

**UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS**

**June 11, 2019**

Monthly Luncheon  
Sponsored by Kilpatrick Townsend

**June 15, 2019**

Women's Initiative Event  
"Mindfulness in The City"  
Sponsored by Bodker, Ramsey, Andrews, Winograd & Wildstein; Kilpatrick Townsend; Eversheds Sutherland; Ogletree Deakins; Taylor English; LawDocsXpress

**June 18, 2019**

Deep Dive Luncheon  
Sponsored by Womble Bond Dickinson

**June 28, 2019**

Rapid Remedy on Employment Issues with Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta  
Sponsored by with Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta and Seyfarth

**July 9, 2019**

Monthly Luncheon  
Sponsored by Fisher & Phillips

**July 25, 2019**

Networking Event  
"Beat the Heat"  
Sponsored by Womble Bond Dickinson

**August 13, 2019**

Monthly Luncheon  
Sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland

**August 16, 2019**

Women's Initiative Event  
"Dance for Health"

**August 21, 2019**

Annual Braves Event  
Sponsored by Nelson Mullins

**September 10, 2019**

Monthly Luncheon  
Sponsored by Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial

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**DEAR ACC GEORGIA MEMBERS:**



Angela Frazier  
ACC Georgia President

We're halfway through 2019, and our ACC Georgia Chapter already has provided a variety of ways for members to connect and get involved in the corporate counsel community. Throughout the spring, our membership has been active in several events designed specifically for in-house counsel:

- **ACC Value Challenge:** The April 30 event hosted by Taylor English and additionally sponsored by Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore; Eversheds Sutherland; PwC and Morris Manning & Martin featured four panel presentations and eight roundtable sessions with corporate counsel and law firms.
- **Women's Initiative:** The April 24 event was a golf clinic sponsored by Bodker, Ramsey, Andrews, Winograd & Wildstein; Eversheds Sutherland; Kilpatrick Townsend; Ogletree Deakins; Taylor English and LawDocsXpress.
- **Leadership Series:** On April 19, Smith Gambrell & Russell sponsored our continuing leadership development program, which focused on resiliency and innovation.
- **Special Event at Chateau Elan:** On May 13, the ACC Georgia and ACC South Carolina chapters came together for the first time for a joint CLE and networking event sponsored by Ogletree Deakins at the north Georgia winery.
- **Corporate Counsel Awards:** On May 8, we celebrated the achievements of eight outstanding in-house counsel at the Twelve Midtown ballroom at Atlantic Station. The awards honored in-house attorneys who have distinguished themselves in serving the community, championing diversity, excelling in a specialized area of law, leading legal departments and demonstrating lifetime achievement.

We have many more events scheduled before Labor Day to support our members' career development. These include three monthly luncheons, two Women's Initiative events, a deep dive luncheon and our annual Braves CLE event sponsored by Nelson Mullins.

Summer is also the time to provide opportunities to future lawyers, and ACC Georgia is proud to again sponsor the Lori Ann Haydu Memorial Summer Internship program. Law school students work as paid interns at two corporations, allowing them to experience what it's like to work in-house.

Thank you to our members for their involvement and to all sponsors whose support has made these programs possible. Together, these contributions continue to make the ACC Georgia chapter a vibrant community for in-house counsel.

See you at our next event!

**Angela Frazier**

ACC Georgia President  
Assistant General Counsel, Cox Communications, Inc.

**2019 Lori Ann Haydu Memorial Summer Interns**

ACC Georgia has awarded three paid summer internships to rising second-year law students who come from diverse or challenging backgrounds to seek success in the legal profession. This year's interns are:



**Diamond Presswood Alexander**  
**Education:** Emory University School of Law, J.D. Candidate, May 2021; University of Mississippi, B.S., May 2017  
**Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan  
**Host Companies:** Pulte Group, Carter's



**Tracy Mokake**  
**Education:** Georgia State University College of Law, J.D. Candidate, May 2021; Kennesaw State University, B.A., May 2018  
**Hometown:** Dallas, Georgia  
**Host Companies:** Beazer Homes, McKesson Corporation



**Bianca Webb**  
**Education:** Georgia State University College of Law, J.D. Candidate, May 2021; Louisiana State University, B.A. May 2016  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia  
**Host Companies:** Global Payments, Randstad US

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Heather Asher

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary at CCUR Holdings, Inc.



CCUR HOLDINGS, INC.

#### Q. What is your role at CCUR Holdings, Inc.?

I came on full time at my company right after the sale of a business division. We sold another division about six months later and recently acquired a new business. CCUR Holdings is actively pursuing business opportunities including assets for acquisition and continued development of its real estate and merchant cash advance operations through its subsidiaries.

#### Q. What is your biggest legal challenge?

Working through these transition periods has been an intellectual challenge that keeps my job interesting. There is not really a guidebook available because any transition process is going to be very specific to the business.

#### Q. What keeps you up at night?

What keeps me up at night is figuring out the questions that I haven't asked. In my experience as a solo in-house attorney, I have found it important to be proactive in keeping up to date on legal news and trends. Interacting at ACC events with other in-house attorneys who are part of small legal departments has been very helpful. The daily email digest that I receive from the ACC has also been a great resource.

#### Q. What makes a successful leader?

Being knowledgeable about the work contributions of your colleagues can contribute to your own success. Learning about what people are working on daily can help you figure out the type of support they need to be successful and how you can assist. People usually return that support in kind, and it can make them feel invested in making sure that you are successful.

#### Q. What is your best advice for outside lawyers?

My advice for outside counsel is to become as familiar as you can with your client's business. A firm that is able to help spot issues is a valuable partner. Understanding the company's business and goals will help you figure out areas of need (and opportunities for the firm) that the company may not have identified yet.

#### Q. What keeps you busy outside of work?

Two little kids and a large extended network of family and friends (I am born and raised in Atlanta) keep me busy. My weekends are usually booked out a few months ahead with birthday parties, soccer games, bridal showers and various social gatherings.

#### Q. What is your favorite legal movie?

I love "A Few Good Men," and I like to tell my kids that I strenuously object to something they're doing. Of course, they don't understand the reference and just give me a blank stare.

#### Q. What is your favorite travel destination?

I enjoy traveling anywhere at least an hour away from Atlanta, as I enjoy short day trips and longer excursions. I used to travel frequently but have not had much opportunity to travel the last couple of years. I have traveled to a number of places in Africa and Europe, so visiting somewhere in Asia or South America is at the top of my list.

### What's Your Story? We Want to Share the Spotlight!

Do you know someone who is breaking new ground as in-house counsel or has an interesting story to share? We want to hear from you. We are looking for attorneys to feature in our in-house counsel Spotlight Q&A. If you or someone you know would like to share professional insights and a personal glimpse with responses to a few questions, please contact Connie Swindell-Harding at [georgia@accglobal.com](mailto:georgia@accglobal.com) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

## Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Thank you to our recent luncheon and event sponsors:

**February 23 – Women's Initiative Event** – Bodker, Ramsey, Andrews, Winograd & Wildstein; Eversheds Sutherland; Kilpatrick Townsend; Ogletree Deakins; Taylor English; LawDocsXpress – "New Year's Resolution Kickoff – Refresh Your Personal Branding"

**March 7 – Webinar** – Hall Benefits Law – "Navigating the Health and Welfare Benefits Legal Compliance Minefield"

**March 12 – Monthly Luncheon** – Jackson Lewis – "Let's Play Ethics! Are You Playing by the Rules or Will You Get a Red Card?"

**April 19 – Leadership Series** – Smith Gambrell & Russell – "Make Your Mind Work for You: Resiliency and Innovation for Attorneys"

**April 24 – Women's Initiative Event** – Bodker, Ramsey, Andrews, Winograd & Wildstein; Eversheds Sutherland; Kilpatrick Townsend; Ogletree Deakins; Taylor English; LawDocsXpress – "Golf Clinic"

**April 30 – ACC Value Challenge** – Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore; Eversheds Sutherland; Taylor English; PwC; Morris, Manning & Martin

**May 13 – Joint CLE/Networking Event with ACC South Carolina** – Ogletree Deakins – Chateau Elan Winery

**May 14 – Monthly Luncheon** – Womble Bond Dickinson – "Beyond Breaches: Affirmative State Law Duties to Protect Breaches"

**May 23 – Happy Hour** – The Partners Group

ACC Georgia extends a special thank you to Alison Danaceau, legal team lead at Avolin, for serving as our chapter photographer, and Poston Communications, for production of our newsletter, public relations and other activities.



ACC Georgia President Angie Frazier, center, with Rebecca Ambrose, left, and Emily Borna, principals at Jackson Lewis.

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For more information, visit <https://www.acc.com/chapters/networks/chapters/georgia/sponsorship-information>.

## IN-HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

### Bethany Sherrer

Legal Counsel, Medical Association of Georgia



#### Q. What is your role in the legal department?

The Medical Association of Georgia is a 7,800-member organization that focuses on legislative, legal and third-party payer issues of concern to physicians in every practice setting and specialty as well as the patients they serve. As the leading voice for physicians in Georgia, we are at the forefront of medical policy in the state.

Serving in the role of legal counsel for Medical Association of Georgia, I am actively involved in lobbying at the Georgia legislative session for policies that enhance patient care and the health of the public. When the legislative session is complete, I am focused on educating our membership about the current laws as well as pending changes.

#### Q. What attracted you to health law?

I love that health law is always changing. It is such a big topic at both the state and federal level, so there is always something new to learn.

#### Q. What do you like about working at the Medical Association of Georgia?

We're a small organization, so I get to be involved in just about every aspect of the organization. I also thoroughly enjoy working with our physician members and helping them solve problems related to legislative and legal matters so that they can maintain their focus on patient care.

#### Q. What keeps you up at night?

Besides my 6-month-old, the state legislative session, which just wrapped up. During the legislative session, there are so many moving parts and I always worry about missing something.

#### Q. What is your biggest legal challenge?

The wide variety of different legal issues I can see in one day is challenging. I see the typical in-house counsel issues, but I also deal with writing and interpreting legislation as well as answering any question that a physician or member of the general public may have regarding healthcare laws in the state of Georgia.

#### Q. What is the most important thing you're working on right now?

The legislative session just wrapped up, so now I get to focus my energy on educating and assisting our members. On a daily basis, I work on a wide variety of issues including health insurance, regulatory boards, and other state law items that either passed or didn't this session.

#### Q. What makes a successful leader?

I think the most important thing is the ability to listen. You can't begin to lead without understanding the people you are trying to lead, and the only way to understand people is to listen to them.

#### Q. What are you most proud of?

Besides my daughter, I'm proud of the career I have built for myself at a relatively young age. When I decided to move back to Georgia for law school, I was not certain of what kind of attorney I wanted to be. I discovered government relations work during my third year and knew that I wanted to work for an association in one of the health care fields. Not only am I doing that, but I'm working on other areas of health policy and in-house legal work. While it's incredibly challenging, it's also incredibly rewarding.

#### Q. Who is a personal hero?

My mom is my hero. She was a working mom, and now as one myself I appreciate how much she sacrificed. I can only hope that her work ethic rubbed off on me.

#### Q. What keeps you busy outside of work?

We just had our first child last year, so whenever I'm not working, I'm doing things with her and my husband. She has made me work harder to find some balance in my life while also motivating me to be a role model for her in my career.

#### Q. What are you reading?

It has been a while since I've been able to read for fun, but I'm trying to find the time to read "The Paris Seamstress" by Natasha Lester. I'm a big fan of World War II novels ("Lilac Girls" is my favorite book), especially when there's a female lead.

#### Q. Where do you enjoy traveling?

My husband and I are traveling to Lebanon this summer for a friend's wedding and are really looking forward to traveling to somewhere we probably wouldn't have otherwise.

## SUMMER BRIEFS

### 2019 ACC Chief Legal Officers Survey Now Available to ACC Members

The influence of the chief legal officer is expanding. The 2019 ACC Chief Legal Officers Survey shows how CLOs are assuming positions of influence on the business side of the company, taking on roles beyond that of technical legal adviser.

The 2019 ACC CLO Survey, which contains feedback from 1,639 chief legal officers in 55 countries, is available free for ACC members.

For in-house counsel, the report can provide predictions from other CLOs for staffing and budgets in the next 12 months, reveal what CEOs and boards of directors ask CLOs about most often and demonstrate why it's so important for CLOs to have a seat at the executive table.

To download the report, visit [www.acc.com](http://www.acc.com).

### 2019 ACC Annual Meeting: The Essential Investment for In-house Counsel

The world's largest gathering of in-house counsel is coming to Phoenix, Arizona, from October 27-30. At the 2019 ACC Annual Meeting, you can earn up to a year's worth of CLE/CPD credit, get the essential knowledge and insights you need to navigate today's increasingly complex business environment and make meaningful connections with your in-house peers from around the globe.

This year's Annual Meeting offers an exclusive set of events for in-house law department leaders who report directly to the general counsel in large law departments. Discussions will be led by your peers, and offer the opportunity to think strategically about your career, your personal brand and opportunities for advancement and professional growth.

Want to throw your hat into the ring to speak? Apply online at the link below using the Speaker Interest Form. Some sessions still have spots available. Selected speakers will receive complimentary registration to the entire conference.

For more information and online registration, visit [www2.acc.com/education/am2019](http://www2.acc.com/education/am2019).

### Who Do You Want to Hear From, ACC Georgia?

ACC Georgia is here to serve, and we would love to know what programming topics you want to hear about. All suggestions are welcome.

We are collecting names of chapter members who would like to join CLE panels, be interviewed for newsletter, newspaper and magazine articles or take advantage of other opportunities to share their wealth of knowledge on a legal topic or experience in-house. Opportunities for national or international exposure are available from time to time.

Do you have topic ideas or are you interested in being on a list of chapter thought leaders? Please contact Connie Swindell-Harding at [georgia@accglobal.com](mailto:georgia@accglobal.com) with your preferred topics, contact information and subjects of interest.

## 2019 ACC VALUE CHALLENGE

For nearly a decade, the ACC Georgia Value Challenge has provided in-house counsel with updates on timely legal issues while raising money to support the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta. The April 30 event, hosted by Taylor English Duma LLP and additionally sponsored by Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore LLP, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, examined topics such as dealing with digital taxes, data theft, company lawsuits and how to improve communication with clients.

An estimated \$40,000 raised from event sponsors will go to support Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, whose mission is to provide legal services through lawyers in law firms and corporate legal departments to nonprofit agencies in Georgia.

Following an introduction by Taylor English Partner Marc Taylor, four 30-minute general sessions were followed by concurrent breakout groups allowing attendees to take a deeper dive while earning CLE credit. Presenters and topics were:

### “Developments in Taxing the Digital Economy”

- Susan Seabrook, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP

### “What to Do When a Foreign Government Steals Your Company’s Data”

- Kamal Ghali, Attorney, Cybersecurity and Government Investigations, Bondurant Mixson & Elmore LLP
- Andrew Young, Attorney, Cybersecurity, Global Investigations & Intelligence, Coca-Cola
- John Boles, CISM - PwC Principal, Cyber Security

### “My Company Got Sued; Now What? Practical Considerations for In-House Lawyers”

- Bret Jardine, General Counsel, First Advantage
- Eric Larson, Partner, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP
- Patrick Lowther, Partner, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP
- Hillary Kinsey Lukacs, Associate, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP

### “Strategies to Improve Communication Among Your Legal Team and Clients”

- Amanda Hyland, Partner, Taylor English Duma LLP
- Meg Taylor, VP Chief Litigation & Employment Counsel, Delta Air Lines
- Chad Almy, Assistant General Counsel, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.
- Brian Leslie, Sr. VP and General Counsel, Verint Systems Inc.

Four additional roundtable sessions allowed in-depth discussion and a chance for in-house counsel to exchange ideas with peers. Presenters and topics were:

### “Contract Management Techniques for In-house Counsel”

- Matthew Flower, Partner, Taylor English Duma LLP
- Alison Ballard, Partner, Taylor English Duma LLP

### “It’s a Jungle Out There: Protecting Your Brand in Global E-commerce”

- Ann Fort, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
- Anna Halsey, Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
- Scott Culpepper, General Counsel, Mailchimp

### “Duty of Technological Competence”

- Amanda Kay Seals, Attorney, Bondurant Mixson & Elmore LLP
- Steven Pierce, Manager, Forensic Services at PricewaterhouseCoopers

### “Limiting Your Company’s Exposure: Ten Things In-House Counsel Should Know About Insurance”

- Patrick Lowther, Partner, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP
- Hillary Kinsey Lukacs, Associate, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP

Rachel Epps Spears, executive director of Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, said that the ACC Value Challenge has raised more than \$300,000 since 2011 for the nonprofit organization.

“The money raised by ACC Georgia and the generous sponsors of ACC Georgia’s events has enabled us to add staff in order to keep up with the tremendous growth of our organization,” Spears said. “Given that our primary mission is to provide pro bono opportunities to in-house attorneys, the support of ACC Georgia is especially meaningful. And it’s not just financial support. At each ACC Georgia meeting, I see members that volunteer their time with us regularly. We are proud of and incredibly grateful for our close relationship with ACC Georgia.”



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## FROM OUR EVENT SPONSORS

### Polsinelli Encourages Teamwork Between Litigators and Transactional Lawyers to Avoid Trouble Down the Road

Sponsored by the Atlanta office of Polsinelli PC, an Am Law 100 national law firm, February's ACC Georgia CLE luncheon series explored the benefits of consulting litigators during contract negotiations. Using a fictional outsourcing agreement as a case study, Polsinelli shareholders Leslie F. Spasser, William Hill, David Gordon and Atlanta office Managing Partner Brian McEvoy discussed the consequences of taking shortcuts and avoiding difficult issues during contract negotiations – in terms of increasing the likelihood of litigation and impairing a party's position if litigation begins.

“Terms included – or omitted – by transactional lawyers can make or break future litigation,” explained Spasser. “It's critical that transactional lawyers leverage the expertise of litigators as part of their negotiation strategy to prevent negative impacts to the firm.”

Representing experience across multiple industries and legal areas of focus, the Polsinelli panelists emphasized the importance of leveraging team personnel assets in every stage of the contract lifecycle to capitalize on best practices. By connecting transactional lawyers with litigators early on, in-house legal teams can break through the responsibility-specific silos in which lawyers frequently operate to create better business results. By theorizing possible bad outcomes up front and understanding how contract terms play out in litigation, in-house counsel can negotiate robust contract terms that best protect the business.

Polsinelli applied this strategy to an outsourcing scenario – a topic of much interest to the crowd in attendance. For small and large businesses alike, outsourcing business functions to vendors can reduce internal headcount, operational costs and capital investment. However, by transferring management of any function to a third party, the firm becomes vulnerable if the outside vendor does not or cannot perform the services as contracted. Because they understand their company's business and operational characteristics, in-house lawyers play a critical role in negotiating outsourcing agreements that protect their company against adverse consequences if a vendor fails to perform.

Starting with a basic IT outsourcing agreement, the panel explored real-life situations that could play out once the fictional parties began performing (or not performing). In this case, the fictional IT vendor provided inconsistent technical support to the business, mishandled company information and equipment and exposed personal customer information to criminals. As a result, the customer offered inconsistent services to its clients, resulting in loss of revenue and unforeseen mitigation costs and an investigation by the FBI. The panelists outlined a multilayered approach by which counsel can mitigate the risk of these types of disastrous outcomes:

- Performing financial due diligence up front on the vendor
- Demanding third-party beneficiary rights with key suppliers in the event that the vendor cannot pay its suppliers
- Monitoring financial solvency of vendor through quarterly financial reviews
- Establishing a source code escrow for critical software and looking at analogous solutions for software as a service vendor

Audience members were particularly interested in how they could use contractual terms to protect the business in the event of a vendor bankruptcy.

Transactional lawyers can provide better business results when they leverage the expertise of litigators as part of their negotiation strategy – just as litigators benefit from transactional lawyers' interpretation of contractual terms during legal proceedings. Further, by citing real life examples of possible adverse outcomes, lawyers can better communicate the importance of engaging vigorous negotiations to their internal clients.

For more information, visit [www.polsinelli.com](http://www.polsinelli.com).



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### Ogletree Deakins Brings Together ACC Georgia and South Carolina Chapters at Chateau Elan

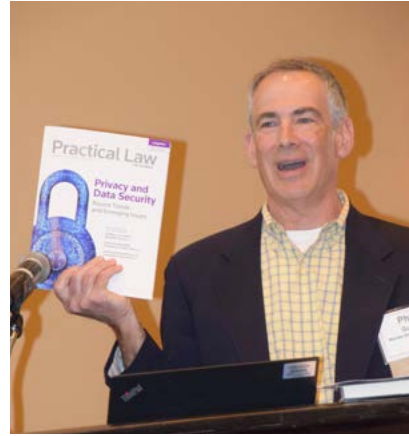
On May 13, 2019, Ogletree Deakins hosted the first joint event with the ACC Georgia and ACC South Carolina chapters. More than 80 in-house attorneys from the metro Atlanta area and upstate Greenville, South Carolina, traveled in executive buses to the beautiful Chateau Elan Winery & Resort for a day of CLE and networking.

Ogletree Deakins presented a three-part CLE on the employment and labor issues of most interest to a company's board of directors and CEO – those issues that any in-house counsel regardless of practice should anticipate and be able to address. During the CLE, participants divided into roundtables by industry for discussion with their Georgia and South Carolina peers on approaches and solutions to these pressing issues.

A gourmet lunch prepared by Chateau Elan's innovative team of chefs followed the CLE. In the afternoon, participants enjoyed a choice of exclusive experiences including culinary classes, wine blending, a winery tour and wine tasting, zip-lining in the canopy over Lake Lanier and exploration of the estate's outdoor trails.

The day of valuable legal insights, culinary adventure, wine and outdoor experiences concluded with happy hour on the veranda and grounds of the estate's lovely winery.

## EVENT PHOTOS



## Get Involved with ACC Georgia

Want to get involved in the in-house counsel community? Joining an ACC Georgia committee is the best way to start! Here are what our chapter committees do:

### Sponsorships and Programs Committee

This committee secures leading law firms to sponsor and present timely topics at our monthly luncheon meetings. Held on the second Tuesday of each month (except for April), our luncheons provide CLE credits and fantastic networking opportunities. The firm's sponsorship fee covers the cost of the lunch and funds other ACC Georgia activities and charitable efforts enhancing the legal profession. Monthly luncheons often sell out with a maximum of 120 attendees.

### Special Programs Committee

The Special Programs Committee coordinates useful educational and networking events outside of our monthly luncheons with law firm sponsors. These events include the spring Value Challenge all-day CLE event benefitting Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, the summer Atlanta Braves CLE event and ballgame at SunTrust Park, the fall CLE Jamboree all-day CLE event and several other afternoon and evening events.

### Membership Committee

The Membership Committee expands our membership roster and focuses on member participation and involvement. By soliciting new members, strengthening members' connections to the chapter and following up with potential and lapsed members, the Membership Committee advocates for our members' interests.

### Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee supports our chapter's efforts with community service, pro bono work, the summer law student and high school student internship programs and the EPIC grant.

### Communications Committee

The Communications Committee provides chapter information to the news media, legislators and other external parties and acts as the chapter's point of contact for press inquiries. The Communications Committee also serves as advocacy liaison for regulatory and legislative matters with the ACC national organization.

For more information, go to <https://www.acc.com/chapters-networks/chapters/georgia/chapter-committees>.

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Winners of the 2019 Corporate Counsel Awards are, from left, Dan McDevitt, Adwoa Ghartey-Tagoe Seymour, Sanders Griffith, Monica Howard Douglas, Evan Glover and Nils Okeson. (Not pictured are Jeremie Beaudry and Teresa Roseborough.)

## 2019 CORPORATE COUNSEL AWARDS

More than 150 people celebrated the 2019 Corporate Counsel Award winners on May 8 at a luncheon at Twelve Midtown in Atlantic Station hosted by our partner, Atlanta Business Chronicle, and sponsored by ACC Georgia, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP and the Association for Corporate Growth.

For eight years, the Atlanta Business Chronicle's Corporate Counsel Awards have honored outstanding in-house corporate attorneys who guide companies in compliance, regulatory, legal operations, litigation, privacy and corporate governance issues. Winners were chosen by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the ACC Georgia chapter from nominations submitted by the public.

This year's winners are:

- **Lifetime Achievement** – Sanders Griffith, senior executive vice president, general counsel and secretary, TSYS. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an attorney who has practiced for 20 years or more, shown great leadership inside and outside of his organization, given generously of his time and talents to the legal community and served the broader community through pro bono work and community outreach initiatives.
- **Community Champion** – Evan Glover, law vice president, chief counsel of software and services, chief privacy officer, NCR Corporation. The Community Champion Award honors an outstanding attorney who dedicates his time and talents to serving the less fortunate, preserving our environment, saving the arts and other causes that make our world a better place.
- **Diversity Champion** – Monica Howard Douglas, general counsel, Coca-Cola North America, The Coca-Cola Company. The Diversity Champion Award honors an outstanding attorney who makes an effort in her organization and in the legal community to promote equality for women, minorities, the economically disadvantaged and the LGBT community.
- **Specialist Counsel** – Jeremie Beaudry, chief compliance officer, BitPay. The Specialist Counsel Award honors an outstanding corporate counsel who specializes in a field such as employment, tax, privacy, IP or real estate.
- **Dealmaker of the Year** – Nils Okeson, general counsel, Inspire Brands, Inc. The Dealmaker Award honors an outstanding transactional attorney.
- **Rising Star** – Adwoa Ghartey-Tagoe Seymour, assistant general counsel, Cox Enterprises. The Rising Star Award honors an outstanding attorney who has shown great promise and exponential potential in her first five years of practice.
- **General Counsel, Small Legal Department** – Dan McDevitt, general counsel and corporate secretary, HD Supply. This award honors a general counsel who oversees a small legal department. (His in-house team consists of eight people.)
- **General Counsel, Large Legal Department** – Teresa Roseborough, vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, The Home Depot. This award honors a general counsel who oversees a large legal department. (She oversees 50 in-house lawyers.)



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