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President Elect Letter

Jessica DeBianchi Rivera

Back to School...of Rock!

Dear Members,

I am honored to shortly be taking the reins from Carlos Cardelle as your new chapter President. This past year, Carlos called on our Board of Directors to take action consistent with the theme, "Dedicated to Serve"; I'm certain that I speak for all of us when I say that our chapter was well served under Carlos's dedicated and selfless leadership. I have big shoes to fill, and I thank our Board for giving me the opportunity to represent our membership.

A little about me: I am a native Floridian, born and raised in Fort Lauderdale before settling down in Boca Raton. I bleed orange and blue with undergraduate, graduate and law degrees all from the University of Florida (Go Gators!). I love sports, fitness, food and music (I'm a classical and jazz-trained pianist, though I've been performing mostly Aladdin and Lion King numbers for my kids these days). I put heart and humor in all that I do, including serving as your president!

I hope you enjoyed the summer months. Mine were fueled by the boundless energy of my twin sons' Paul and Robbie (ages 7), and my daughter Isabel (age 6), all while starting a new role as General Counsel for MotionPoint Corporation, a translation technology company that lets brands reach global audiences in their local languages. Perhaps due to the whirlwind of activity keeping me busy on the home and

career fronts, I particularly cherished the time I spent participating in our chapter's sponsored events, including:

- The Sunset Social on South Beach, hosted by **Ford Harrison** (I now make a mean rum runner!)
- Wine Down Wednesday, hosted by **Jackson Lewis** (I may have ordered a flight... or three)
- A communications and NDA best practice Coffee Talk series morning CLE, hosted by **Foley & Lardner** (a wake-up call indeed!)
- Our Member Appreciation event in Margartaville, hosted by **Baker McKenzie** (our featured speaker comic book illustrator Tom Townsend was Marvel-ous!)
- A seminar on data privacy at our Coffee Talk series CLE, hosted by **Jordan Lawrence (an Exterro company)** (still not sure if I was jolted more by the cup of joe or the fear of non-compliance!).

Cocktails, Caffeine and Counsel: Trifecta!

While children are already back at school, we are just days away from our own "Legal School of Rock" being in session! So dust off your hall passes and make sure you're registered for our **10th Annual CLE Conference on September 19th at the Marriot Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale**. Our CLE Conference committee and Executive Director have all

been working harmoniously to make sure the event is a hit! The conference will be followed by a repertoire of more social events and community service projects – so please tune in to <https://www.acc.com/chapters-networks/chapters/south-florida> where you'll find our calendar of events.

If you have ideas for how the chapter may better serve your needs or would like to become more involved in our chapter, please contact me or our Executive Director, Christina Kim.

See you in class!

Jessica DeBianchi Rivera

President-Elect, ACC South Florida Chapter



The Modern Partnership: In-house and Outside Counsel

By Cathy Landman and Margo Wolf O'Donnell

As lawyers take on increasingly sophisticated business advisor roles in today's marketplace, the partnership between in-house and outside counsel has become more important than ever. And while every lawyer wants to provide the best possible service to the client, the practical steps for achieving outstanding service in this context are not always clear. Drawing on our shared experience, we have identified four key steps lawyers on both sides of this relationship can take to help them build their credibility and deliver solutions that advance their business.

1. Develop a commercial point of view, and base the legal strategy on business goals

So many skilled lawyers bring a nuanced understanding of the law to their work, but when it is time to apply that knowledge and counsel to the company's business strategy, they have difficulty bridging the divide between the worlds of law and business. The key to becoming a valued business advisor and in-house lawyer is understanding not just the legal risks for the company on a given matter, but also the interplay between those risks and the company's larger business goals.

In a legal practice, that means having a conversation early on to ensure an understanding of the desired result. And that conversation needs to continue as a matter unfolds and new information comes to light.

An understanding of what the company is trying to achieve — where they are now and where they want to be — should drive the legal strategy and lead you to the legal remedy that furthers those goals. That may mean litigating or not, finding a resolution outside of litigation, or coming at the problem from another angle, such as a new approach to a deal or contractual language.



2. Educate each other and constantly reflect on what you are learning

It is crucial for both sides of this partnership to make time to educate each other — for the outside counsel to educate the client on the most pressing legal issues they may face, and for the in-house team to educate the outside counsel on how their business works. To facilitate communication that extends beyond just the discovery phase, develop a work process that includes shared folders, files, timelines, and project plans, and encourage both teams to check in regularly.

Designate time for reflection at important milestones throughout the project so that the in-house and outside teams may ask of themselves and each other what they have learned and how it might alter the goals or process going forward. Finally, make sure both teams are speaking the same language by using the right tools and a shared vocabulary.

While written word is the order within law firms, the business community tends to rely on tools like PowerPoint for communication. Sometimes translating a lengthy document into a more visual mode can facilitate understanding and even yield creative, new solutions to the problem.

Always be thinking not just about communication between the inside and outside teams, but also how to enable the in-house team to present ideas to their internal clients, the business leaders.

3. Build a shared roadmap that can evolve, and demonstrate good judgment

The in-house counsel is continuously juggling big priorities with the day to day responsibilities of the job. The best outside counselors help their clients anticipate what is on the horizon and determine whether the current approach and practices will put the company on the right trajectory.

Timeliness is an important factor in building a workable roadmap. Good business advisors understand how to foreshadow what is to come so business leaders have time to digest information and then decide. The partnership also depends on crystal clear communication and a willingness to use technological tools to improve efficiency.

Because skillful navigation involves looking both at your feet and the path ahead, teams must constantly be asking what's coming next, what's the precedent if we do X, and what are the potential costs and benefits? This is where creative problem solvers can demonstrate significant value. Nothing beats good

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judgment, a great strategy, and a thoughtful plan to execute it.

4. Move beyond a transactional mindset and nurture the relationship

Good client service cannot be merely transactional, so outside counsel can truly demonstrate their worth by providing value outside the billable hours. That means making time to learn their client's business, conduct on-site visits, and make themselves available as a resource. It's also important for other members of the outside team beyond the billing partner — including associates and paralegals — to take ownership of the work.

The in-house counsel can create these connections by inviting everyone on the team to an on-site visit to learn the business and understand the goals of the project. This is an investment in the outside team, which is just an extension of the in-house team, and the work will be more efficient and effective if everyone works together as one entity. The complex legal matters businesses face today require that everyone is on board and invested in achieving the optimal outcome.

In-house and outside counsel see legal and business challenges through distinct lenses that are shaped by their respective training and approach to problems.

We need both perspectives to create innovative legal strategies. By embracing the key steps we have outlined above, lawyers can build a thriving, long-lasting inside-outside partnership that yields creative solutions for the company and its outside partners.

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ACC News

2019 ACC Annual Meeting: Rates Increase after September 25

Mark your calendars for October 27-30 in Phoenix, AZ for the 2019 world's largest event on in-house counsel. Earn up to a year's worth of CLEs, 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. No other event delivers such a wealth of education and networking opportunities for corporate counsel all in one place at one time. Group discounts are available. Check out the full program schedule at am.acc.com.

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- **Amsterdam, Netherlands**, September 10-13, 2019
- **Berkeley Heights, New Jersey**, November 4-7, 2019

For more information visit acc.com/certification.

CBD Regulation: The Food & Beverage Industry Must Join the Food Fight

By Lori Lustrin and Stefan Segall, Litigation Attorneys at Bilzin Sumberg

The CBD Craze Is Full Steam Ahead

CBD (cannabidiol) is the new must-have product. It is difficult to go shopping these days without encountering a CBD offering--whether it be oils, skin lotions, supplements, or drops. The financial success of the industry is equally staggering. The US hemp-derived CBD market is predicted to reach over \$5 billion by the end of this year, and \$23 billion by 2023.¹

The food industry is also riding the CBD wave. CBD making its way into everything from coffee to cupcakes.² And in celebration of National Weed Day, fast food chain Carl's Jr. offered a "Rocky Mountain High" burger infused with CBD oil. An inside source reported to have sold 2,200 burgers by 4pm. Shortly after, Oreo maker Mondelez announced it was considering rolling out CBD snacking options.³

Federal Regulations Are Far Behind

The wide-spread popularity of CBD is due to its perceived "win win" set of attributes--relaxing properties without the mind-altering side effects of marijuana. But the rocket-fast trajectory of CBD is equally attributable to an undeniable consumer misperception. The presence of largely unregulated CBD products at retail--coupled with steady state legalization of marijuana--leads many to believe that CBD is legal and safe for consumption.

But the CBD legal landscape is far more complex and uncertain. For decades,

hemp was classified as a Schedule I substance under federal law. That changed in December 2018, with the signing of the Agricultural Improvement Act (2018 Farm Bill) that declassified hemp as a Schedule I substance and legalized hemp-derived CBD under federal law.

What is often missed over, however, is The FDA has made clear that adding CBD to food remains federally illegal. This is difficult to reconcile with the fact that (i) CBD is sold nationwide in the form of supplements, lotions, oils and drops; and (ii) edibles containing marijuana are sold legally in states like Colorado and California.

In view of the legal uncertainties and contradictions, CBD stakeholders are anything but relaxed. For those whose livelihood depends on CBD, going to work carries the risk of committing a federal crime. Those who rely on CBD to treat ailments are left to make a similar impossible choice.

The nation's major food and beverage manufacturers are also eager to receive the legal go-ahead to enter into the burgeoning CBD market. Mondelez's CEO Dirk Van de Put confirmed that they are "getting ready, but we obviously want to stay within what is legal and play it the right way. . . . I'm hoping that the FDA will bring some clarity in the coming months."⁴



The FDA Hearing

In response to growing public demand for guidance, the FDA held a highly-anticipated public hearing on May 31. While billed as the first meaningful step toward federal legalization of CBD in food, the hearing raised more questions than answers.

The FDA posed a litany of basic public health concerns regarding CBD. What amount can be consumed safely daily? Annually? Over 10 years? Can CBD interact with medications? What are the effects on children? On pregnant women? What level of THC is safe?

The silence that met these inquiries was deafening. Striking absent from the ten hours of presentations from constituent groups--ranging from academia, agriculture, consumers, health professionals, manufacturers, and patients--was any meaningful citation to scientific research on the health effects of CBD.

The hearing participants' inability to respond to regulators' concerns is not surprising. Save for a handful of state-authorized industrial hemp research pilot programs⁵ and specific advancements related to a cannabis-derived drug used to treat rare forms of epilepsy, little has been done in the way of CBD research.

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¹Bruce Jaspen, *CVS, Walgreens to Lead \$23 Billion CBD Market by 2023*, FORBES (Jul. 11, 2019, 8:00 AM), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucejaspen/2019/07/11/cvs-walgreens-to-lead-23-billion-cbd-market-by-2023/#2c674f9f52ca>.

²Thomas Mitchell, *Carl's Jr. Might Have Sold Over 2,000 CBD Burgers in Denver on 4/20*, WESTWORD, (Apr. 27, 2019, 7:07 AM), <https://www.westword.com/marijuana/carls-jr-in-denver-may-have-sold-over-2000-cbd-burgers-on-4-20-11323158>.

³Amerlia Lucas, *Cannabis Fans Everywhere May Get Their Wish as Oreo-Maker Mondelez Eyes CBD-Infused Snacks.*, CNBC (May 1, 2019, 11:25 AM), <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/05/01/cannabis-fans-may-get-wish-as-oreo-maker-mondelez-eyes-cbd-snacks.html>.

⁴Eric Schroeder, *Consideration for C.B.D.*, FOOD BUSINESS NEWS (May 3, 2019), <https://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/13729-consideration-for-cbd>.

⁵In 2017, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, North Dakota, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, authorized these programs. In 2018, another six states, including Alaska, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, and Oklahoma, followed this trend. See *State Industrial Hemp Statutes*, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/agriculture-and-rural-development/state-industrial-hemp-statutes.aspx> (Feb. 1, 2019).

Big Food Is Poised to Shape the Debate

To green light something as radical as the use of CBD in the nation's food supply, the FDA must be armed with far more than anecdotes attesting to CBD's healing properties, and the word of cannabis entrepreneurs with the most skin in the game. Concrete and verifiable scientific data on how CBD affects the human body is needed.

This creates a unique opportunity for the food industry to shape the regulatory conversation. Industry heavyweights have already jumped into the fray to create momentum around legalization. On the eve of the FDA hearing, for example, Ben & Jerry's strategically announced its

intentions to roll out a CBD-infused ice cream.⁶

But if Big Food wants to cause meaningful and swift change, it must do more than talk about its future plans if and when legalization comes to pass. To pull CBD over its greatest hurdle--the perceived health risks of ingestion--Big Food must support CBD research and development initiatives.

Scientific backup is the missing foundation for comprehensive legalization of CBD in food. Much of the regulatory framework (i.e. manufacturing, marketing, and labeling), can be borrowed from state regulations of marijuana and CBD. Indiana and Florida for example,

passed legislation requiring CBD product packaging to include a scanable bar code allowing tracing to product origin, an expiration date, the number of milligrams of low-THC hemp extract included, and a statement that the product contains no more than three-tenths of a milligram of THC.⁷ Oregon has similar statutory requirements.⁸

With the CBD movement in full swing, a confused customer base, and an FDA in the midst of playing catch-up, the U.S. food industry must set the table for CBD reform by obtaining the scientific proof necessary to satisfy well-founded public health and safety concerns.

⁶CBD Ice Cream Is (Maybe, Hopefully) Coming To A Freezer Near You!, BEN & JERRY'S (May 30, 2019), <https://www.benjerry.com/whats-new/2019/05/cbd-statement>.

⁷S.B. 52, 120th Gen. Assemb., 2d Spec. Sess. (Ind. 2018), S.B. 1020, 121st Leg., Reg. Sess. (Fla. 2019). Utah has similar regulations to that of Indiana and Florida. R68-26-5.

⁸Oregon requires labels to include a hemp symbol, the potency value, a statement of the concentration of THC and CBD in the product, and a warning that the product is "[f]or use only by adults 21 and older. Keep out of reach of children." OAR 845-025-7030

The Advent of Laws for the Gig Economy in Florida

By Brendan Sweeney, Adam Lounsbury and Brandon U. Campbell

According to the June 7, 2018 [news release](#) by the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, approximately 15 million U.S. workers have alternative arrangements for their primary employment, which includes independent contractors, freelance workers, and workers employed within the gig economy. There is a growing trend among states to protect companies operating a "virtual marketplace" from the risk arising out of employee vs. independent contractor litigation and enforcement trends. Several states have passed "[marketplace contractor](#)" statutes that treat service providers making their services available in a "virtual marketplace" platform as independent contractors.

Virtual market places exist in a variety of service sectors, including in app-based services like ride-share, shopping, delivery, tutoring, construction, and other

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freelance services. The new marketplace contractor statutes protect companies that

create and host those virtual marketplaces from claims that the virtual market place employs the service providers that offer their services in the virtual marketplace.

The Florida Legislature passed its own marketplace contractor statute. In Florida, "A marketplace contractor must be treated as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, of the marketplace platform for all purposes under state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances." § 451.02(1), Fla. Stat. (2018). However, like other states that have enacted marketplace contractor statutes, the prerequisites for treatment as an independent contractor are strict and compliance can be challenging, especially given the shortage of judicial guidance due to the novelty of the subject matter.

Despite the lack of guidance about how to apply these statutes, lawmakers have established a multi-factor test to evaluate whether the virtual market place host is exempt from employment liability for the marketplace contractors offering services on its platform. In Florida, the issue of whether an employee is an independent contractor is evaluated pursuant to the 10-factor test established in *Keith v. News & Sun Sentinel Co.*, 667 So. 2d 167 (Fla. 1995), cited by *McGillis v. Dep't of Econ. Opportunity*, 210 So. 3d 220, 224 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017). However, Florida lawmakers have eschewed that test for hosts of virtual market places and established the following prerequisites to evaluate whether a worker is considered a marketplace contractor, exempt from employee status:

(a) The marketplace platform does not unilaterally prescribe specific hours

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during which the marketplace contractor must be available to accept service requests submitted through the platform from third-party individuals or entities.

(b) The marketplace platform does not prohibit the marketplace contractor from using the technology application offered by other marketplace platforms.

(c) The marketplace platform does not restrict the contractor from engaging in any other occupation or business.

(d) The marketplace platform and marketplace contractor agree in writing that the marketplace contractor is an independent contractor with respect to the marketplace platform.

(e) The marketplace contractor bears all or substantially all of the marketplace contractor's expenses incurred by the

marketplace contractor in performing the services.

(f) The marketplace contractor is responsible for paying taxes on the marketplace contractor's income.

§ 451.02(1)(a)-(f), Fla. Stat. (2018).

As is true with many statutory provisions, Chapter 451 may appear straight-forward. However, there are no reported cases litigating the viability of the marketplace contractor prerequisites as of this date. Moreover, even though state law may exempt a virtual market place from employment liability, the company should always consider whether its relationship to the market place contractors satisfies the federal standards for independent contract status. Companies using market place contractors need to remain cognizant of the risks of relying exclusively

on this new statute and simultaneously perform a structured assessment of their business model to ensure their virtual marketplace relationships satisfy both state and federal standards governing the independent workforce.

More information on the topic can be found [here](#). Jackson Lewis attorneys are also able to assist if you are considering the implications of Chapter 451 for your company.



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September 19

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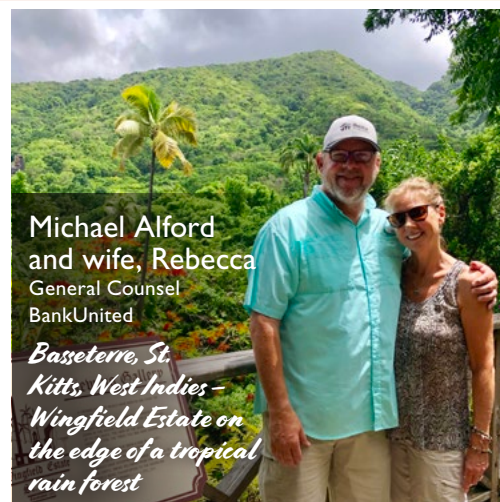
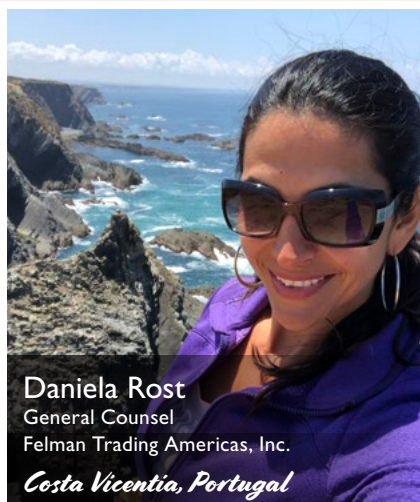
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Coffee Talk CLE
Presented by
Rumberger Kirk &
Caldwell

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to be included on a distribution list for South Florida in-house employment opportunities, please e-mail Christina Kim at southflexec@accglobal.com. E-mails will be sent out on a periodic basis based on availability. Distribution list is only for ACC South Florida members.

ACC Member Vacation Photos!



Past Events

FordHarrison Social Event

ACC South Florida members and FordHarrison socialized and networked at Monty's Sunset on South Beach - complete with a tropical mixology lesson!



Jackson Lewis Event

Attorneys of Jackson Lewis P.C.'s Miami office invited ACC South Florida Members for an interactive evening of wine-tasting, delicious food and networking! Escape the summer heat by cooling off inside Cooper Hawk's private room to taste their signature wines and learn about the winemaking process.

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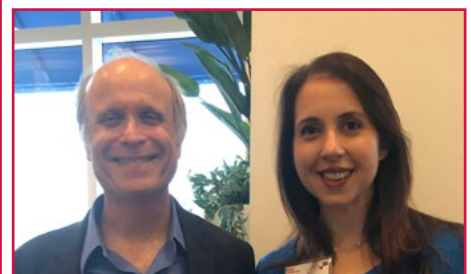
Foley and ACC Members met for a coffee talk concerning Best Practices for Communications and the Use of Non-Disclosure Agreements in a Corporate Setting. This session addressed the pitfalls and challenges of email and other electronic modes of communication in corporate settings. Through real-world examples and a discussion of the proper use of non-disclosure agreements, the program provided best practices for minimizing risk and liability in written and oral communications.



Baker McKenzie Member Appreciation Event

ACC South Florida and Baker McKenzie came together for ACC's annual member appreciation event featuring Tim Townsend, award-winning comic book illustrator!

Baker McKenzie.



Miami Progressive Dinner

ACC Members joined sponsors Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Grrenberg Traurig, and Shutts & Bowen at our Annual Miami Progressive Dinner. Our sponsors presented the best of the 70s, 80s and 90s in a Battle of the Decades!



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ACC South Florida has an active student ambassador program. Through the ambassador program, select law students help manage ACC events and network with in house and law firm counsel. Here are a few of the 2019 ambassadors.



Ana R. Portal,

Ana R. Portal, a 3L evening student, is Co-President of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team and President of the International Dispute Resolution Club. Currently, she is a legal intern for the in-house counsel team at NBCUniversal International's Business and Legal Affairs Department. Her interests include international law, constitutional law, property law, international commercial arbitration, finance law, and intellectual property law. Her hobbies include obstacle races, marathons, traveling, yoga, and high intensity work-outs.



Sulany Perez

Sulany Perez is a second-year law student at St. Thomas University School of Law. During her law school career, she interned for the Honorable Jose M. Rodriguez on the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. She is currently interning at Kelley Kronenberg, where she assists attorneys on first party insurance defense claims. She was elected as the Fundraising Chair for the Cuban American Student Bar Association and is a member of the St. Thomas Journal of Complex Litigation. On her free time, she enjoys traveling and working with local non-profit organizations.



Nicolo Lozano

Nicolo Lozano is pursuing a Juris Doctorate at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. He attended the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University where he completed a dual major of Operations Management and Business Law, Ethics and Decision-Making. His conviction for business and law began as early as his sophomore year of undergraduate studies where he sought out an internship at a corporate law firm specializing in securities law. He reinforced his decision to pursue a legal education by attending law school where he is now an author who will be published in the upcoming Forty-Third Volume of Nova's Law Review. Nicolo aspires to maximize both his business and legal educations by establishing a career in corporate law.

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Executive Director Note

Dear Members,

I know I say this every year, but summer just flew by! The kids are back in school, the pumpkin spice lattes are coming back, I-95 is back to being awful (boo!), and I'm pretty sure the big box stores have pretty much skipped over Fall and have gone straight to holiday decorations already. The silver lining in all this is that Fall is always an exciting time here at ACC South Florida and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!



Our 10th Annual CLE Conference is taking place on September 19 we are so excited to bring you a ROCKIN' event filled with networking, seminars, prizes and more! Our CLE Committee has been working hard to make sure this is our best conference yet. Do not forget to register to secure your spot and early up to 6.0 CLE credits including one for ethics and technology.

It doesn't end there! We also have some engaging and fun social events and Coffee Talk CLE's throughout the rest of the year and some community service events for families to participate in and give back to our community so keep an eye out for the invitations.

As always, if you have any feedback or would like to get involved, please reach out to me at southflexec@accglobal.com.

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