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**Title:** Professional Development Program  
**Category:** Meeting  
**Location:** The Metropolitan Club, Sears Tower, 66th Fl  
**Start Date:** November 3, 2005  
**End Date:** November 3, 2005  
**City:** Chicago  
**Description:**

<b>Networking:</b>	<b>4:30 – 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Panel with Q&amp;A:</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Networking:</b>	<b>6:00 – 6:30 pm</b>

**Similarities and Differences:** [Hedge Fund vs. Private Equity](#)

### Panelists

**Gary Katz, Director and Chief Legal Officer, Delaware Street Capital**  
**Mark Thomas, Partner, Jenner & Block**  
**Greg Wilson, Partner, CIVC Partners**

Gary Katz is a Director and the Chief Legal Officer of Delaware Street Capital, a multi-strategy value-oriented hedge fund with over \$700mm of capital under management. Mr. Katz leads DSC's "process oriented" investing team, where he works to rapidly deploy capital in the context of non-ordinary course business conditions (such as take-overs and spinoffs) and complex legal environments (such as the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and Canada's CCAA). In addition to the Archibald/Fannie Mae/Fannie Farmer rescue financing and exit, recent deals lead by Mr. Katz on behalf of DSC include the \$180 million supplemental DIP financing of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, the debt to equity conversion of the former Slater Steel's SBQ Mini-Mill in Hamilton, Ontario, and the acquisition of Lake City Forge. The Archibald rescue loan and exit won "Deal of the Year" by the Chicago chapter of the TMA as well as Middle Market Deal of the Year from the M&A Advisor.

Prior to joining DSC, Mr. Katz was a senior associate in the Corporate Restructuring Group at Skadden, Arps. From 1994 to 1996, Mr. Katz served as a law clerk to Judge Richard G. Stearns, a Federal District Court Judge. Mr. Katz received a BA magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College and earned his JD cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Mark K. Thomas is a partner in Jenner & Block's Chicago office. He is a member of the Firm's Bankruptcy, Workout and Corporate Reorganization, and Commercial Law and Uniform Commercial Code Practices. He concentrates his practice in corporate bankruptcies, workouts and restructurings. Mr. Thomas is AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability.

Mr. Thomas represents secured lenders, syndicated loan agents, debtors and borrowers in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and in out-of-court workouts and restructures pending throughout the nation. His secured lending clients include bank group agents in syndicated loan workouts, restructurings and bankruptcies. Mr. Thomas has handled workouts and bankruptcies involving both public and private companies. Mr. Thomas has represented bank groups in providing debtor-in-possession financing facilities and in providing bankruptcy exit financing. He has represented sellers and buyers of distressed businesses and assets, with transactions occurring both in bankruptcy and outside of bankruptcy and has handled workouts and bankruptcies involving all manner of complex corporate issues.

Representative bankruptcy cases that Mr. Thomas has worked on include Fruit of the Loom, Inc., Montgomery Ward, Metal Management Company, Cherry Communications, Inc., World Access, Inc., Senior Living Properties LLC, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Archibald Candy Corporation, and Gingiss Formalwear, Inc.

In the Archibald matter, Mr. Thomas conducted an auction sale as part of a U.S. and Canadian court-approved stalking

horse auction procedure that is believed to be the first of its kind in a Canadian insolvency proceeding. His role as lead bankruptcy counsel for Archibald Candy Corporation resulted in his being honored by M&A Advisor and the transaction selected as U.S. Middle Market Deal of the Year and by the Chicago Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association when it selected the transaction as its Transaction of the Year. Mr. Thomas has a reputation for handling matters in an efficient, economic and expedient manner, while keeping focused on the practical business points of complex transactions. Mr. Thomas, in addition to being proficient in negotiating deals, has, when necessary, handled contested evidentiary hearings.

Mr. Thomas has written articles on bankruptcy matters and spoken on bankruptcy and related topics before and on behalf of the American Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the DePaul School of Law, the Association of Insolvency Accounts, the Business Valuation Association and other professional groups and institutions.

Mr. Thomas holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University. He also served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert L. Eisen, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Gregg Wilson is a Partner at CIVC Partners. Gregg leads CIVC's industry-focused CEO program and also directs the firm's origination, research and marketing efforts. Gregg joined CIVC as a partner in 1997 and was affiliated with CIVC previously when he served as interim CEO of Custom Industries, L.P., a CIVC portfolio company. Gregg began his career at Continental Bank, followed by Citicorp Leveraged Capital, where he led numerous middle-market buyout financings. He then joined Trivest Partners as a Vice President and, shortly thereafter, formed Ridge Capital Corp., a private equity firm, with the founder of Trivest. He also founded Maxim Partners, a private equity investment firm that targeted acquisitions of industrial growth companies in the food, packaging, and telecommunications industries. He has served on the boards of several middle-market companies. Gregg received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting with high distinction from Indiana University, where he was a member of the School of Business Honors Program, and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

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