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Presidential Update



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Welcome to August! August means the return to school and learning for many in our communities and families, the approaching end of summer, and the push to meet this year's goals and projects. For me, August indicates we are in the second half of my year as president of the Chapter, and the Board starts the planning process for 2025.

2024 has been full of wonderful programs, learning opportunities, and shared experiences. This year, I have focused on resources offered by ACC (including many online resources including the [2024 ACC Chief Legal Officer Survey](#), ways to increase [membership](#) (including inviting prospective members to select ACC events), the benefits of volunteering and being engaged in the Chapter (such as signing up for a [committee](#)), the value of the [CLEs](#) offered by the Chapter, tapping into members [for ideas](#) for new programs and enhancements of existing programs, and connecting with sponsors through liaisons and other means. These initiatives have served as a foundation for the Board's decisions throughout 2024 to ensure our actions are consistent with our strategies.

The Board and committee members have phenomenal programs planned for the remainder of the year. Many of the program are posted on the Chapter's website before you receive the registration emails. Thus, I encourage you to bookmark the Chapter's event page. When you see new events posted, save the date on your calendar. You really won't want to miss some of these events!

Our upcoming events include opportunities for learning. On August 20, the Membership Committee will once again present a [panel of general counsel](#) who will provide a roadmap to being successful as a corporate attorney. This program is open to all members, including those who are new to in-house practice, and law students. On September 11, we will return to Forest Park and the Four Seasons for the popular

CLE/Golf/Spa event. Each month, we will also offer sponsor-led CLE programs. On August 15 at Olive + Oak, Bryan Cave Leighton & Paisner will offer a program on **Navigating Implicit Bias and Empowering Women: Awareness, Action, and Allyship in the Legal Profession**, which includes ethics and elimination of bias CLE credit. Members may bring a prospective ACC member (attorneys employed by organizations as in-house counsel) to the event on August 15.

Our fall events will also include a summer social by Littler on August 27, a fun, family-friendly membership appreciation event on September 25, a spectacular sponsorship appreciation event, and our holiday party.

The **Board** and committee members work hard to plan these programs and events. Please thank them when you see them. We hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events and at a committee meeting. Every committee is open to new members.

Enjoy the final month of summer.

See you soon,

Beverly