

ComFin Chair's Column March 2009 Commercial Law Newsletter

Vancouver Spring Meeting April 16-18, 2009

We have a full schedule of CLE programs and subcommittee and task force meetings beginning on the morning of Thursday April 16th and ending on the afternoon of Saturday April 18th. The [planned schedule is attached](#). A final schedule with topics for the subcommittee and task force meetings will be distributed closer in time to the meeting date by email to ComFin members.

ComFin is sponsoring the following CLE programs:

- *Current State of the Syndicated Loan Markets in the United States and Canada (Thursday 10:30 am)*
- *Non-uniformity: Is it the Spice of Life or a Recipe for Disaster? (Thursday 2:30 pm, co-sponsor of UCC Committee Program)*
- *Anatomy of a Canadian/U.S. Cross-Border Securitization Transaction (Thursday 2:30 pm, co-sponsor of Securitization and Structured Finance Committee Program)*
- *Hands Across the Borders: Comparative Insolvency Regimes in the United States, Canada and Mexico (Friday 10:30 am)*
- *How Well Do You Know Your Neighbor? What's New and What's Different about Canadian Secured Transactions (Friday 2:30 pm, co-sponsor of UCC Committee Program)*
- *Commercial Law Developments (Saturday 10:30 am)*
- *What Every Commercial Lawyer Needs to Know about the Restatement (Third) of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment (Saturday 1:00 pm, co-sponsor of UCC Committee Program)*

Our joint dinner with the UCC Committee will be held Thursday evening. The dinner reservation form can be accessed [here](#). The dinner venue is a few blocks walk from the meeting hotels and the entrée choice will be selected at the table.

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

IMPORTANT: THINK ABOUT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. Information about Canadian and U.S. travel documentation requirements is available [here](#).

I hope that, despite the economic downturn, many of you will be able to attend the meeting.

Virtually There

For those who can't attend meetings this year, we're offering more ways to participate "virtually." ComFin has sponsored several ABA telephone conference CLE programs, including:

- *Nightmare on Main Street: What Keeps Lenders Up at Night?* March 25, 2009 program addressing lender liability and bankruptcy issues of increased interest to lenders and borrowers in the current economic environment. Recording available [here](#).
- *Loan Restructuring: Let's Make a (New) Deal.* Pre-bankruptcy and workout due diligence, issues surrounding the explosion of second lien financings and current issues in securing cash collateral and/or DIP financing. Recording of February 25, 2009 program available [here](#).

The *Mark Your Calendars* section in this newsletter lists other upcoming events. In addition, the Business Law Section supports non-CLE teleconferences for our subcommittees and task forces, so sign up for the groups that interest you in order to receive information from them. A complete list of the ComFin subcommittees and task forces and a description of their activities can be accessed [here](#).

In addition the [ComFin website](#) provides a calendar of upcoming events, access to program materials and news on developments (including the UCC Article 9 revisions currently under discussion and the UNCITRAL Secured Transactions Guide application to IP collateral).

eSource

Each month the Business Law Section publishes **eSource**, an electronic newsletter that includes information on recent developments, articles on current issues and information about upcoming events. Past issues of **eSource** can be accessed [here](#). If you are interested in writing a short (500 word) piece on recent developments or practice points for **eSource** please contact me.

That's All for Now ...

Hope to see many of you in Vancouver.

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ComFin Committee Chair