

**Association of Corporate Counsel – St. Louis Chapter Receives  
2023 Outstanding Achievement Award for  
“Best Partnership Program”**

We are honored to share the news that the The Association of Corporate Counsel – St. Louis Chapter received the 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award in the mid-sized chapter category for “Best Partnership Program” from the Association of Corporate Counsel global association at its annual meeting held in October.

The Chapter partnered with Washington University Olin School of Business to present the April 14, 2023, program, “Using Leadership and Decision-Making to Overcome Current Business and Legal Challenges.” The Chapter initiated the partnership with the Olin Business School to provide Chapter members access to current learnings from a local, nationally ranked business school.

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The Professional Development Committee met with the Assistant Dean and the Business School professors before the program to discuss the curriculum for the program and to understand the close working relationships among ACC STL members, corporate executives, managers, and operations teams, the diverse practice areas managed by in-house counsel, and the combined legal and business roles many in-house counsels serve. The half-day program offered courses ranging from organizational design and strategic management to leadership and improved communications skills training. Seventy members attended, and three hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) was offered.

Geoffrey explained that the ACC STL members, as in-house counsel, work with executives and other business leaders, and would benefit from engaging, interactive courses on the topics of leadership and decision making. In addition to providing legal advice, many members may have positions that require them to lead teams and make crucial business decisions.

“Today, corporate attorneys serve in leadership roles and often participate in or make critical decisions that impact many stakeholders throughout the corporations where they work. In-house counselors, like their business counterparts, require training and education on how to make high-risk, high-opportunity decisions while under considerable time pressure. This partnership with the School of Business not only created strong in-house counsel but also strong members of the greater business community,” added Geoff.

The ACC STL chapter also received the “2023 Innovative Programming Effort” award from the ACC global association annual meeting. This program was led by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.