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17th Annual CORPORATE COUNSEL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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*"Corporate Law Elevated: Preserving Legacy,
Powering Innovation, Defining Tomorrow"*

CLE hours available: 6 (including 3 hrs of Ethics)

8:00 AM – 9:20 AM
BREAKFAST AND WELCOME

9:20 AM – 10:50 AM
**CAN DEI SURVIVE? THE STATE OF DEI AND
THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW GOVERNMENTAL
POLICIES AND COURT DECISIONS**

The landscape of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs is rapidly changing, presenting new challenges and uncertainties. Recent Court decisions and policy shifts at both the federal and state levels have raised doubts about the future of DEI efforts, particularly in higher education and the private sector. This session will outline the current realities of DEI and anti-DEI sentiment and discuss current strategies that businesses, law firms and higher education are implementing to maintain emphasis on the key underlying principles and spirit of DEI and career strategies in the current environment.

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM
BREAK/TRANSITION

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
**MASTERCLASS: EXPLORING THE CRITICAL
INGREDIENTS FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP,
AND OPTIMIZED CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS**

With increasing societal, governmental, and business uncertainty, it is more important than ever to empower attorneys with the skills to inspire and cultivate high-performing professional teams and collaboration with business clients. The panel of exemplary attorneys will share their insights on what it takes to be your organization's next legal lead and your clients' trusted advisor. The Panel will highlight the skills needed to develop high level collaboration and trust building transparency between in-house and outside counsel. This session will also discuss potential synergies of such collaborations.

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12:30 PM – 1:35 PM

MORNING SURVEY/POWER NETWORKING LUNCH

1:35 PM – 3:05 PM

**CORPORATE LITIGATION EXCELLENCE
- THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY**

Join us for an engaging and insightful panel comprising some of the best corporate litigators in the country as they share their experiences, challenges, missteps and best practices in high-stakes legal matters. From litigation and trials to negotiations and major transactional deals, our panelists will provide valuable insights into the fast-paced and ever-changing legal environment. In this session, our panelists will discuss approaches to balancing the intersection of client expectations when resolving potential and/or realized legal disputes or implementing business strategies.

3:05 PM – 3:20 PM

BREAK/TRANSITION

3:20 PM – 4:50 PM

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AMID UNCERTAINTY
WHILE EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

Board members and Trustees face unprecedented challenges in navigating these historic times while monitoring financial performance. With the potential for de-emphasis on board and trustee diversity, the panel will discuss their perspectives on the future of board and/or trustee opportunities. Learn how board members and trustees address emerging governance and business issues. Our panel of accomplished board directors and/or trustees will discuss the evolution of their careers and roles as stewards of shareholder value that promote long-term and sustainable value creation. Learn about the new rules of the board game, how to navigate your path to board and trustee opportunities, the importance of networking to secure board and trustee opportunities, the duties and nuances of modern board service, and how to forge effective partnerships with company officers to deliver value to the organization.

4:50 PM – 5:10 PM

AFTERNOON SURVEY/CLOSING

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