

Thompson & Knight Attorney to Present at National Conferences

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Dallas (April 20, 2007) - Thompson & Knight Environmental Law Partner Scott D. Deatherage is a featured speaker at two upcoming national events. Mr. Deatherage will present "Environmental, Safety & Climate Change Issues Raise New Challenges for Directors and Officers: Will D&O Insurance Cover Any Lawsuits Concerning These Issues?" on May 16, 2007, at the 3rd Annual Directors & Officers Insurance ExecuSummit in New York City. The next day he will be in Las Vegas, Nevada, for the Wells Fargo CFO Roundtable where he and Deloitte Senior Manager Kathryn Pavlovsky will discuss the "Newest Disclosure & Accounting Requirements for Environmental Liabilities Under FIN #47 / Sarbanes-Oxley."

"Both events will help companies who are facing many new environmental issues in today's regulatory marketplace," says Mr. Deatherage. "Climate change concerns and new accounting standards can be hard to navigate. Over the last six months there has been a sea change in terms of the challenges facing companies from the TXU transaction to the U.S. Supreme Court decision holding that the EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. In this new era of the impact of environmental pressures on companies, I hope to provide attendees with a better grasp on how to effectively deal with these important issues and challenges."

Mr. Deatherage focuses his practice on permitting, compliance, administrative law, and judicial litigation in environmental matters. In the area of environmental management and corporate governance, he has counseled companies on reporting protocols to boards of directors, development or review and revision of environmental management systems, compliance audits, and developing operating procedures and policies to address environmental issues.

In particular, he focuses on environmental financial disclosure issues. For the last several years, he has served as the Vice Chair for Newsletters for the Special Committee on Environmental Disclosure of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Deatherage authors two blogs relating to the environment. On his blog "Law and the Environment," lawandenvironment.typepad.com/, he publishes articles, commentary, and analysis of the ever-evolving legal, policy, and practical developments in environmental law, management, corporate governance, and financial disclosure. This blog also discusses how affected corporations as well as their management and directors are evolving to survive and prosper in this dynamic regulatory environment. His other blog is entitled "The New Carbon Cycle," lawandenvironment.typepad.com/newcarboncycle/. Here he offers news and analysis of the rapidly evolving law and policy surrounding carbon trading and markets, climate change, and renewable energy.

For more information on the 3rd Annual Directors & Officers Insurance ExecuSummit, please contact ExecuSummit, LLC at 800.905.9357 or registration@execusummit.com; and for more information on the Wells Fargo CFO Roundtable, please contact Tina McIntyre at tina_mcintyre@wellsfargois.com.

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