

# Legislative Update: Critical Issues for Manufacturers

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With the rapid pace of new legislation comes new issues and opportunities for manufacturing companies. What you don't know CAN hurt you. Begin the new year with three speakers who will update us on new and pending legislation, court decisions and regulations that can impact your business.

## **TOPICS and SPEAKERS**

### **Labor and Employment Law Update**

Mike Blumenthal, attorney with Seyferth Blumenthal & Harris LLC

Mike will review recent labor and employment law developments affecting your business. This briefing will be for senior and front-line management, covering the latest Supreme Court cases, the status of the "card check" statute, and the latest regulatory trends affecting your business.

### **Cap and Trade**

Paul Snider, Government Affairs, KCP&L

Paul will provide an update on federal cap and trade legislation and the impacts on KCP&L's customers and the Midwest.

### **Tax Update**

Mary Ramm, CPA with RubinBrown, LLC

Learn the latest updates on corporate tax planning ideas and tax law changes for 2010. The topics discussed will include Federal tax planning ideas and State & Local tax highlights.

Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for guests. Guests may attend 2 meetings before having to join as a member. Sign up today at [www.kcmn.org](http://www.kcmn.org), or contact Donna Gordon at 816-304-7958, or [donna@kcmn.org](mailto:donna@kcmn.org)

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## Speaker Bios

### **Mike Blumenthal**

Mike is an attorney with Seyferth Blumenthal & Harris LLC, a Kansas City-based law firm representing businesses across the United States in employment matters and business litigation. Mike's legal career has been devoted to representing management in workplace legal issues, and has defended lawsuits in more than 20 states. He is often called on by other lawyers to mediate employment and civil rights lawsuits and he is known as a dynamic trainer on human resources issues. Mike has been awarded numerous professional honors, including The Kansas City Business Journal's "Best of the Bar", KC Magazine's "Super Lawyer" and Chambers USA "Leading Individual" in the field of labor and employment law.

### **Paul Snider**

Paul Snider joined KCP&L in 2006 and leads a government affairs team focused on policy issues in Missouri, Kansas, Washington D.C., and at the local level. At KCP&L Mr. Snider has worked to advance various components of the company's Comprehensive Energy Plan, particularly renewable energy and enabling legislation to support investments in energy efficiency. Prior to joining KCP&L, Mr. Snider held public affairs positions with Missouri Gas Energy and Public Strategies Inc., a public affairs firm providing legislative and regulatory strategy for AT&T.

### **Mary Ramm**

Mary is a tax partner with RubinBrown, LLC, a Kansas City accounting firm. Mary has spent her career of over 20 years serving clients in the Midwest with their corporate, individual and strategic tax planning needs.