


# MESQUITE'S

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### MAY 25 AT CONVENTION CENTER

## MAY LUNCHEON'S SPEAKER WILL FOCUS ON HEALTH PLAN LIABILITY PITFALLS FOR EMPLOYEES

Our featured speaker for the Chamber's May 25 Membership Luncheon will be Cynthia Marcotte Stamer. Ms. Stamer is a partner in a Dallas law firm and is associated with the Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce. She is an expert on employee relations law and a frequently requested speaker.

The meeting is set for 11:30 a.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center. Our Luncheon sponsor for May is **Sunset Carpet Cleaning & Restoration**.

Businesses that sponsor health benefit plans for their employees and health plan administrators face significant changes in the legal requirements for health plans and significantly increased liability exposures. The most significant of these developments include a host of new court decisions relating to the liability of health plans and their service providers for malpractice and other decisions; changes in vendor contracts and practices resulting from recent judgments, industry consolidations; changes in Federal and state insurance and managed care legislation; the recently issued final COBRA regulations; impending changes in claims administration, COBRA, cafeteria, and other health plan regulations and enforcement programs; and changes in the obligations and liabilities of health plan sponsors and administrators for utilization management and other cost containment features of health plans. With these and other changes on the horizon, employers, health plan administrators and

vendors must develop an appropriate strategy for negotiating vendor agreements and updating health plan terms, communications, and processes.

Attorney Cynthia Marcotte Stamer, a partner with Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, will brief Mesquite Chamber of Commerce members and friends about these developments and provide tips for coping with their new responsibilities and liabilities.

Nationally recognized for her knowledge regarding health and managed care matters, Ms. Stamer regularly advises health plan sponsors, administrators and vendors about COBRA, utilization management and other health plan matters as a partner with the law firm of Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP. A highly popular speaker and widely published author, Ms. Stamer's insights on health plan meetings have been quoted by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Insurance Magazine*, *Spencer's Report*, *Employee Benefits News* and a diverse range of other outlets. Ms. Stamer also is the author of numerous publications about health plan-related matters. She currently is authoring



portfolios on Utilization and Demand Management and on Employee Benefits for Closely Held Employers for The Bureau of National Affairs.

The buffet luncheon will begin at 11:30. Luncheon cost is \$13.00 for advance reservations. **Advance reservations must be made by noon on Monday, May 22**, by calling the Chamber office at (972) 285-0211. Chamber luncheons are open to non-members with a charge of \$15.00 for advance reservations or \$18.00 for door or late reservations.

Persons who fail to honor their reservations will be billed for the luncheon. Payment for luncheon must be made at the door. MasterCard & Visa are accepted for your convenience.

### MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

THURSDAY  
**MAY 25, 2000**

11:30 a.m. at the  
**MESQUITE CONVENTION CENTER**  
1700 Rodeo Drive

RSVP by noon, Monday, May 22, 2000

Sponsor:  
**SUNSET CARPET CLEANING AND RESTORATION**

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