

Presidential Update:



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Thank you for everyone who attended the 39th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute on May 9 at the Ritz Carlton. Approx. 320 members, sponsors and others attended the full day program, which included 9.0 hours of CLE. Attendees focused on and engaged in the various presentations. The exhibit hall buzzed with excitement and energy. Congratulations to the CCI Committee for planning and hosting a successful event. We are already looking forward to the 40th Annual CCI in 2025.

Congratulations also to Jenny Herner, Immediate Past President, who moderated ACC's Spring Leadership Development Institute in Washington DC on May 17. Jenny delivered thoughtful opening remarks about the contents of President Lincoln's pockets on the night he was shot at Ford's Theatre only a few blocks from the site of LDI. She explained why the contents of his pockets represented the tools and mindset needed by a leader. When you see Jenny, ask her about the three objections. Jay Repaso, President-Elect, Jennifer Robinson, Treasurer, and I also attended LDI. We look forward to sharing and implementing many of the new ideas shared by ACC and other Chapters.

On May 22, Tucker Ellis provided an insightful CLE program at the Missouri History Museum. Attendees heard from Tucker Ellis partners Nick Clifford and Caroline Tinsley and in-house counsel Christopher Pickett and Kristi Pfothenauer Byrne. More than 45 members attended and earned ethics and elimination of bias credits just in time for the upcoming June 30 MCLE reporting deadline.

If you still need CLE credit before the upcoming reporting deadline, make plans to join us on June 4 for an informative session about Marijuana in the Workplace presented by Ogletree Deakins.

The Chapter's summer calendar contains many other phenomenal events, and our committees are working on exciting programs for the fall.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Beverly Garner

P.S. In my prior columns, I have highlighted resources provided by ACC including the **2024 Chief Legal Officers Survey**. Check out the Annual Meeting Handbook, 2024 Edition, authored by Latham Watkins and Donnelley Financial Solution, which is available here: **Annual Meeting Handbook, 2024 Edition | Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)**

P.P.S. Are you planning to attend the ACC Annual Meeting October 6-9, 2024 in Nashville? If so, please let us know at: mailto: **accstl@gabs.com**. Through June 30, you can get \$120 off your 2024 ACC Annual Meeting registration by downloading the ACC365 app. We will plan a group gathering and photo for everyone attending from the St. Louis Chapter.