



Bob Grossman Serves on National ESOP Panel

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Lathrop Gage attorney Bob Grossman (Corporate and Employee Benefits - Kansas City) was a featured speaker at The ESOP Association's 32nd Annual Conference held in Washington, D.C. on May 6 and 7. Mr. Grossman, who has spoken at the conference on a number of occasions over the past twenty years, moderated a panel discussion with co-participants, Jared Kaplan of McDermott Will & Emery, and Mary Josephs of Bank of America.

The discussion, titled "To Sell or not to Sell," focused on corporate finance, corporate governance, fiduciary and employee issues to be considered when analyzing alternatives and deciding whether or not to sell an employee-owned company.

The two-day program, titled "ESOP Companies Conquering Challenging Times," was attended by approximately 700 leaders from the ESOP community. The series of in-depth presentations and breakout discussions concluded with a Q&A session with high-ranking representatives of the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Grossman is a nationally-recognized ESOP authority with extensive experience representing owners, management and fiduciaries of employee-owned companies. He has been involved with ESOP transactions for public as well as private companies in a variety of industries including advertising, architecture, automotive, banking, chemicals, commodities trading, construction, energy, engineering, financial services, health care, insurance, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, printing, professional and other services, retail, security and telecommunications.

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