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2022

CORPORATE COUNSEL SYMPOSIUM

Resilience & Grit in the Face of Change

October 16-18, 2022
Philadelphia, PA
Marriott Downtown Hotel



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



If we have learned one thing from the pandemic and the continuing variants, it is that the new measurement of success is based upon a relentless resilience and a determination to forge ahead in the face of continuing challenges and changes in the legal landscape. In that spirit, we invite you to join us October 16 – 18, 2022 for the FDCC’s Corporate Counsel Symposium designed exclusively for corporate and defense counsel members, and their colleagues. The two and a half day interactive program will take place at the Philadelphia, PA Marriott Downtown Hotel and feature cutting-edge discussions on issues that matter most to corporate counsel, designed to keep you ahead of the curve, including ESG, cybersecurity, privilege in the corporate context, crisis management, and diversity, ethics and inclusion in the age of the great resignation.

In addition to great content, the event will feature ample opportunities for networking, two nights of dine arounds, a moderated women’s luncheon as well as tips for integrating mindfulness into your practice. All FDCC defense and corporate counsel members are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a client or colleague, although bringing a client is not required. We can’t wait to see you back in person in the city of brotherly love.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- FDCC corporate and defense counsel members
- Corporate Counsel responsible for law departments and litigation/claims management/contracts
- Corporate executives engaged in information technology
- Compliance, risk, and human resources managers

We are again offering complimentary registration to all in-house counsel. As a result, space may be at a premium for this year’s event. Therefore, we recommend you register early to reserve your spot at the CCS (and for a room at the hotel). FDCC members are encouraged to invite, though not required to bring, their corporate counsel colleagues responsible for law department or litigation management to join them.

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PROGRAM TOPICS & PANELS

We have an amazing agenda featuring an incredible line up of subject matter experts, in-house counsel and practitioners, from some of America's top corporations, including Hanover Insurance, Comcast, Amtrust Financial, Gallagher, Mosaic Insurance, Giorgi Global Holdings, Harford Mutual, Sciton, Acceptance Insurance, Aramark Corporation, Asurion and Milwaukee Tool who will address the following topics:

- Preserving Privilege for In-House Counsel
- Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace during the Great Resignation and the Era of Reimagination
- Data Security in the Era of Cyber Warfare and Cyber Insurance Coverage Issues
- Moderated Women's Networking Luncheon with an Executive Coach
- War, Pandemic, Reputational Risks, Recalls, Regulatory Impacts, Casualty Events: Becoming Resilient in Crisis Management and Beyond
- Dealing with Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Contract Issues for Small and Midsized Organizations-Privacy and Data Security, Indemnity, Jurisdiction and Arbitration Clauses
- Mindfulness and Its Importance to the Practice of Law
- Electric Vehicles and Battery-Operated Products-Defending Products Litigation in the New Era of Technology
- EEOC on the Rise: Strategies for Responding to Increased Investigations
- Implementing and Assessing the Effectiveness of Environmental, Social and Governance Programs
- Corporate Counsel Roundtable Addressing Critical Issues facing Corporate Counsel

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AGENDA

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

- 2:00PM - 4:00PM Registration
- 4:00PM - 5:30PM **Attorney Client Privilege and Ethical Issues Confronting Corporate Counsel**
Todd Presnell Esq.
Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings



We are "privileged" to have Todd Presnell, a litigation partner with the Nashville office of Bradley Arant, as our kickoff speaker, who will discuss recent developments surrounding privilege issues, including the impacts of the changes in work environments resulting from the pandemic. A must for all corporate counsel. Todd has tried numerous cases to verdict ranging from wrongful death and catastrophic personal injury cases, to Title VII and Title IX claims, to complex business tort

cases involving shareholder disputes, fraud, non-compete issues, and general breach-of-contract claims.

In addition to his trial-related work, Mr. Presnell is a frequent writer and lecturer on evidentiary privileges and related topics. He is the sole creator and author of the legal blog, Presnell on Privileges, and has published over 40 other articles in various legal print and online journals. He authors the quarterly column, Privilege Place, in the journal Today's General Counsel, and is a frequent speaker for private groups and inhouse legal departments.

- 5:30PM - 6:30PM Networking Reception
- 7:00PM Dine Arounds

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

- 7:30AM - 8:15AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:15AM - 8:30AM Welcome
- 8:30AM - 9:30AM **Maintaining Data Security Amidst Cyber Warfare, Ransomware and Pandemic**
- Moderator Sean Griffin - Dykema Gossett
- Panelists Al Saikali - Shook Hardy
Sam Terzich - Gallagher Bassett
Yosha Delong - Mosaic Insurance

Companies face increasingly difficult challenges as cyber warfare crosses borders and ransomware attacks spread like wildfire. We'll look at best practices to combat attacks through preparation and insurance programs, all while navigating new government regulations, class action filings, and the startling rise of biometric litigation.



9:30AM - 10:30AM Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace in 2022 during the Great Resignation and Reimagination Eras

Moderator Elizabeth Fitzpatrick - Island Companies
Panelists Keti Mehta - Senior Vice President, Gallagher, Founder, C-Suite Coaching
 Roberta Liebenberg Esq. - Fine Kaplan

Pandemic Insights, Hybrid Workforce, and the War for Talent – is it a Perfect Storm or all inter-connected? Join us for a deep dive into the challenges, complexities and new emerging work force trends that are plaguing organizational culture today. How is your organization moving the needle on building out authentic and robust diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives for your workforce. Learn program tips, strategies, and best practices that must be implemented today to source, acquire, develop, and retain diverse talent.

10:30AM - 10:45AM Networking Break

10:45AM - 11:45AM Corporate Counsel Roundtable

Corporate Counsel discuss relevant and cutting-edge issues of the day and what lies ahead. Bring your questions and ways in which you've responded to today's challenges. What is the biggest challenge you are facing today? Are other corporate counsel dealing with similar issues? Learn valuable solutions in this interactive session that you can implement on getting back to the office.

11:45AM - 1:00PM Working Lunch: Setting the Table with Discussion Topics Provided for Each Table

At a time in our industry where so many issues and challenges have just as many different permutations, trying to address them alone can sometimes feel overwhelming. We've come up with a new idea. Our working lunch will have attendees at each table collaborate with one another by discussing a single designated topic, debate the pros and cons, arrive at a consensus and then report back to the attendees.

11:45AM - 1:00PM Alternate Lunch-Women's Moderated Discussion with Executive Coach, Keti Mehta



Keti will facilitate an interactive discussion for our Women's Workshop attendees on topics including Owning the Room, Leading by Consensus, and Executive Presence. Seating is limited to the first 40 to register-please note your attendance on the registration form.

1:00PM - 2:00PM Resiliency and Crisis Management: War, Pandemic, Reputational Risk, Recalls, Regulatory Impacts, ESG, Cyber, Casualty Events: Beyond Crisis Management and Becoming Resilient

Moderator Valerie Kellner – Wilson Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker
Panelists Michael Rettig, Global CLO and CCO - Giorgi Global Holdings;
 Carrie Watt, Assistant General Counsel and Director of Compliance - Aramark Corporation

As legal counsel, are you prepared and can you help lead? As the number, types and frequency of "crisis" events accelerates, it is crucial to move from "crisis management" to a culture of "anticipation and collaboration," breaking down silos and being agile. Panelists will discuss their own experiences in dealing with multiple crises and the efforts underway to create corporate resiliency, taking into account management, operations, supply chain, counterparties, finance and liquidity, PR and communications, risk transfer, and the pivotal role of counsel.



2:00PM - 3:00PM Mental Health and Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession

Executive Director of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of PA, Laurie Besden, Esq., will share her compelling personal story of an insatiable drug addiction. In addition, she will address shocking statistics regarding the prevalence of substance use and mental health disorders, including depression, in the U.S. legal industry and provide information on how to identify and help attorneys in distress due to substance use and mental health disorders. She will also identify the resources that are available to help, including an overview of LCL services.

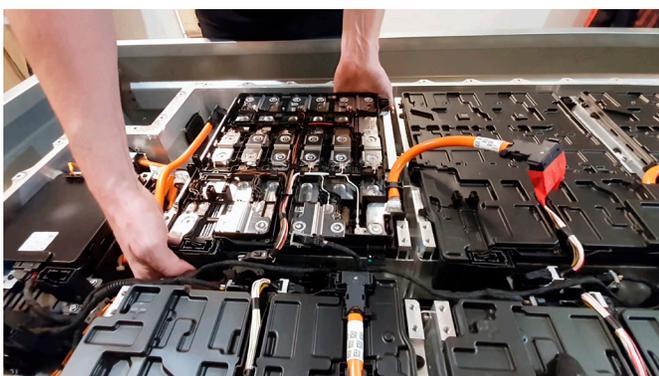
3:00PM - 3:15PM Networking Break

3:15PM - 4:15PM **Contract Issues for Small and Midsized Organizations**

Moderator Saraannah McMurtry

Panelists Geneau Thames AVP, General Counsel and Secretary Harford Mutual;
David Nicholas, Emeritus
Marisa Trasatti, Managing Partner Cipriani & Werner

Panel members will address and update the audience on hot topics and trends in contract review related to privacy/data security, indemnification clauses, jurisdictional issues/concerns, jury trial waivers and arbitration clauses, as well as other emerging contract issues/concerns impacting corporate counsel.



4:15PM - 5:15PM **Defending Clients in the New Era of Products Litigation**

Moderator Tiffany Alexander

Panelists Mark Hickok, Vice President, Safety & Regulatory - Milwaukee Tool;
Samuel Sudler, III, P.E. - SEA Ltd.
Amir Nassihi - Shook Hardy & Bacon

Electric vehicles and battery-operated products are quickly emerging in all facets of our lives, and the benefits are undeniable. But with any new technology comes risk. Hear from a panel of experts in the automotive and construction industries about how their companies are innovating, adapting and thriving in the new electric era and best practices as to how to prepare and defend your clients in this new era of product litigation.

5:30PM - 6:30PM **Networking Reception**

6:30PM **Dine Arounds**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

8:00AM - 8:30AM **Breakfast**

8:30AM - 9:30AM **EEOC on the Rise-Strategies for Responding to EEOC Investigations**

Moderator Robert Lockwood

Panelists Chad Hatmaker - Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC
Kelley Barnett SVP, Labor and Empl. & Procurement Counsel - AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.



As the country emerges from COVID-19, the Biden administration's EEOC is beginning to flex its muscle. Employment lawyers across the country are experiencing increased diligence from the EEOC as they conduct their investigation of discrimination charges. EEOC investigators are increasingly demanding documents and conducting on-site investigations and interviews of employees. Even in the mediation process, the EEOC is insisting on a "measure of accountability" by employers before resolving claims. This panel of in-house counsel and experienced employment lawyers will educate corporate counsel on their rights as employers in the EEOC process. The panel will also provide strategies for responding to more-aggressive EEOC investigators. At the conclusion of the program, attendees should possess a better understanding of the risks inherent in the EEOC process and ideas for limiting potential liability.

9:30AM - 10:30AM **Mindfulness and its Benefits for the Practice of Law**

Courtney Schulnick, Special Counsel at Marshall Dennehy



Learn what mindfulness is and why it can be so beneficial, not only in our personal lives, but in the professional sector, as well. Attendees will also learn informal practices that they can incorporate into their day to day lives to help reduce stress and anxiety and more fully show up for their lives.

10:30AM - 10:45AM **Networking Break**

10:45AM - 11:45AM **Implementing and Assessing Environmental, Social and Governance Programs**

Moderator Amy Mass

Panelists April Berman, SVP - Deputy General Counsel Asurion;
Dennis Kerrigan, GC - Hanover;
Elizabeth "Liz" Wideman, SVP, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary - Comcast

The role of inhouse corporate counsel in reviewing and assessing the implementation and effectiveness of Environmental, Corporate and Governance (ESG) programs to meet stakeholder expectations and allow your organization to meet the challenges ahead

11:45AM - Closing Remarks

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS

Accreditation will be sought in those jurisdictions requested by registrants that have continuing education requirements.

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WHY FDCC?

To be **THE** inspired community of vetted defense counsel, exceptional leaders and even better people.

The FDCC, and the FedSERVES Committee are proud to partner with Career Wardrobe in Philadelphia <https://careerwardrobe.org/> for the Corporate Counsel Symposium.

The mission of Career Wardrobe is to combat clothing insecurity. For people experiencing barriers to employment and independence, clothing insecurity is real. It can mean not having anything to wear or not having the right thing to wear. Both are barriers to advancement. The Wardrobe provides a stable source of well-maintained and displayed clothing that is suitable for any need, from casual to workwear. While the clothing is available for sale, it is also free to anyone referred, and The Wardrobe consultation experience is priceless.

Please bring one (or more) career items with you to the CCS and we will gladly donate it to the Wardrobe. Your donation will be tax deductible and will go a long way towards helping members of Philadelphia and the surrounding communities get back out into the workforce with style and pride.

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