

President's Message: The Key to Happiness



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Every time I am in Florence, I wonder if those who live there ever stop seeing its beauty, passing by the Duomo or statue of David without thought or glance.

Sometimes we don't appreciate what we have, but I have read that doing just that is the key to happiness.

The Association of Corporate Counsel has more than 45,000 members around the world. At its Annual Meeting in October, it recognized seven chapters for their achievements in four categories.

The St. Louis Chapter received the Best Partnership Award for our partnership with Washington University's Olin School of Business on the program "Using Leadership & Decision-Making to Overcome Current Business & Legal Challenges" and the Innovative Programming Award for our "Artful Observation with a Diversity Lens" program at the St. Louis Art Museum.

The only other chapter that won two awards was Singapore.

When I ask members why they don't come to ACC events and non-members why they don't join, I get a variety of responses. They get their CLE elsewhere. They don't have time. They don't know about it. Essentially, they don't understand its value.

The St. Louis Chapter of the ACC offers members unique opportunities to connect with in-house counsel in their areas, sharpen their skills with targeted CLE programs, and develop and improve their leadership skills.

Our Chapter is larger and more active than many state-wide and some country-wide chapters and, along with our amazing sponsors, have hosted 32 events so far this year.

We consistently are recognized as a Gold Chapter of Distinction, and our programs receive awards year after year.

So, appreciate what you have, and join us! I have read it is the key to happiness.