to bring within the field younger lawyers who were intellectually curious and willing to work hard towards law reform. We hope that this dinner will in a small measure recognize his extraordinary career and the treasured way in which we all remember him.

**Please mark your calendar now and send your reservation with payment – details below.**

**When:** August 7th, 2008 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm

**Where:** Yale Club of New York City, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue between 44th and 45th Streets (a few blocks from the Business Law Section hotel for the ABA Annual meeting).

**Cost:** \$125 per person (includes cocktail reception and dinner) if received by March 21; thereafter \$160 per person (if space is available).

**Payment:** Your check should be made payable to Carlton Fields, P.A. The check, together with a notation that it is for the Donald J. Rapson Dinner and the names of the individuals who will be attending, should be sent to Thomas A. Snow, Carlton Fields, P. A., PO Box 3239, Tampa, Florida 33601-3239, Attention: Nancy Golightly.