

## *ComFin Chair's Column February 2009 Commercial Law Newsletter*

### *Spring Ahead!*

The Spring Meeting will be held April 16-18, 2009 in Vancouver, BC. As usual, we'll have a full schedule of CLE programs and subcommittee and taskforce meetings beginning on the morning of Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on the afternoon of Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. The [planned schedule is attached](#) and a final schedule will be distributed closer in time to the meeting date.

Our CLE program topics will be:

- An update on the syndicated lending market in the US and Canada
- A comparison of US, Canadian and Mexican insolvency laws, with a focus on transaction planning
- The annual commercial law developments program

Our joint dinner with the UCC Committee will be held Thursday evening.

Registration information for the meeting is available on the [Section website](#).

### *Join the Section – See the World?*

The Business Law Section recognizes that business law is increasingly a global matter – so, in addition to seeing more content from ComFin on cross-border issues (including updates on developments on the UNCITRAL Secured Transactions Guide application to intellectual property), the Section will again host a Global Business Law Forum in 2009.

This year's Forum will be held June 10-12, 2009 in Hong Kong. Sixteen in-depth presentations over two days will highlight key legal developments that are impacting companies doing business in Asia and the Pacific Rim. Planned topics of interest to ComFin members include Islamic finance, insolvency, distressed companies and cross-border legal opinions. Registration and program information is available [here](#).

### *Fall Back*

The materials from the ComFin 2008 Fall Meeting are posted to the Committee website under the heading [Materials](#). Thanks to all our panelists, and to Norm Powell and Neal Kling for organizing and chairing the meeting.

### *Reach Out*

Membership in ComFin is open to all interested Section members. So if you have a colleague or contact who would be interested in the materials, information and updates available to ComFin members, please invite them to become a member. The ComFin webpage provides a link to [Join Our Committee](#) and a description of ComFin and its subcommittees and taskforces is [available here](#).

We've arranged for this issue of the Commercial Law Newsletter to be accessible for non-ComFin members, so please forward it to anyone (colleague, client, students, library and professional development or CLE coordinator) with an interest.

*All the News That's Fit to Print ...*

...will be coming in future newsletters and emails – please let me know if there are areas of interest that we should be covering and if you have suggestions for future programs, projects (including model agreements) or publications.

See you in Vancouver!

*Lynn*

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