

The St. Louis Corporate Counsel Institute Held May 11 – The place to See and Be Seen in the St. Louis Legal Community

The Corporate Counsel Institute (CCI) was held May 11 at the Ritz Carlton. The annual event is co-hosted by the Association of Corporate Counsel, St. Louis Chapter, and the Bar Association of Missouri St. Louis (BAMSL).

The CCI is the Chapter's premier annual CLE and social networking event, bringing together in-house counsel, private practitioners, and members of the legal services industry from across the region for a day of continuing legal education and networking opportunities. This year's event was no exception, and saw attendance return to near pre-pandemic levels, with 240 attendees.

Ty Ulmer, ACC STL 2022 CCI Chairperson, said, "The CCI would not be possible without the generous support of all the sponsoring law firms and legal industry exhibitors – all of whom gave generously of their time and resources to make the event possible. A special thank you also to the Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis and its staff, who are our partners in the event. Together our organizations can put together an event of greater depth and breadth than either organization could do on its own."

We want to acknowledge and thank the 2022 CCI event sponsors, which include:

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Presentations covered topics, ranging from labor and employment matters, to litigation, to diversity and inclusion, and the evolving practice of navigating privacy laws.

Lunch featured one of the nation's leading legal recruiters, who spoke about recruiting during the time of the "great resignation." The day ended with a wonderful presentation on the craft beer industry, by Tom Schlafly, founder of Schlafly Beer and The Saint Louis Brewery; and Fran Caradonna, its Chief Executive Officer. Of course, a fun-filled cocktail hour followed their presentation, featuring craft beers, networking, and drawings for fabulous attendance prizes.

Planning for the 2023 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!