

2005 Legislative Express

Don't miss this opportunity to support the Legislative Express and join us in making this night an event to remember! Each year the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce hosts the Legislative Express, a gala event held to honor our federal, state and local elected officials. This year's event will be held October 18, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the Chamber, 1200 6th Avenue.

Sponsorships are now available! The price of the sponsorships of the event has been reduced to allow more small business members to participate. This event gives us the opportunity to express appreciation to those elected officials who give their time and talent to make the Columbus region a better place to live, work and play!

Legislative highlights of 2005 include:

- ★ Senate Bill 3, the comprehensive tort reform package was passed. This important legislation is designed to help control exposure to excessive judgments against businesses and healthcare providers.
- ★ Senate Bill 19-Increases the chances of getting a fair decision regarding certification of a class. Having the class certification resolved on the front end of a class action case should save significant discovery related expenses for all parties involved.
- ★ House Bill 282-Provides tax incentives to business to encourage continued growth.
- ★ House Bill 389-Creates a designation for counties in less developed areas of the state to offer business tax credits to help attract and retain small business.
- ★ Senate Bill 174-Offers employees choice between a fully mandated health insurance program and a less costly plan with fewer mandates. SB 174 allows more small business employees the opportunity to choose which type of healthcare coverage best suits their individual needs and affordability.

The business and healthcare communities owe a great deal of gratitude to all of our elected officials who supported these and several other business-friendly laws.

2005 Legislative Express – Sponsorship Form

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	Bronze	Less than 10 employees	1	\$125
	Silver	11-25	3	\$200
	Gold	26-100	5	\$500
	Platinum	101-500	10	\$1000
	Diamond	More than 500	12	\$1500

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