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This week's spotlight is focused on **Paul Caleo**, partner in the Oakland, California firm of **Burnham and Brown PLC**. He is an active member of DRI's Product Liability Committee and was most recently appointed to the steering committee of DRI's Strictly Retail Seminar that will debut March 4-5, 2010.



Paul Caleo

Blanche Rose Miller, program chair for DRI's Strictly Retail Seminar had this to say about working with Mr. Caleo: "I worked with him closely on matters he handled for me at The Home Depot, and I came to know his legendary work ethic in that context. My phone calls and emails to him at 8 am Eastern Time invariably received an immediate response, despite the fact it was 5:00 am PST where he works. More recently, I have had the pleasure of partnering with him to plan the "Strictly Retail" Seminar so I now know he works well into the late evening hours as well. His manner is engaging and uplifting—despite the weighty subject matter that often must be addressed. All you have to do in order to get a window into his personality is listen to his voicemail message which begins with his lilting Aussie "g' day" and ends with 'cheers'!"

Mr. Caleo is one of the firm's premier trial lawyers who has extensive experience in complex tort, personal injury and large loss cases involving claims of product liability, premises liability, construction site accidents and trucking/motor carrier accidents. He is also a member of his firm's 24-hour response team.

According to **Gregory D. Brown**, president of Burnham and Brown PLC, "Paul is a deeply skilled and experienced gentleman trial lawyer. With a reputation embellished by all of the grace and charm of an Australian barrister, Paul's opponents know that if they don't reach a reasonable resolution, Paul will try the case, and he will get good results. It doesn't get better than that."

Prior to moving to the United States, Mr. Caleo practiced law in his native Australia for four and one half years as a criminal defense attorney with one of the country's leading trial lawyers, Frank Galbally.

Mr. Caleo earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia. In addition to DRI, Mr. Caleo is a member of the State Bar of California, the Law Institute of Victoria, Australia, the National Retail Federation, the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), Advance Australia and the Melbourne Cricket Club.

When he has the opportunity to take advantage of some down-

time, Mr. Caleo enjoys hiking, camping and spending time with his family.

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