

Association of Corporate Counsel – St. Louis Chapter and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Partner for a Successful 39th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute

The Association of Corporate Counsel – St. Louis Chapter and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) joined forces once again for a thriving 39th annual Corporate Counsel Institute (CCI) on May 9, 2024. Held at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton, the event drew over 200 in-house counsel, private practice attorneys, and legal service professionals for a day of learning and connection.

The CCI provided a full day of valuable Continuing Legal Education (CLE) sessions. Sponsors presented informative talks on a variety of timely topics, ranging from navigating the challenges and opportunities of Artificial Intelligence to mastering the nuances of M&A trends, and from navigating ethical dilemmas in internal investigations to fostering inclusive leadership teams.

Ty Ulmer, CCI Committee Chairperson, expressed his gratitude to all involved. "The success of the CCI hinges on the generous support of our sponsoring law firms and legal industry exhibitors," he said. "Their dedication and resources are essential each year. We also extend our sincere thanks to BAMSL and its staff. Their longstanding partnership with the Chapter is invaluable. By working together, the Chapter and BAMSL create an event offering a broader and more comprehensive experience than either organization could achieve independently."

Special recognition goes to the 2024 CCI sponsors:

- BCLP – Breakfast Sponsor
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- Thompson Coburn LLP – Reception Sponsor

The event's highlight was a lunchtime panel discussion moderated by Jason Hall, CEO of Greater St. Louis. Titled "St. Louis is Resurgent: How Business and Civic Leaders Are Coming Together to Move the Metro Forward," the panel featured regional leaders Gabe Gore (Circuit Attorney, City of St. Louis), Carolyn Kindle (CEO and Co-Owner, St. Louis CITY SC), and Travis Sheridan (Chief Community Officer, Wexford Science and Technology). The day concluded with a well-attended and enjoyable reception.

Ulmer emphasized the strength of the Chapter's partnership with BAMSL. "Years of collaboration and exceptional leadership within both organizations have fostered this successful partnership," he stated. "We recognize each other's strengths and leverage them to deliver exceptional value to our members and the legal community."

Planning for the 2025 CCI is already in the works. If you have ideas for topics or presentations, don't be shy, share your thoughts. The planning Committee wants to hear from you. Please reach out with your ideas, suggestions, and feedback on how to make the event even better by contacting Sue Wagner, ACC STL Executive Administrator, at accstl@qabs.com, or 314.416.0404. We look forward to seeing you next year!