



GableGotwals attorney now chamber counsel

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David E. Keglovits is wearing another hat as the new year gets underway.

The GableGotwals president has been selected as the Tulsa Regional Chamber's general counsel, a volunteer role. He succeeds Mike Cooke with the Hall Estill Law Firm, who served in the position for years.

"Mike has been the chamber's general counsel and provided a great service for them," Keglovits said. "In the spirit of shared sacrifice, it was GableGotwals' time to provide that same service to the chamber. It (the chamber) is a great group, and we want to do whatever we can to support them."

The responsibilities of the chamber's general counsel are similar to what they would be at any company. This person reviews what should and should not be in contracts and agreements the chamber enters. Chamber bylaws outline what the organization can do, and the general counsel's responsibility is to make certain these are followed.

Keglovits admits he is on a learning curve in his new role, but he is no stranger to the regional organization. He plans to call on the law firm's lawyers when there are questions he cannot answer.

It is an easy step because GableGotwals has been part of the chamber for more than a quarter of a century both in the volunteer capacity and financially.

"My service as general counsel is just another step in that support," he said. "It is with a mix of honor and excitement that I have been asked to serve in this capacity. It is exciting to be part of the work the chamber is doing in a very active way. They are on the forefront of economic development for the region and on statewide matters like education. If I can help push that plow forward a little bit, I am delighted to do it."

Keglovits, while learning the job, doesn't feel there will be great challenges other than those that business clients encounter. It is important for a business to manage risks so things can be accomplished without being distracted from the big picture, he said. It also is important to be ready to take advantage of opportunities allowed by law.

Keglovits has tried to be active as a chamber member by attending events, following agendas and serving on panels to provide advice to the chamber as a business, not necessarily as a lawyer, but as someone employing more than 100 people.

John Gaberino Jr., who served as the 2001 chamber chairman, is a practicing member at the law firm, Keglovits said.

"The chamber is a great group," he said. "We have a big commitment to community service at GableGotwals, and it is fortunate when you can align your efforts and support the community with an organization you have a strong belief in."

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