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**NATIONWIDE CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER NAMED HEAD OF 25,000-MEMBER
IN-HOUSE COUNSEL GROUP**
Association of Corporate Counsel Elects New Chair and Board Members

Washington, D.C. (October 29, 2009) – The [Association of Corporate Counsel](#) (ACC) elected **Patricia R. Hatler** as Chair of its Board of Directors at its 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston on October 19, 2009. Hatler is Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Governance Officer at [Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company](#). A member of ACC since 1986, she has served on the ACC Board since 2005. Three other newly-elected members, along with Hatler, will provide strategic guidance to the Association on matters affecting its 25,000 members.

Patricia Hatler joined Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company as General Counsel in 1999 and became Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Governance Officer in 2003. Previously General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia, her legal career also includes service with Dechert, Price and Rhoads, Fulbright and Jaworski, and Stinson, Mag and Fizzel. She is also a member of the Columbus Bar Association's conference of Corporate General Counsels and has been a hearing committee officer for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board.

Joining the 30-member board of the ACC Board of Directors this year are **Sabine Chalmers**, Chief Legal & Communications Officer for [Anheuser-Busch InBev](#); **John Page**, Vice President, General Counsel & Corp. Secretary for [Golden State Foods Corp.](#); and **Norman Wain**, Vice President, Corporate Legal Affairs - Assistant General Counsel for [The Finish Line, Inc.](#) The newly-elected members will serve a three-year term, ending October 2012.

“This is an exciting time for ACC. As we pass the 25,000 member mark, we are fortunate to have Pat Hatler as chair, along with three new innovative members, join our Board to provide direction and leadership,” explained ACC President Frederick J. Krebs. “They bring a wealth of knowledge and diverse viewpoints, and will enable ACC to continue its leadership role in addressing issues of importance to the in-house counsel community.”

Here is a complete list of the [ACC Board of Directors](#).

About ACC:

The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) is the world's largest organization serving the professional and business interests of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations, associations and other private-sector organizations around the globe. ACC promotes the common interests of its members, provides resources to help save time, money and effort, contributes to their continuing education and provides a voice on issues of global importance. With more than 25,000 members in over 70 countries, employed by over 10,000 organizations, [ACC's community](#) connects its members to the people and resources necessary for both personal and professional growth. By in-house counsel, for in-house counsel.®