

2012 Spring DOECAA Conference April 26-27, 2012

The Magnolia Hotel 818 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202



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DOECAA Spring 2012 Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the Spring 2012 DOECAA Conference! Thank you to our host, the Idaho National Laboratory. In particular, the Association would like to express its appreciation to Linda Guinn Montgomery (BEA), Dennis Love (CWI); Flo Phillips (ITG) and Brett Bowhan (DOE-ID), who have been instrumental in organizing the conference. As a kick off for our Conference we will be hearing from them on the history and current mission at INL.

The conference program includes segments that we think will both stimulate helpful thought and discussion among our members and provide you with critical updates on key areas of the law. We will be having an in-depth discussion on the critical, ethical and practice challenges that in-house counsel face when conducting internal investigations. Tim Lynch and Shelley Turner, in separate sessions, will be providing insight on the legal priorities both at DOE and NNSA. We also will be having a session on *Tecom* and the current thinking on how the principles from that case apply in the context of the DOE sites. In a new feature, on Thursday of the Conference, we will be having two breakout sessions: One on developments in Labor Relations and a second on ACT implementation. We also will be having a session on cloud computing.

Thursday evening the Conference Reception will be held at Harry's Bar, which is on the main floor of the Magnolia Hotel. The reception will run from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Friday's program will start with our members' business meeting at 7:30 am. I would encourage all DOECAA members to come and participate. We need your ideas and input on our future planning for the Association. The thrust of Friday morning's programming is to ensure that our members are current with the latest developments on the areas of law most relevant to our day-to-day work. The morning starts with an overview of issues in work force restructuring, a timely topic on the minds of many of our members. We will then have a roundtable discussion of government contracts and construction developments. This will be followed by a session on effective structuring of compliance systems. The program will wrap up with a session on critical litigation developments.

We have planned an engaging and stimulating two days of presentations and networking time for the Conference and look forward to your active participation in the proceedings.

Welcome.

Mark D. Olsen DOECAA President (Presiding)