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## LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Caterpillar and Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis*

Thursday, October 10, 2013

12:00 - 2:00 pm CDT

Hosted by Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP

Nashville, TN

### Speakers:

Wes Blumenshine, General Counsel and Secretary of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Caterpillar Insurance Holdings Inc.; Deputy General Counsel of Caterpillar Inc.

John C. Tishler, Partner and Chairman, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP



**WES BLUMENSHINE** is General Counsel and Secretary of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Caterpillar Insurance Holdings Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee, and Deputy General Counsel of Caterpillar Inc. with additional responsibilities as Caterpillar's Diversity Counsel and the Caterpillar Law and Public Policy Division's Information Technology, Diversity and Inclusion, 6 Sigma, and Business Risk Management Manager. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the Caterpillar Political Action Committee and is sponsor of the Caterpillar Financial Military Support Network.

Blumenshine began his career with The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1986. He joined Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois in 1988. During his career at Caterpillar he has held numerous positions including Asia Pacific General Counsel, Caterpillar Logistics General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel with responsibility for Litigation, Employment, Labor, and Benefits, and Assistant General Intellectual Property Counsel.

Blumenshine received his law degree *cum laude* from Northern Illinois University College of Law, his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Bradley University, and his Master's Degree with Distinction in Business Administration from the University of Manchester.

Blumenshine currently serves on the Bradley University College of Civil Engineering & Construction Advisory Board, 2007–Present, and on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville, Tennessee, 2011–Present. His other philanthropic activities have included the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Peoria, 2004–2012, Easter Seals Peoria Campaign Co-Chairman, 2005 and 2006, Cabinet Member of the Lyle Finch Claybird Classic, 2004–Present; Cabinet Member of the Central Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Wingshooters Classic, 2005–Present; Salvation Army Bell Ringer 2004–2008; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Central Illinois Council, 2005–2007; Chairman of Caterpillar Financial United Way Campaign, 1996 and 1997; and Junior Achievement Teacher, 1989–1990.

Blumenshine and his wife of 27 years, Stacey, have three children: Wade, who is a 1L at Northern Illinois University College of Law; Paige, who is a senior at Bradley University and who will be attending Saint Louis University School of Law in the fall; and Drew, who is a sophomore at Bradley University and who also plans to attend law school.

In his free time Blumenshine enjoys friends and family, golfing, bicycling, walking, reading, and volunteering to help those in need.



**JOHN C. TISHLER** is the Chairman of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP and leads the strategic focus of the firm. With a business-oriented eye, Tishler follows trends in the marketplace, keeps a close watch on strategic decisions, and motivates the lawyers and staff of the firm to be happy and successful in their careers.

Clients and partners alike find Tishler's pragmatic and decisive attitude and his approachable and genial manner a plus. Tishler recognizes that the practice of law has become increasingly business-focused, yet it remains at its core a service industry. He strives to advance the business goals of the firm while cultivating and nurturing the human capital that support those goals.

An insolvency and restructuring attorney by trade, Tishler speaks comfortably in both the transactional and litigation arenas. Attorneys and staff alike respect Tishler for his fairness, sincerity, decisiveness, and humility.

### Education

J.D., with honors, University of Tennessee, 1988, Editor-in-Chief of the *Tennessee Law Review*; and B.A., *cum laude*, Vanderbilt University, 1980

### Bar and Court Admissions

Tennessee; California; United States Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Tennessee; and U.S. District Court, Central District of California

### Experience

- Represented the chief secured lender to Lexington Precision Corporation, a publicly traded company that manufactures medical devices and auto parts and filed bankruptcy in the Southern District of New York
- Assisted a client in the successful completion of the \$150 million acquisition of a multi-location, tax-exempt acute care hospital entity
- Served as lead counsel to the largest holders of secured debt of Intrepid USA, which was one of the country's largest home health companies when it filed for bankruptcy protection in the District of Minnesota
- Represented the largest creditors in the Service Merchandise and K-Mart bankruptcies
- Represented The Garden Companies in their Chapter 11 cases in the Eastern District of Tennessee
- Represented the senior secured lender in Health Essentials Solutions' bankruptcy case in Kentucky
- Has successfully completed receivership sales in federal courts in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee for indenture trustee clients

### Professional and Community

Member, Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations; Member, American Bankruptcy Law Institute; President, Tennessee Chapter, Turnaround Management Association, 2003-2005; Member, Advisory Committee on Rules of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Legal Counsel, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.; Board Member, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Board Member, Franklin Road Academy

### Articles and Media Mentions

*Financier Worldwide*, "How to force the sale of assets owned by not-for-profit companies"; *HealthLeaders Media*, "How to Convert a Nonprofit Hospital to a Physician Joint Venture"; *HealthLeaders Media*, "Receiverships: A Practical (and Perhaps Less Expensive) Alternative to Bankruptcy"; "Nashville's Civil Rights Heroes Return to Tell their Stories," Waller's Annual Event highlighted in *The Tennessean*; "Law-Firm Partners Face Layoffs," John Tishler quoted in the *The Wall Street Journal*; "Health Scare" *The Deal Pipeline*; Executive Profile: John Tishler, *Nashville Business Journal*; and Tennessee Justice Center Names Waller Pro Bono Firm of the Year

### Prior Affiliations

Law Clerk, Honorable Julia Smith Gibbons, United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 1988-1989; Sports News Coordinator, Texas A&M University, 1982-1984; and Associate Sports Information Director, University of Mississippi, 1980-1982