



2025

Corporate Counsel College

APRIL 10 - 11

*The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago
Chicago, Illinois USA*

intimate conference designed
for in-house counsel and their
trusted outside counsel advisors

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

12:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

IADC LEADERSHIP FORUM

The IADC Leadership Forum is a half-day program targeting rising stars, regardless of whether you are outside or in-house counsel. The presentations are designed to accelerate the learning curve on the attendees' path to leadership within their law firm or legal department. Managing partners and senior corporate officers are encouraged to attend along with their rising star.

The Forum is complimentary and is open to all, including non-IADC members. For program information and to register, please visit www.iadclaw.org/events/2025-iadc-leadership-forum/

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION (CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

BREAKFAST

8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Andrew S. Chamberlin, *Corporate Counsel College Dean, Ellis & Winters LLP, Greensboro, NC USA*

Donna Lamontagne, *IADC President, Lamontagne, Spaulding & Hayes, LLP, Cranston, RI USA*

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Going Beyond the Prompt: Navigating the Safe and Ethical Use of AI for In-House Lawyers

In the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence, in-house lawyers play a crucial role in ensuring that their organizations harness the power of AI responsibly and ethically. This session will explore what in-house corporate legal departments need to know as they navigate new technologies beyond prompting a chatbot. Attendees will gain insights into the latest AI tools available to legal teams, learn how these tools can drive efficiency, and understand the essential guardrails that must be implemented to mitigate risks.

Key topics to be covered include:

- An overview of AI tools tailored for corporate legal departments
- Best practices for integrating AI to enhance legal operations
- Ethical considerations and compliance requirements for AI usage
- Strategies for establishing robust AI governance frameworks

Speaker: **Sarah Alt**, *Chief Process & AI Officer, Michael Best, Waukesha, WI USA*

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Deepfake Technology and Threats to the Authenticity of Evidence. Be Afraid. Be Very Afraid.

What is the exponential proliferation of AI deepfakes doing to evidence during expert discovery and in the courtroom? This program discusses the challenges posed by deepfake evidence and what we can do about it when judges and jurors can't trust their own eyes and ears. Along with how to detect fake evidence, we'll discuss what companies need to do to protect their own evidence from claims that it is fake. We'll look at how this is playing out in discovery and courtrooms today and proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence that may be on the horizon.

Moderator: **Mollie Benedict**, *Tucker Ellis LLP, Los Angeles, CA USA*

Panelists: **Professor Maura R. Grossman**, *University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON Canada*; **Dan Regard**, *iDiscovery Solutions, Washington, DC USA*; **Pamela J. Yates**, *Arnold & Porter, Los Angeles, CA USA*

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

SCHEDULE

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Navigating Current Considerations in International Arbitration

International arbitration is an increasingly important means of resolving cross-border disputes. Panel members representing arbitral institutions, corporate in-house counsel, and outside practitioners from diverse jurisdictions will provide valuable insights into the complex legal, procedural, and strategic dimensions that shape the resolution of cross border disputes via arbitration. We'll discuss strategies for selecting arbitral institutions, including seat selections and procedural nuances that can significantly impact the proceedings and the final outcome. Best practices and evolving trends will be highlighted, providing valuable guidance for those engaged in or considering international arbitration as a means of resolving cross-border disputes.

Moderator: **Eileen Khor**, *Siemens Energy, Erlangen, Germany*

Panelists: **Marek Krasula**, *Director, International Chamber of Commerce (North America), New York, NY USA*; **Edmund J. Kronenburg**, *Braddell Brothers LLP, Singapore, Singapore*; **Adriana Uson**, *Director, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Americas), New York, NY USA*

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON



1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JUAN CARLOS LINARES

From Assistant Corporate Counsel to CEO: Lessons in Leadership and Law

Join us for an insightful fireside chat with the President and CEO of Association House of Chicago, whose career journey took him from Assistant Corporate Counsel to the C-Suite. Our speaker will share invaluable lessons on leadership, legal expertise, and navigating the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Gain practical insights on how legal skills shape effective leadership and drive success at the highest levels.

Presenter: **Juan Carlos Linares**, *President and CEO, Association House of Chicago, Chicago, IL USA*

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Private and Public Board Governance and the Operative Role of Counsel

While private and public companies are both in the business of providing products/services and making money, the oversight of these two types of companies varies in ways that requires advising and supporting counsel to never underestimate the legal landscape in which it is nestled. The nuances of geography, ownership, governance, objectives, and scrutiny will dictate and determine the choreography of the strategic dance by counsel in guiding these businesses through and around the legal terrain. This panel will offer diverse perspectives that speak to these nuances and offer key points of wisdom on being effective and successful in private and public board governance.

Moderator: **Lauren M. Loew**, *Foley & Lardner LLP, Chicago, IL USA*

Panelists: **Melanie D. Margolin**, *Chief Administrative & Legal Officer, Clarivate, Indianapolis, IN USA*; **Siraj Omar, SC**, *Senior Counsel, Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore, Singapore*; **Jamey Seely**, *Crusoe Energy, Denver, CO USA*

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

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3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chevron Deference. The Path Forward.

The End of Chevron Deference. What does it mean? We will explore the Supreme Court's landmark ruling in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, which overturned the 40-year-old Chevron doctrine, ending the Court's requirement to defer to "reasonable" agency interpretations of relevant statutes. We will discuss the consequences of this decision on federal agencies and regulated entities. Will the groundbreaking ruling create gridlock by encouraging litigation challenging agency actions and regulations? Will it increase efficiency by promoting greater predictability and stability for businesses? How will it impact courts and consumers? We'll look into our crystal ball and tell you what to anticipate.

Moderator: **Ryan Richman**, *McCarter & English, LLP, Newark, NJ USA*

Panelists: **Matthew E. Cohn**, *USG Corporation, Chicago, IL USA*; **Gretchen N. Miller**, *Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Chicago, IL USA*; **Danielle Desaulniers Stempel**, *Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC USA*

5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS - DAY ONE

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7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

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8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Is ESG Alive and Well or a Dying Aspiration?

The panel of experts will discuss the shift in the ESG from a voluntary framework to a regulatory requirement and how companies (both public and private) are handling the challenges they are facing in a number of areas such as DEI, forced labor, carbon offsets, greenwashing, and more. How do you determine the line between stakeholder directive and public or political backlash all while continuing to align your ESG actions with shareholder value? How do you efficiently and effectively keep your ESG program fresh, collect the necessary data, and manage anti-ESG sentiment? There are best practices and strategic solutions to this challenging landscape.

Moderator: **Johner T. (J.T.) Wilson, III**, *Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., Chicago, IL USA*

Panelists: **Kristina Beifus**, *Director, Compliance and Sustainability, American Greetings, Cleveland, OH USA*; **Averil Edwards**, *Managing Counsel, Environmental and Sustainability, United Airlines, Chicago, IL USA*; **Alanna Fishman**, *Managing Director, ESG Advisory, FTI Consulting, Denver, CO USA*

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Anatomy of a Cyber Security Incident: Before, During, and After

Nothing gets the blood pressure rising quite like a cyber incident. Hear from a panel of speakers who have experience preparing for, living through, and cleaning up in the aftermath of a cyber matter. While you cannot control when an incident occurs, there are ways to prepare for a cyber matter to ensure you have the best team in place to navigate the disruption, and there is always something important to learn about how your team manages the response.

Moderator: **Brigid M. Carpenter**, *Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, Nashville, TN USA*

Panelists: **Michele Abraham**, *Lineage, Nova, MI USA*; **Melissa Ho**, *Microchip Technology, Inc., Chandler, AZ USA*; **Emily Turner Landry**, *Nissan North America, Inc., Franklin, TN USA*

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10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

The New Presidential Term – What it Means for Business

Increased regulations and enforcement, or the opposite? It's a new administration and businesses face the unknown of what the next four years may bring. Our esteemed panel will discuss what corporate America might expect and tips for preparing as the priorities of the 47th President continue to develop. The potential impacts from an international business perspective also will be addressed.

Moderator: **Mark Behrens**, *Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, Washington, DC USA*

Panelists: **Neil Bradley**, *Chief Policy Officer and Head of Strategic Advocacy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC USA*; **Greg Brower**, *Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Washington, DC USA*; **Linda Kelly**, *Chief Legal Officer, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC USA*

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Spencer H. Silverglate, *2026 Corporate Counsel College Dean, Clarke Silverglate, P.A., Miami, FL USA*

GENERAL INFORMATION



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The room rate, which is subject to the current applicable occupancy and sales tax per room, per night, is \$335 single/double occupancy for a King City View Room. In order to make your hotel reservation you must first register for the meeting with the IADC. Once registered, a link will be generated by the IADC, along with your registration confirmation, that will allow you to secure a hotel room at The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. You must contact the hotel directly, either by web link or telephone. Hotel reservations in IADC's room block and at the group rate are for registered attendees only. Reservations must be made on or before Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Unused rooms held for this meeting will be released on this date. Any reservation requests received after March 18, 2025 will be accepted only on a space-available basis at the group rate. Please note that the room block may fill before March 18, so we encourage you to register with the IADC so that you can make your hotel reservation early. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance of check-in to avoid forfeiture of first night room deposit. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon CST.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Average one-way cab fare to the hotel from O'Hare International Airport is \$45-\$55 and from Midway Airport is \$40-\$50. GO Airport Express provides service from both O'Hare and Midway airports to downtown Chicago for discounted fares. For more information, visit the GO Airport Express website at www.airportexpress.com. During rush hour times, you may consider taking the Orange Line train (Midway) or Blue Line train (O'Hare) to the downtown Loop stations and taking a short cab ride to the hotel. (www.transitchicago.com)

CLIMATE AND DRESS

When packing for your trip, please note that average temperatures in Chicago this time of year range from a high of 60 degrees Fahrenheit to a low of 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Business casual attire (slacks, button down/blouse/sweater, skirt) is recommended for the meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES AND PROCEDURES

Registration is available online only. IADC outside counsel members – contact your in-house clients today and invite them to join you at the Corporate Counsel College. Outside counsel members and partners of members can attend the College only if they are accompanied by a client. The package registration fee is \$1,995 [includes one outside counsel (\$1,500) and one ticket for an in-house client (\$495)]. The fee for additional clients is \$495 each. For in-house counsel and insurance executive members and in-house counsel and insurance executive non-members who are attending on their own, the fee is \$495. Register online at www.iadclaw.org/events/2025-corporate-counsel-college.

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Approximately 8.75 hours of general CLE credit in 60-minute states and 10.5 hours of general CLE credit in 50-minute states will be requested for accreditation from all mandatory continuing legal education jurisdictions.

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Registration Fee: A CASH REFUND, less a \$150 processing fee, will be made if a written notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office more than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the meeting. No reason for the cancellation need be provided for a timely notice of cancellation. NO CASH REFUND will be made if notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office thirty (30) days or less prior to the first day of the meeting. However, if special circumstances arise before the meeting which prevent attendance, a member may request a future meeting credit. The request needs to be in writing and submitted to the IADC office. It should be directed to the Finance Committee's attention and note the special circumstances which caused cancellation. The credit request can only apply to meeting registration fees (not air, hotel, activity, tour, or special event fees) and, if approved, will be valid for use toward any IADC meeting for one (1) year from the date of the meeting for which credit is requested. A \$150 processing fee will be deducted from the total future meeting credit. All future meeting credit requests will be considered by the Finance Committee and the decision of that Committee will be final.

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In-house counsel responsible for hiring and managing outside counsel /
Senior insurance industry executives / Corporate compliance officers /
Senior executives and counsel to non-profit corporations /
Heads of corporate governmental relations departments /
Heads of litigation departments / Experienced outside defense trial counsel

The IADC Corporate Counsel College is designed to be an interactive and dynamic learning experience that takes advantage of the vast knowledge and experience of panelists, in-house corporate counsel, and the outside counsel attendees. While each session will follow a slightly different format, panelists and moderators will share their experiences and what they learned. The moderators will engage the audience and panel members in a spirited and educational discussion about the issues, sometimes posing hypothetical situations to stimulate further discussion.



“As an in-house attorney, I get invited to a lot of programs targeting general counsel. I have been to many, but I keep coming back to the **IADC Corporate Counsel College**.

I have always been impressed by the level of programming, attention to what matters today for in-house lawyers, and the networking opportunities. If you want to learn from subject matter experts, meet colleagues wrestling with the same issues that you are, and perhaps find a lawyer for your next big case, you won't go wrong attending the CCC.”

– Matt Cairns, Senior Associate General Counsel, Textron, Inc.



“The **IADC Corporate Counsel College** was a pleasure to attend. Well-organized and right-sized – I took away a lot to think about and implement in my role, and some new connections – a jam-packed, but very valuable, day and a half!

Highly recommend to my colleagues: mark your calendars for April 10 & 11, 2025!”

– Ellen Wisniewski, Deputy General Counsel, Cordis



“As General Counsel for HNTB Corporation, a national transportation infrastructure consulting firm, I have found attending the **IADC Corporate Counsel College** to be extremely valuable. It gives me an opportunity to build upon existing relationships, and develop new ones, with outside and in-house counsel. The participation of IADC leadership provides a chance to get to know them in a more intimate environment than the larger meetings. The programs offered are timely, relevant, and presented by true experts. It has become an annual event that I don't want to miss.”

– George E. Wolf, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, HNTB Corporation

