

RISKY BUSINESS

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, FOX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT, INSURANCE AND HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

High Court Rules in Arbitration Case

The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to expand the role of the judiciary in reviewing arbitration awards under federal law.

The 6-3 decision came in an environmental cleanup dispute, one of the hundreds of thousands of disagreements companies and individuals choose to submit to arbitrators each year.

Designed as a quick, inexpensive alternative to costly court battles, arbitration is seen by some in the business community as too risky because the opportunities for court review under the Federal Arbitration Act are narrow.

Writing for the majority, Justice David Souter said the law's essential virtue is in "resolving disputes straightaway." The Supreme Court, Souter wrote, has "no business" expanding judicial review beyond what the law allows.

The decision came in a cleanup dispute between toymaker Mattel Inc. and the owner of a factory site in Oregon contaminated with an industrial solvent. An arbitrator ruled in favor of Mattel, which won the case at the Supreme Court.

The justices did not rule on other possible avenues Hall Street and Mattel could take outside the Federal Arbitration Act, and so sent the case back to the lower federal courts, where Hall Street will pursue the case, its lawyers said.

The issue before the Supreme Court was whether Mattel and property owner Hall Street Associates L.L.C. could agree in advance to broad court review of an arbitration award to correct any errors of law.



An arbitrator ruled that Mattel did not have to pay for environmental cleanup on Hall Street's property, even though the toymaker failed to test the well water. A federal judge subsequently rejected the arbitrator's legal reasoning. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco sided with Mattel, saying the Federal Arbitration Act bars judicial review of arbitration awards in such circumstances.

The Hall Street-Mattel fight has bounced between arbitration and the courts for seven years, a fact that opponents of expanded court review pointed to as undermining the purpose of arbitration.

"The decision is good because it unequivocally answers a question that has led to a substantial amount of litigation," said Eric Tuchmann, general counsel at the American Arbitration Association.

H. WAYNE SNIDER DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES

Megan M. Marshall
(Class of 2000 and 2004)

Manager, Risk and Insurance
The Hershey Company
Hershey, Pennsylvania

DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

TIME: 11:40AM- 12:30PM

PLACE: Walk Auditorium

Megan M. Marshall is the Manager of Risk and Insurance for The Hershey Company, the largest North American manufacturer of chocolate and sugar confectionery products. She leads the organization's risk management initiatives, primarily focusing on the company's Property, Casualty and Executive Risk programs. Since joining the company in 2006, Ms. Marshall has provided

ed skilled and practical guidance through a holistic approach to managing the company's complex and rapidly changing risk profile. In addition to the procurement and oversight of risk transfer products and insurance-related services, Ms. Marshall's responsibilities include regulatory compliance, litigation and claim management as well as the support of safety and risk reduction activities.

Ms. Marshall offers strong experience in risk management. Before coming to The Hershey Company, Ms. Marshall was an Account Manager with Aon Risk Services, Inc. where she specialized in the creation, marketing, and management of global risk management programs for the telecomm-

unications and consumer goods manufacturing segments.

Ms. Marshall holds B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees with concentrations in Risk Management & Insurance and Finance from Temple University, earned in 2000 and 2004 respectively. She serves as the Vice President of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. and holds a Certified Insurance Counselor designation.

'Industry Synergy: The Relationships Between Brokers and Actuaries' Workshop

Friday, April 4, 2008

TBA

11:40am-12:30pm

The Industry Synergy workshop is designed to help both new and old members become acquainted with how the jobs of actuarial science students and risk management students will connect once they are working in the industry. Joining us will be **Chris Moresco**, a broker, and **David Homer**, an actuary, both of Towers Perrin Reinsurance. They will discuss how both occupations of Risk Management and Actuarial Science can collaborate as a team in the insurance industry. Free pizza and soda will be provided.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Chelsea Balerno:

CBalerno@gmail.com



Gamma Iota Sigma International Walk-A-Thon

Saturday, April 5 2008

Turf Track (Behind Student Pavilion)

12:00noon-1:00pm

Every year, the Grand Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma holds its International Walk-A-Thon. This event, which was chartered by officers of our very own Sigma Chapter, gave a way for the national organization to collaborate in an effort of fraternal community service. Every chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma participates in this event simultaneously, with all proceeds going to a national charity.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Crystal Carmicheal:

crystal.carmicheal@temple.edu

Third Annual Date Auction

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Draught Horse (15th and Cecil B. Moore)

7:00-11:00pm

The Sigma Chapter is holding its ever-popular Annual Date Auction yet again! Come bid on your favorite chapter member to win a chance to go out on a short date with him or her. Everyone's favorite professor, the one and only Dr. Drennan, will also be on auction, and you all know you want him. With three free appetizer trays to keep everyone happy, the tension in the air is palpable and electric; bid prices keep going up and you wonder if they will ever stop (which they sadly do). This year, we are also teaming up with Beta Alpha Psi to put on a truly memorable show. This is always one of our most exciting events, so be sure to show up! **All proceeds will be donated to our usual charity of choice, the Neighborhood Bike Works.**

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Crystal Carmicheal or Vincent Baldino:

crystal.carmicheal@temple.edu, vincent.baldino@temple.edu

Relay for Life (Last RMI Community Service Event)

Friday, April 11, 2008 through Saturday, April 12, 2008

6:00pm-8:00am

Relay for Life is an event that allows people that are and are not affected by cancer to raise awareness together for this disease that has taken so many lives. Gamma members will be volunteering their time to this great cause by having at least one member walking throughout the entire allotted time in the Student Pavilion. You will be required to make a \$10 minimum donation in order to attend this event. **To members that are taking part in RMI 3682 through our program: this is the last RMI Community Service event we will be holding.**

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Crystal Carmicheal:

crystal.carmicheal@temple.edu

Intern Testimonial: Samantha Solove

Samantha is a senior, graduating this May 2008, triple majoring in Risk Management, International Business and Spanish. In the summer of 2007, Samantha interned at Willis of PA, in their Employee Benefits Team. Risky Business sat down with Samantha to ask her about her experience.



RB: How was your internship in general?

RH: The internship was a great learning experience. One of the plusses was that I always had quality work over the summer and was never bored. The environment was one in which I could always ask questions and develop myself socially. The biggest benefit to the Willis internship is the ability to go on a large amount of client meetings.

RB: Can you explain how a client meeting would generally proceed?

RH: Most of the client meetings involved presenting detailed proposals about new market opportunities for the clients' health and welfare plans. Some of them would be quite tense, but all were rewarding and provided an educational experience that few interns receive.

RB: What were some other work experiences you underwent at Willis?

SS: I was involved with doing prospect research for producers of Willis. One of my biggest roles was to assist with completing financial analysis of carrier proposals to help determine the best coverage to cost ratio for our clients.

RB: Finally, do you have any advice for aspiring interns?

SS: A piece of advice that I would give would be to focus on your work, be courteous and forget about the internet and instant messaging. Also, be aware that everyone is always watching you, so avoid getting involved in "office gossip."