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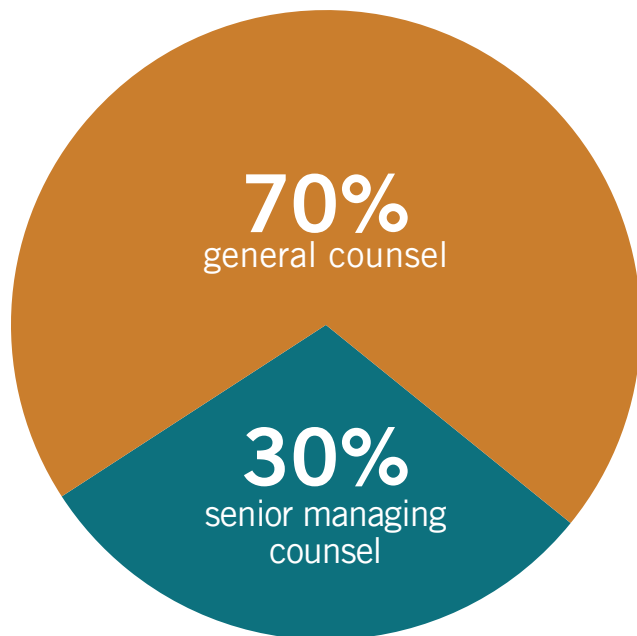
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# ABOUT THE TEXAS GENERAL COUNSEL FORUM

The Forum  
**COMMUNITY**  
includes nearly  
**700**

general and senior managing counsel



## Overview & Mission Statement

The Forum is a community of nearly 700 general counsel (70%) and senior managing counsel (30%) who represent over 350 companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. The Forum strives to be the best at discovering, benchmarking and sharing best practices, and delivering them to members in a peer-to-peer community environment. No legal department, no matter how large or well-funded, knows it all. In-house innovation comes from diverse sources. Innovators themselves provide the most direct path to those solutions. By hosting a multitude of meetings and events, we provide a platform for networking and sharing best practices. Rather than predicting what might work, our members share legal best practice discoveries. This is the power of collaboration—the power of a forum. Unlike similar organizations, Forum members partner with valued underwriters who share in the financial support and governance of our organization. This partnership helps the Forum achieve its mission of improving the professional lives of in-house leaders.

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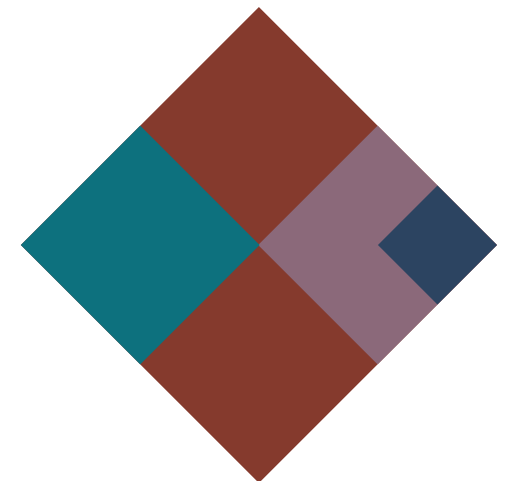
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# ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## Austin/San Antonio

### **\*Chapter Quarterly Events**

**March 2 | May 11 | June 29 | October 12**

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Networking, Heavy Hors D'oeuvres & Program

*Chez Zee*

*5406 Balcones Drive, 78731*

## Dallas/Fort Worth

### **\*Chapter Quarterly Events**

**January 25 | April 19 | June 14 | October 11**

7:15 – 8:00 am

Registration, Networking & Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am | Program

*Northwood Country Club*

*6524 Alpha Rd, 75240*

## Houston

### **\*Chapter Quarterly Events**

**February 14 | May 3 | June 28 | October 4**

7:15 am – 8:00 am

Registration, Networking & Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am | Program

*Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa*

*111 N Post Oak Ln, 77024*

\*Additional meeting particulars forthcoming

## Statewide

### **19th Annual Conference of General Counsel**

**November 16 – 17, 2017**

*Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa*

*San Antonio, TX*

### **Thursday, November 16**

#### **Annual Golf Tournament**

10:30am – 11:45am

Registration, Luncheon & Practice

*Lone Oak*

11:45am – 5:00pm | Shotgun Start

*Hill Country Golf Club*

#### **Women's Caucus**

11:00am – 12:30pm

Brunch, Networking & Program

1:00 – 5:00pm | Individual Spa Sessions

*Windflower Spa*

#### **12th Annual Magna Stella® Awards**

6:00 – 7:30pm | Reception - ballroom foyer

7:30 – 9:00pm | Dinner - ballroom

9:00 – 10:00pm | Dessert - ballroom foyer

*Independence Ballroom*

10:00pm | **After Stella After Party (ASAP)**

### **Friday, November 17**

### **19th Annual Conference of General Counsel**

7:15 am – 8:15 am

In-House Counsel Breakfast

8:15 am – 2:00 pm

Speaker Sessions

*Independence Ballroom*

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# MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

While the Forum offers networking opportunities, educational programs and best practice collaboration, an often overlooked attribute is the breadth of experiences the members bring to the Forum. Members have such varied backgrounds that simply gathering together at one of the Forum's functions offers a host of opportunities to improve and expand one's thoughts about a wide range of subjects.

—*Theis Rice,*  
*SVP, HR & Chief Legal Officer, Trinity Industries, Inc.*

The focus of the Forum on the needs of senior level in-house counsel at a local level is unparalleled and is unquestionably incredibly useful in our work. The focus on best practices and problem sharing and solving involves real give and take in smaller settings that goes beyond the typical continuing education and networking for lawyers.

—*Dona H. Cornell,*  
*VC, VP of Legal Affairs & General Counsel,*  
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The Forum is an excellent resource for senior in-house counsel. The programs and networking opportunities are exceptional and provide a reliable and cost-effective resource that helps me be more productive. I cannot find this type of input and guidance in any other venue.

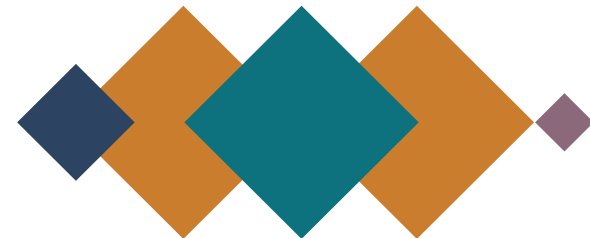
—*Bryan Barksdale,*  
*General Counsel, YETI Coolers*

The Forum more than fulfills its mission to improve the professional lives of general counsel and managing counsel. The Forum has provided me many varied opportunities to get to know numerous general counsel, managing counsel, law firm partners and others involved in the legal profession. The breath of the Forum's programs and its networking with senior leaders sets it apart from other legal organizations.

—*Elizabeth Giddens,*  
*SVP, Dep. General Counsel & Corp Sec., Nationstar Mortgage LLC*

The Forum provides the senior level in-house legal community first rate benchmarking, networking, CLE and sharing of best practices, for an extremely modest cost. The quality and value are unmatched by any other legal organization.

—*John Torres,*  
*EVP & Chief Legal Officer, Lennox International*





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