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WHERE LEADERSHIP COMES INTO VIEW

## President's Letter

**Karen Higgins Valentine**

Dear Members and Colleagues,

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing to you all, welcoming the spring weather and highlighting some of our Chapter's key initiatives. As we move towards the New England fall weather, we will soon see the seasonal changes-robust oranges, reds and yellows in the leaves falling from the trees, crisp air in the mornings, and yes, more traffic on the commute to work! Just as the seasons change, so do our professional challenges, accomplishments, and aspirations. I would like to spend a few moments reflecting on these aspects of our careers, and how ACC Northeast can be a resource.

You may recall that in the last newsletter, I provided some perspectives on running a legal department of 8 FTEs within a precommercial public biotechnology company. I had been there for nearly 15 years, and was very happy with my team, colleagues and professional path to date. Now, just a few months later, I have transitioned to another precommercial biotechnology company where I am the sole in-house counsel, and I will begin once again the rewarding challenge of establishing a new legal department. Some may ask: what made you move? It was simple. I had grown a team at my prior company, accomplished the goals I had set out, was very comfortable... and hit a crossroad. Did I want to stay within my comfort zone, or push myself out of that

comfort zone and start a new adventure? I chose the latter and am reinvigorated with the new sense of challenge ahead. ***I invite each of you to challenge yourself every day, and to utilize the ACC resources in doing so!*** Whether it be expanding your negotiation skills at a Practice & Career Management session, deepening your knowledge of a given area of law in a substantive program event, or networking with colleagues and sponsors at a social event, there are so many opportunities for growth and reflection within the Chapter. And if you are looking to take on more leadership responsibilities, our committees always welcome members to join in and become active.

Our ACC Headquarters is also a great resource for each Chapter and our collective membership. Please take a moment to visit both the Chapter and Headquarter websites and refamiliarize yourself with the resources available. The 2018 ACC Annual Meeting is also right around the corner- it will be held in Austin, Texas, from Oct. 21-24, and will provide a plethora of opportunities to network with peers and attend sessions on virtually all areas of law (with CLE/CPD credits).

As the seasons change, children go back to school, and we invest in the world around us- take a moment to self-reflect and invest in you. It is so easy to allow the day-to-day demands take most of our



time, and we lose the opportunity to share experiences with each other in the way only a professional association like the ACC can enable. I hope to see you at up-coming ACC

events, and have the chance to get to know each of you better.

### Communications Committee

Communications Committee and Newsletter Editorial Board: Stephanie Lambert (editor-in-chief), Brian Ciaramicoli, James Coughlin, and Patrick Wu. Additional contributors in Q3: Helen Tsingos, Marisa Murtagh, Sharon Kamowitz and Melinda Burrows.

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# Street Law Brings Together ACC Chapters and Local Schools for Legal Learning

The lack of diversity in the legal profession is not a new issue, but Street Law, ACC, the ACC Foundation, and ACC members are working to put the issue behind us once and for all.

The Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program, a national partnership between Street Law and ACC, encourages diverse students to pursue careers in law. The hope is to foster a next generation of more diverse lawyers, bringing new and needed perspectives to the legal profession. Students gain exposure to the law and have the opportunity to receive counseling on the steps they can take to pursue a legal career. Corporate law departments share their knowledge and make connections with up-and-coming students. The hope is that these connections will serve as a pipeline for future diverse legal leaders.

The four tenets of the Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program are: 1) training, 2) classroom visits, 3) a conference at a corporate legal department, and 4) extensions (mentoring, internships, etc.). While more than a dozen ACC chapters currently participate, ACC headquarters also undertook this initiative in the spring. As long champions of this program, it was wonderful for ACC staff to interact with students directly.

In late March, students from Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland, visited the new ACC national headquarters office to participate in their class of the ACC/Street Law Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program. All of the students are members of the Law, Education, and Public Service Academy at their school.

Each of the legal volunteers spoke about how he or she became a lawyer. The students were able to hear first-hand that it's truly achievable if that is their goal. It's certainly hard to study, prepare, and be accepted into college and then law school. But it is attainable with planning, mentoring, and access to the right role models.

Much of the day was spent on legal simulations, interactive ways for the

students to learn about the practice of law. This included discussing and practicing how to review and analyze facts in a case, and how to present before a judge. The volunteers also covered other public speaking skills, like delivering information calmly and confidently.

Many of the students only knew about lawyers from what they'd seen on TV, so time with real lawyers provided them with a more realistic understanding of a legal career. It's not always as exciting as what's on TV, but it's also a lot more approachable. One student shared that he'd previously thought that all lawyers were always "aggressive," but the time spent with ACC showed that lawyers don't have to be aggressive – or at least that they are much more than just that!

Our program provided the opportunity to teach this class of students more about the law in a few days than they'd likely learned in their entire lives. It was a memorable, fulfilling day for both the students and all of the volunteer leaders.

More than a dozen ACC chapters are active in Street Law nationwide, and the program is now 17 years old. This year, we expect that approximately 5,300 students will participate in the Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program through partnerships with more than 70 companies, law firms, and ACC chapters. Some companies that participate include Coca-Cola, Merck, Verizon, Nationwide, HP, GE, Turner, and Capital One. It's an opportunity for the entire law department, from attorneys, to paralegals, to administrative staff, to collaborate and share their knowledge with the next generation of legal and business professionals.

Volunteer leaders participate in Street Law's half-day training before they begin the program. Street Law helps the leaders to select topics that will interest the students and highlight the volunteers' expertise. The program at ACC focused on immigration and cyberbullying – legal

topics in the news today and relevant to the students' daily lives. Other topics frequently covered include: intellectual property, contracts, torts, alternative dispute resolution, employment law, and environmental law.

In addition to classroom learning on civil law and legal careers, the students truly enjoy the experiential components – seeing what a corporate law department looks like, observing the interactions between business colleagues, and even hearing about a typical "day in the life." They come away with a stronger interest in and knowledge of the law, with many new role models.

One of the highlights of the Street Law program is that many corporate law departments stay connected with the most promising students. In fact, these top students may return for another job shadow day, be asked to apply for internships or scholarships, or participate in mentoring. In many cases, it's the start of a strong relationship between the company and the students, a true pipeline for new, diverse legal talent.

If you're curious about starting your own Street Law program on behalf of your ACC chapter, you may find further encouragement in these results: In the post-program survey, between 67 percent and 75 percent (on average) of the participating students said they are more interested in pursuing a legal career than they were before the program. For the program at ACC, the Potomac High students were no exception. Seventy percent said they were more interested in pursuing a legal career than they had been prior to the Street Law/ACC program.

The hope is that more ACC chapters will participate in this worthwhile program. For more information, visit [www.streetlaw.org](http://www.streetlaw.org). We are constantly inspired by the in-house community's efforts to give back and we are pleased to partner with so many of our volunteer leaders to increase the pipeline of diverse students entering the legal profession.

## ACC News

### 2018 ACC Annual Meeting: Rates Increase After September 20

The 2018 ACC Annual Meeting, the world's largest gathering of in-house counsel, is scheduled for October 21-24 in Austin, TX. In less than three days you can choose from over 100 substantive sessions to fulfill your annual CLE/CPD requirements, meet leading legal service providers and network with your in-house peers from around the world. Group discounts are available. Visit [am.acc.com](http://am.acc.com) for more information.

### Drive Success with Business Education for In-house Counsel

To become a trusted advisor for business executives, it's imperative for in-house counsel to understand the business operations of your company. Attend business education courses offered by ACC and the Boston University Questrom School of Business to learn critical business disciplines and earn valuable CLE credits:

- Mini MBA for In-house Counsel, September 12-14, and November 7-9
- Finance and Accounting for In-house Counsel, September 5-7
- Project Management for in-house Law Department, November 14-15

Learn more and register at [www.acc.com/businessedu](http://www.acc.com/businessedu).

### ACC Law Department Leadership: A Transformational Leadership Program Presented by ACC and Queen's University

If you are an in-house lawyer looking to develop the transformational leadership behavior to influence, motivate, and inspire your reports, peers, executives, and other stakeholders around you to move forward, this is the ideal opportunity for you. The program is taking place September 28 in Toronto. Register today at [www.acc.com/LDL](http://www.acc.com/LDL).

### Are You Conducting Diligence on EVERY VENDOR and Third-party that has Access to Your Systems or Data?

Your vendors are now prime targets for data breaches and small vendors can provide easy access for hackers. Even cleaning crews, HVAC vendors, and food distributors, to name a few, can all lead to data breaches, but are often overlooked in the vendor diligence process. ACC's Exclusive third-party due diligence service should be in your arsenal. Visit [www.acc.com/VRS](http://www.acc.com/VRS) for more information.

### 2018 ACC Global Compensation Report

For companies seeking to stay competitive in the marketplace and lawyers considering career moves, access to detailed compensation data for in-house counsel and legal operations professionals is absolutely essential. Based on responses from more than 5,000 lawyers in corporate legal departments from 65 countries and 39 different industry sectors, this first-ever ACC Global Compensation Report is precisely the resource you need. [Download the free Executive Summary.](#)

### ACC Chief Legal Officers 2018 Survey

The ACC Chief Legal Officers Survey offers an opportunity to get data that supports the imperative for the CLO to report directly to the CEO. Other notable findings include what keeps CLOs up at night, reporting structures, how CLOs view the future of departmental budgets and staffing, litigation and contract workload, and where data breaches and regulatory issues have the greatest impact. Download it today at [www.acc.com/closurvey](http://www.acc.com/closurvey).

### 2018 ACC Foundation: The State of Cybersecurity Report is now available.

Cybersecurity touches every aspect of consumer and corporate culture and is a chief concern for individuals and corporate leaders. Learn what more than 600 corporate counsel say about their cybersecurity experiences, role, and practices. Download the free executive summary at [www.acc.com/cyber](http://www.acc.com/cyber).

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## ACC's 2018 Member-Get-A-Member

Dear valued chapter and network leaders, ACC's 2018 Member-Get-A-Member program is now underway. As a devoted member of our volunteer network, no one better than you knows the full value and time-savings benefits of ACC membership – so who better to share that value with colleagues and recruit new members? Now the pot is even sweeter.

Each new member you sign up enters you and your recruit into a monthly **100 USD gift card drawing** (May through September 2018).

What's more, there will be additional giveaways for membership sponsors and recruits throughout the campaign, including free 2018 ACC research reports.

But wait, there's more...the chapter *and* network with the most total recruits as of September 30 will receive **one free 2019 Annual Meeting registration** to gift to whomever they choose.

Participation is easy!

- Identify an eligible non-member and let them know what they're missing.
- Send them this [online membership form](#).

- Remind them to list your name as their "sponsor" when prompted during the process.
- Sit back and collect prizes and merchandise (and watch them do the same)!

It's that simple.

The recruitment program runs through September 2018. For more information on the program and eligibility, please visit the [campaign webpage](#). You can also [contact us](#) anytime if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your efforts...and happy recruiting!

## Welcome New and Renewing Members!

Please help us welcome the following Members who joined within the last few months:

<b>Joseph Avellone</b> Shire	<b>Nicolas Dunn</b> Smartsheet	<b>Tom Lessard</b> BitSight Technologies, Inc.	<b>Lisa Muller</b> Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. / National Life Group	<b>Ashima Srivastava</b> American Tower Corporation
<b>Adam Bakow</b> Glory Kickboxing	<b>Michelle Epstein</b> Parsons Corp.	<b>Laurence Lewis</b> Care.com, Inc.	<b>Nicole Newman</b> American Student Assistance	<b>Jacqueline Taylor</b> State Street Corporation
<b>Dawn Brindamour</b> Textron Inc.	<b>Laurie Gallagher</b> Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)	<b>Jeremy Licht</b> Lovepop, Inc.	<b>Coale Parker</b> The Risk Management Foundation of the Harvard Medical Institution, Inc.	<b>Erin Teetshorn</b> Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.
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If you forgot to renew please email [membership@acc.com](mailto:membership@acc.com).

# ACC National Board of Directors visits Boston and meets with ACC-Northeast Chapter Leadership

In June, the Northeast Chapter Board was invited by the ACC Board to attend a special event at Harvard Law School hosted by Professor David B. Wilkins, Vice Dean for Global Initiatives on the Legal Profession, the Kissel Professor of Law, and the faculty director of the Center on the Legal Profession. His talk -- "Operation-

alizing Innovation: Technology, Talent, and Organizational Change in the Legal Profession" -- discussed the Center's initiative to understand how firms and in-house legal departments define innovation and incorporate new technologies and processes into their organizations. Professor Wilkins shared the results from

a first-of-its kind survey of an emerging group of "chief innovation officers" and "legal operations leaders" from over 100 law firms and companies, as well as interviews with innovation leaders. After this informative presentation, Northeast Chapter Board members enjoyed informal conversation with ACC Board members.



## WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our various committees and activities. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering a small amount of your time to help keep our chapter running strong. We will work with you to line you up with a project that interests you! Here is a list of our current committees and their chairpersons. Contact Executive Director - Julie Duffy, President - Karen Valentine, or any ACC board member for more information.

**Communications Committee**  
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Robin Walker

**Membership Committee**  
Kathleen Burke

**Practice & Career Management Committee**  
Sharon Kamowitz

**Pro Bono/Community Service Committee**  
Christine Hughes

**Programs Committee**  
Helen Tsingos & Gemma Dreher

**Women's Committee**  
Marisa Murtagh

## Recent Program RECAP

### **The Business of Culture**

**Sponsored by Hire Counsel / Mestel & Company  
May 2, 2018**

On May 2, 2018, the Practice & Career Management Committee of the ACC Northeast Chapter and its sponsor, Hire Counsel / Mestel & Company, presented an interactive program on corporate culture, its impact on the job market, and ways in which in-house counsel can influence corporate culture within their organization and advance their careers. The panel was comprised of attorneys Darren Braham, Legal Counsel, The Boston Consulting Group; Joel Collins, Esq., General Counsel, QuickBase, Inc.; Danielle Sheer, Esq., General Counsel, Carbonite, Inc.; along with Kathy Breslin, VP of Human Resources, Maxwell Health; and Mary Rosenfeld D'Eramo, VP of Operations & Senior Recruiter, Mestel & Company. Kilian Connolly, Managing Director, Hire Counsel moderated a lively discussion, taking many questions from the audience. The conversation on corporate culture in large and small companies continued well into the evening, following the formal presentation.



### **Employment Law in 2018 – Understanding Current Issues and Changes at the State and Federal Levels**

**Sponsored by Nelson Mullins  
May 10, 2018**

A program titled, “Employment Law in 2018 – Understanding Current Issues and Changes at the State and Federal Levels,” was held at Nelson Mullins’ Boston, MA office on May 10, 2018. A distinguished panel consisting of Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Chairwoman Sunila Thomas George and Nelson Mullins’ attorneys, Bret Cohen and Erika Birg, led a lively and informative discussion of new and upcoming changes in the employment law area. Topics covered included: Non-Disclosure Agreements post *Weinstein*; Defense Trade Secrets Acts and its aftermath; new changes in Massachusetts Law, including the Equal Pay Act and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; Non-Competition Agreements; and No-Hire/Anti-Poaching Agreements facing DOJ and FTC scrutiny. The program afforded members the unique opportunity to ask questions of the MCAD Commissioner relating to many of these new legal developments.



## **Strategies for International IP Protection and Enforcement**

**Sponsored by Lando & Anastasi**

**May 24, 2018**

This May, ACC-Northeast, together with Lando & Anastasi, presented a program focusing on the intellectual property challenges of doing business internationally. The panel, consisted of IP attorneys with a diverse range of experience, had a lively discussion on the differences between IP laws in the US, EU, and Asia. The panelists explained that companies, as they enter new global markets, need to be thoughtful in their approach to protecting IP. One of the panelists, an assistant general counsel at a technology company, provided unique insights in her experience in selecting the local counsel in China, explained that the right local counsel can walk you through various legal hurdles of an unfamiliar jurisdiction. Other topics covered included the comparative benefits of filing for a patent application or a utility model in certain jurisdictions. The panel also addressed questions from the audience and emphasized the role that in-house attorneys play in helping their companies navigate these challenges and take advantage of opportunities that may arise.



## **Cloud Control: Strategies for Addressing Common Problems in Cloud Computing Deals**

**Sponsored by Foley Lardner LLP**

**June 13, 2018**

In June, Foley Lardner LLP sponsored a program focused on providing guidance to ACC Northeast Chapter members on negotiation best practices for businesses and cloud computing vendors. The program, entitled "Cloud Control: Strategies for Addressing Common Problems in Cloud Computing Deals," was led by a Foley Lardner partner. The presentation provided an overview of the fundamentals of cloud computing and offered tips on how to negotiate critical terms, such as services definitions and service levels, and data security terms, as well as other issues and concerns that should be addressed in cloud agreements to effectively mitigate risk. The discussion fostered constructive debate from the diverse viewpoints of attendees who represent both customers and suppliers of cloud based computing technologies.



**Talking, Walking, Running – A Call to Action for Women in the Legal Profession**  
**Sponsored by Day Pitney and the Women’s Committee**  
**June 27, 2018**

On June 27, 2018, the Northeast Chapter’s Women’s Initiative, together with its 2018 law firm sponsor, Day Pitney, held its second roundtable discussion on how to promote a culture of diversity within law departments of companies and other organizations, including law firms. The event “Talking, Walking, Running – A Call to Action for Women in the Legal Profession” was held at the Boston offices of Day Pitney. Panelists included Karen Morton, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Liberty Mutual, Chase Rogers, Partner, Day Pitney, and Former Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, and Jenny Waters, Executive Director, National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL). Participants discussed practical steps and available tools for in-house counsel to take and use to advance women in the legal profession and shared insights on initiatives that have shown to be effective.



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Mark Your Calendar and Plan to attend:**

The ACC-Northeast Chapter offers a variety of programs, webinars and events designed for our members' unique interests. Keep your eye on the Chapter Events calendar on the [website](#) and be sure to attend a few or ALL of the Chapter Programs happening in 2018.

**September 20**  
**NETWORKING** in New Hampshire

**September 22**  
**ACC Northeast Volunteering** at Greater Boston Food Bank

**September 25**  
**WEBINAR: Nine Things You Need to Know About Your Attorney General and Other Regulators**  
*Dial in will be provided once you are registered.*  
 Sponsored by Foley Hoag

**September 27**  
**In the "Hot" Seat: Tips for Advising the CEO and the Board**  
 Sponsored by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

**October 2**  
**WEBINAR: Managing the Modern Law Department**  
 Sponsored by Seyfarth Shaw

**October 3**  
**The Power of Women with Wealth**  
 Sponsored by Day Pitney

**October 11**  
**Fiduciary Duty & Other Developments: Keys to Counseling Your Public or Private Company**  
 Sponsored by Locke Lord

**October 18**  
**Conducting High Profile Investigations**  
 Sponsored by Ogleetree Deakins

**October 25**  
**How to Manage the “Difficult” Employee**  
 Sponsored by Jackson Lewis

**October 30**  
**Understanding Roles & Managing Risk: A Practical Guide to ERISA Governance for In-house Counsel**  
 Sponsored by Verrill Dana

**Bring a Guest:** Non ACC Members are allowed to attend one Program per year. Please invite your in-house friends and colleagues to any of the above.

## Summerfest 2018—you had to wear shades!

**This year's Summerfest on July 12th did not disappoint!** A warm and sunny evening greeted in-house counsel and their law firm colleagues as they descended on the back deck of the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum. The location and large turnout provided a perfect opportunity to network with friends and colleagues in the iconic Boston setting again this year. A great time was had by all not only by mingling with friends and colleagues but also with the opportunity to board one of the two full-size 18th-century replica ships. The fabulous views of Boston Harbor and the city's growing skyline during the summer twilight was a bonus!



## General Data Protection Regulation Key Takeaway Points

Sponsored by McDermott Will & Emery

June 20, 2018

In June, McDermott Will & Emery hosted a program focused on educating ACC Northeast Chapter members on the European Union's new General Data Protection Regulation, commonly referred to as the "GDPR." The program was led by a partner and an associate from the firm's Global Privacy and Cybersecurity practice, and featured three in-house leaders in the data privacy space. The panel provided an overview of some main facets of the GDPR, and left members with the following key takeaway points:

1. GDPR compliance is a journey, not a single milestone.
2. Only 52% of companies recently surveyed reported that they expected to be compliant with GDPR on the effective date.
3. One of the greatest hurdles to any organization's GDPR compliance journey is to make operational changes to business practices.
4. Organizations should take a risk-based approach to addressing GDPR compliance gaps.
5. Compliance in the marketing context should be a top priority for consumer facing companies.
6. One of the most important components of GDPR compliance is the ability to demonstrate accountability to regulators.
7. In developing a compliance strategy, organizations should understand the important linkage between various GDPR articles (for example, a good data inventory can aid in breach response readiness).
8. Organizations should focus special attention on the more visible aspects of GDPR compliance, such as updates to the corporate privacy policy.
9. Organizations that have a mature GDPR compliance strategy should focus on improved record keeping and continuing to conduct internal assessments to measure the effectiveness of compliance initiatives.
10. GDPR compliance efforts are a team game, and having the right people and stakeholders in place is essential to success.

## LET US KNOW...

- What ideas do you have for program topics?
- How can we help you make the most of your ACC membership?
- Would you like to be more involved, serve on a Committee?
- Do you know someone interested in joining?
- Do you have some news you would like to share with your in-house colleagues?
- What types of networking event would you attend?
- Are you new to the area?

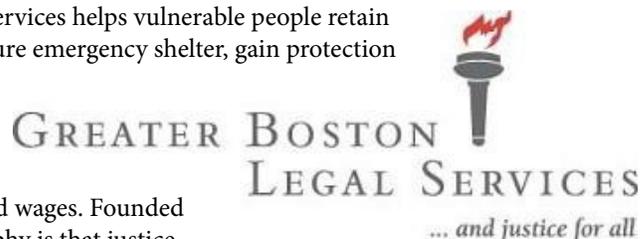
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## PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT

Greater Boston Legal Services helps vulnerable people retain affordable housing, secure emergency shelter, gain protection from domestic violence, access subsistence income for food and medical

care, and recover earned wages. Founded in 1900, GBLS' philosophy is that justice should be for all people, not just those with the financial means to pay. Its core mission is to provide free civil legal aid to as many low-income individuals and families as possible in the greater Boston area, to help them secure some of the most basic necessities of life, such as food, safety, and housing. GBLS accomplishes these goals through individual representation and impact advocacy, working closely with a wide network of community partners.

Through GBLS' Pro Bono Program, volunteers can assist low-income clients secure housing, obtain immigration relief, or advise them on their rights as a consumer. Pro bono attorneys can participate in one of our clinics, or take on individual cases with mentoring and support from a GBLS attorney. For more information, contact Melissa Gonzalez, GBLS Pro Bono Coordinator, at (617) 603-1604 or [mgonzalez@gbls.org](mailto:mgonzalez@gbls.org).



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We would like to congratulate one of our members: Kerry Flynn, Vice President, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel from Vertex Pharmaceuticals was awarded a Global Counsel Award in June!

## SAVE THE DATE:

Mark Your Calendar for the  
**Corporate Counsel Institute (CCI)**  
on **November 14, 2018**

This Fall's CCI will focus on BIG DATA. The half-day program will be held at the offices of Ropes & Gray in downtown Boston.

Look for the invitation with further details in September.

## ACC-Northeast Chapter Broadens Geographic Range of Programming



The ACC Northeast Chapter is excited to announce that it has launched a new initiative to expand its programming throughout New England. The expansion begins with New Hampshire, which will host at least three programs this year. “The New Hampshire expansion is part of the Northeast Chapter’s broader efforts to extend programming across geographic regions to better support our growing and diverse membership,” explained ACC Northeast Board Member Gemma Dreher, Vice President and Senior Counsel at TD Bank. Dreher, who is herself a member of the New Hampshire bar and formerly practiced in southern New Hampshire, recognized the value of more local programming for our fellow members in the region and spearheaded the initiative. In order to get the project off the ground, the Northeast

Chapter, led by Dreher, sought and received a grant from ACC headquarters in Washington, D.C. to expand its programming across the region. With this initiative, the Chapter is able to offer more convenient networking opportunities and substantive

programs for our members who live or work in and around the various states in the northeast.

The New Hampshire expansion kicked off with an ethics program entitled, “Get your ‘head out of the sand’ and into the CLOUD - Technical Competence for In-House Counsel,” at the University of New Hampshire School of Law in Concord, NH on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The program, organized by Northeast Chapter Board Member Danette Wineberg, Adjunct Professor at UNH School of Law, enabled members to earn two ethics credits under New Hampshire’s CLE requirements and received rave reviews.

The initiative continued with a networking event at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH

on August 9th, and another networking event was slated for September 20th. We strongly encourage local members to take advantage of the opportunity to get to know other members of the in-house community practicing or residing in southern New Hampshire or the surrounding area.

Although the first stage of the expansion focuses on New Hampshire, the Chapter is actively looking to offer more programs in other states. In response to feedback from members practicing in Rhode Island, for example, the Chapter held a networking event in Providence, which was generously hosted by Hasbro Inc. at its downtown office on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The program, which gave Rhode Island members a chance to socialize and connect with peers in a relaxed atmosphere, was very well received. In the future, the Chapter envisions using the New Hampshire expansion as a model to increase its programming in the other New England states to better serve the ACC in-house community throughout greater New England.

## We would like to acknowledge and thank our 2018 sponsors

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