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NATHAN GARRETT FEATURED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON CYBERSECURITY AT KSU EVENT

Graves Garrett Partner Nathan Garrett was recently asked to serve as the keynote speaker for Kansas State University's inaugural Ingenuity Central event on its Olathe, Kan., campus.

As a former FBI Special Agent and federal prosecutor in national security affairs, Garrett was asked to give a speech on cybersecurity

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Letter from the Firm

We're pleased to share with you news of our firm's recent activities.

Graves Garrett has been extremely active the past few months. The firm is pleased to announce that it has added a new member to the Graves Garrett family, Lucinda Luetkemeyer, and we are proud to have had our own Nathan Garrett featured as the keynote speaker at the KSU inaugural Ingenuity Central event in Kansas City. We're grateful for these opportunities to grow and connect with others and we are looking forward to continuing to do so in the future. ■

Luetkemeyer Joins the Firm

Lucinda Luetkemeyer has joined Graves Garrett as an associate where she will represent clients in

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Criminalization of Politics: Should Your Company Be Politically Active?



By Todd Graves

Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, including *Citizens United*, seem to create a more welcoming environment for corporations and their role in political campaigns. However, a growing trend toward investigating political misconduct allegations criminally rather than civilly

warrants proceeding with caution. Companies need to know the risks before entering the political arena.

Money has been a factor in political campaigns since our country started. The first candidates for office self-financed their campaigns. Although they did not solicit contributions, they often were the gift-givers. In his 1758 campaign for the Virginia House of Burgesses, for example, George Washington spent nearly 40 pounds on food and alcohol for voters. Fundraising and campaigning as we know it today may have begun with Andrew Jackson's run for president in 1828.

Yet, the current climate surrounding campaign contributions paints money as bad for politics. On one end of the spectrum is the fear that people can unfairly buy desired outcomes with political donations, i.e., bribery. On the other end of the spectrum is the practice of using money to conduct legitimate constituent services. Between the two sits a murky middle.

Contributors face great risk when political misconduct is alleged. State and federal enforcement officials have a lot of discretion on when to launch investigations. And it is the investigations — not the trials, which rarely happen — that can cost companies the most in reputation and finances.

In conducting an investigation, government agents also enjoy a broad array of search and seizure tools and, moreover, if they stumble upon other issues in the course of an investigation, they can prosecute on those as well. The government also can approach a company's banks and email providers without prior notification.

State courts have broadly defined campaign finance laws and interpreted them differently. In addition, people sometimes use campaign finance violations as a vehicle to even political scores. Add media coverage of the investigation and a highly charged environment develops for contributors to navigate. But companies can minimize their risk in a few ways, including:

- Develop a plan to achieve intended outcomes and anticipate issues and roadblocks that might arise in pursuing those objectives.
- Promote policies that encourage employees to self-censor company emails. No one should send emails that could not be made public without exposing the company to liability.
- Implement procedures to protect and store company records. ■

Garrett Featured as Keynote Speaker, continued



as part of the event's opening ceremony. The event, which included an audience of nearly

300 technology industry leaders and executives, was held on April 9 as a forum for companies to showcase their innovative services and products and engage in enlightened discussions on pertinent industry topics.

During his presentation, Garrett explained that while "disruption" is often the intent behind security breaches by terrorists, economic espionage and intellectual theft serve as powerful motivators for would-be hackers. In total, cybersecurity breaches have resulted in an estimated \$575 billion in global loss.

Garrett noted that the current Administration and Congress have prioritized cybersecurity, imposing not only enhanced enforcement on hackers, but also increased liability on data holders. Garrett stressed the need for companies to develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen cybersecurity. He suggested companies establish an assessment and response team that includes executive membership, in-house counsel and IT specialists, as well as outside legal counsel and technology experts. Garrett emphasized, "Much like the accounting phenomenon of the last two decades, cybersecurity must move from the tech room to the board room. Company leadership that ignores this call will do so at its own peril." ■

Luetkemeyer Joins the Firm, continued



a variety of litigation including complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense

and government enforcement matters. She is also an active member of the firm's free speech and election law practice.

Prior to joining Graves Garrett, Luetkemeyer practiced with a large law firm where she focused on complex litigation and government enforcement matters. Luetkemeyer has extensive experience

representing clients facing governmental investigations in state and federal court, particularly those involving charges from governmental entities, including the U.S. Department of Justice and other government agencies.

Her practice is informed by her experience serving as a law clerk to the Hon. Duane Benton in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She graduated first in her class from the University of Missouri School of Law, where she was Senior Lead Articles Editor for the *Missouri Law Review* and elected to the Order of the Coif.

During law school, Luetkemeyer received the William E. Kemp Achievement Award for the Highest Scholastic Record in

the First Two Years, the James S. Rollins Scholarship for the Highest GPA among Second-Year Students and the ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor & Employment Law. She was also a Top Ten Oralist in first year moot court.

Before law school, Luetkemeyer graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri with degrees in news-editorial journalism and political science.

She is licensed to practice in Kansas and Missouri and before the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri and Kansas.

A southwest Missouri native, Luetkemeyer lives in Parkville, Mo., with her husband Tony. ■

Stewart To Lead DOJ Investigation Training in Barbados



Graves Garrett is proud to announce that attorney Daniel Stewart has been

selected for an esteemed position with the Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) beginning in May and lasting for four weeks.

The program will be held in Barbados and will provide various training sessions on investigative policing strategies for officers and other members of the criminal justice system.

Dan Stewart will provide DOJ training sessions on investigative policing strategies for officers and other members of the criminal justice system.

Led by the Department of Justice and select law enforcement advisors, the program will cover a wide range of topics including training on task forces for the islands covered by the U.S. Embassy in Barbados.

As the former lead prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Stewart, along with Department of Justice Attaché Gary Bennett, will offer joint training on how to form and effectively leverage a relationship between police and prosecutors during an investigation.

With over three decades of experience as a prosecutor, Stewart will share his knowledge and insight on collaborating with law enforcement agencies on a multitude of highly complex investigations.

In addition to his role with ICITAP, Stewart worked with the DOJ as the Anti-Corruption Advisor for the U.S. Embassy in Serbia and the Serbian Organized Crime Prosecutor's Office, providing training for Serbian prosecutors, police and judges. ■

Attorneys Host Seminar Featuring Law Professor

Graves Garrett Partner Eddie Greim and Associate Justin Whitworth helped organize seminars featuring University of Mississippi Law School Professor Ronald Rychlak as part of the pair's involvements in the Kansas City chapters of The Federalist Society as well as the Catholic Lawyers Guild.

Rychlak, a Vatican observer to the U.N. and specialist on Pope Pius XII, presented to members of the Guild on March 16 on "Pius XII, World War II, and the Cold War."

The law professor also led discussions with members of The Federalist Society on Missouri Gaming Laws the next morning over a Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast at Grand Street Café.

In addition to his scholarly work, Rychlak serves on the editorial board of *The Gaming Law Review* and has testified before the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. ■

Graves Garrett Supports Kansas City Missouri Police Foundation Event

The Kansas City Missouri Police Foundation, an organization of which Todd Graves is a founding member, recently held its first benefit in an effort to raise funds for the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department. The event, which was attended by more than 500 supporters, featured keynote speaker and anti-crime activist John Walsh of the popular TV show "America's Most Wanted." Honorary chairs of the event included Kansas City Mayor Sly James, Kansas City Police Chief Darryl Forté, and foundation board member Don Wagner and his wife, Jean.



The Police Foundation of Kansas City was established to provide vital support to the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department with the ultimate mission of reducing crime and ensuring greater public safety. With approximately 81 percent of the department's budget spent on personnel and 14 percent on contractual services, there is only 5 percent left to spend on new equipment, technology, community outreach, youth programs and specialized training.

The foundation supports programs, projects and initiatives that are strategically focused to enhance the department's policing strategies and ensure the highest level of police services to the Kansas City community. Through a collaborative effort with the public and business communities who call Kansas City home, the Foundation obtains resources to fund the critical needs of the Department that are not available from the city budget.

The event, held Feb. 10 at The Muehlebach Hotel, included dinner and a live auction. Graves Garrett was a proud sponsor of the fundraiser. ■

NATHAN GARRETT TO PRESENT AT KCMBA CORPORATE COUNSEL INSTITUTE

Graves Garrett Partner Nathan Garrett has been asked to speak on the topic of internal investigations and the pitfalls

associated therewith at the upcoming Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Institute on June 17. Garrett will also moderate a panel that will discuss cybersecurity.

The annual KCMBA Corporate Counsel Institute is an all-day event that features a variety

of timely topics specifically geared to corporate counsel as presented by local corporate counsel and area attorneys. Chapter members will have the opportunity to learn about topics of interest to their firms and clients' businesses, earn several hours of CLE credit, and enjoy the networking opportunities with other in-house counsel. ■