

## **Jonathan A. Silber Outstanding Network Member of the Year Award**

This award recognizes participation in network leadership; contributions to recruitment and participation; efforts in developing network programs and resources; contributions to ACC/in-house practice; and contributions to the community through volunteer work or pro bono activities.

### **Judging Criteria**

#### **1. Creating resources:**

David was on the founding board for the ACC Sports and Entertainment Law Network in 2010 and has been an active member since. When founded as an interest group and during its first year as a then committee, David served as Programming Chair. In that role, he developed numerous programs for the committee including at least two and often three accepted Annual Meeting session ideas. He often serves as a panelist and program organizer on those programs (Photos from 2018 Mid Year and 2017 Annual Meeting are attached as Exhibit A). David also planned several social and educational programming for in-house counsel sponsored by the network at the Sports Lawyers Association conference (Flyers from those programs are attached as Exhibit B).

David moved through the ranks and served as secretary for the 2011-2012 year. For 2013-2014, David started the year as Vice-Chair, but stepped up and served as interim Chair when the Chair had to step away due to a family medical issue. He then remained in the role as Chair for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 years. After his tenure as Chair, David remained active and has served as Annual Meetings Chair. Due to his efforts, the Network won awards in 2012, 2016, and 2018 (Photos from the 2016 and 2018 awards are attached as Exhibit C)

David has always been an active member of the network and takes on whatever is asked of him. Over the past nine years, he has stepped up, sometimes at the last minute, to serve as a moderator on webcasts sponsored by the network and presented by our sponsor Ogletree Deakins. Additionally, he has attended ACC's LDI programs numerous times and often serves as a panelist or moderator. (Photos are attached as Exhibit D)

David set up and curated the Sports and Entertainment Law Network's social media feed when he created the first Twitter account in 2014. Since then, numerous current and aspiring in-house sports and entertainment lawyers have followed and interacted with the account and enjoyed the resources that the network provides via Twitter. (See attached Exhibit E).

David also planned several local programs. Most recently, he used his position as President of the Tampa Bay Chapter to plan a local event in the sports and entertainment-rich Suncoast of Florida. That event brought value to local members as well as ACC, Network, and Chapter sponsor Ogletree Deakins. (See attached Exhibit F)

As a result of David's efforts, David was awarded our "Outstanding Committee Member". We

feel David deserves the win the same award across the ACC! (Exhibit G shows he is a fun guy who brings humor and is always ready to take a selfie!)

## 2. Conducting membership activities

David is an outgoing person who is a great Ambassador for ACC. He is responsible for either recruiting most of the people who served as board members to ACC or getting them involved in our network's leadership. David does not formally do so, but quietly encourages people to join and get involved in both ACC, local chapters, and network activities. (See Exhibit H)

## 3. Using sponsorship effectively

David has built an incredible bridge with our committee sponsor Ogletree Deakins. He has gotten them involved in a variety of programs including local programs, Annual Meeting, and other programs. David has worked so closely with Ogletree Deakins that they have invited them to speak at some of their programs. He knows how to leverage the relationship with Ogletree to identify ways to bring more value to both members and the Ogletree. (See earlier Exhibits and Exhibit I)

## 4. General

David is not just a leader of the Network, he is also a leader locally and nationally. Recently, he was one of a dozen members selected to participate in ACC's Leadership Excellence Council and was designated as an ACC Ambassador. David is the current president of ACC's Tampa Bay Chapter and a past board member and officer of ACC's SoCal Chapter. In his roles, he expanded programs, grew membership, and improved both diversity and succession planning. David also moderated Chapter LDI in Washington DC in April 2018 and was asked to lead the Chapter LDI at the upcoming 2019 Annual Meeting in Phoenix. He also hosted an ACC Foundation dinner and participated in ACC Foundation's "Good to Great" Program. (See Exhibit J)

## **Review Process and Awards Presentation**

The Awards Committee, composed of the chair, vice chair, and secretary of the Network Leadership Council, and ACC's Network staff, reviews all nominations and makes its recommendations to the Services Committee of the ACC Board of Directors, which makes the final awards decision. Awards are presented at ACC's Annual Meeting and publicized within and outside of ACC as appropriate.

## ***Nomination For the Jonathan S. Silber Outstanding Network Member Of The Year Award***

*Is awarded for individual excellence, leadership and major contributions made by a member of an ACC Network.*

### **General Requirements:**

Eligibility for this award is restricted to current ACC members in good standing who are members of an ACC Network.

Nominees are considered for their network leadership positions, their contributions to the network, ACC and the legal profession generally, especially in-house practice. Contributions to the community at large through volunteer work or pro bono activities may also be considered. Please attach additional sheets, as necessary and return your nomination to ACC (attn: Victor Morales at Morales@acc.com).

I, Julie S. Maresca, hereby nominate the following ACC Member for the Jonathan S. Silber Outstanding Network Member of the Year Award.

Nominee: David S. Cohen

Nominee's Company: Major League Business, LLC

Network Affiliation: Sports & Entertainment

Please provide a brief summary of the nominee's leadership role(s) and contributions to the above network: David's leadership roles are documented in the Judging criteria portion of this nomination.

Please tell us about the nominee's contributions to ACC (e.g., CLE programs, ACC publications, membership outreach/development, etc.), the legal profession generally and in-house practice specifically (including through other bar association activities which promote the expertise of in-house counsel).

David's contributions to ACC are documented in the Judging criteria portion of this nomination.

Please comment on any community service or pro bono activities on the part of the nominee or any other factors, which you would like to be considered. David's charisma and dedication to ACC is exhibited at every meeting and encounter. He has been a consistently positive mentor.

**NOTE: A bio and headshot of winner will be required within two-weeks after selection has been made.**

## EXHIBIT A

## 2018 ANNUAL MEETING



## 2017 ANNUAL MEETING



## 2018 MID YEAR MEETING



## EXHIBIT B

# ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL

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Join Us For An  
**ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee  
Networking Breakfast**

Sponsored By The Law Firm Of  
**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.**



**DATE**  
Friday, May 11, 2012

**TIME**  
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION**  
Hilton San Diego  
1 Park Blvd  
San Diego, California 92101

**COST**  
Complimentary

**Come Join Fellow ACC Committee Members For A Casual Breakfast!**

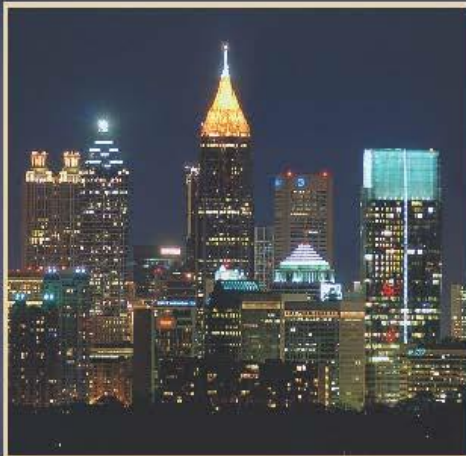
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**SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

RSVP to Erin Hecht at [erin.hecht@ogletreeddeakins.com](mailto:erin.hecht@ogletreeddeakins.com)

Join Us For An  
**ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee  
Networking Breakfast and Question and Answer Session**

Sponsored by the 2013 ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee Sponsor:  
**Ogletree Deakins**



**DATE**

Friday, May 17, 2013

**TIME**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION**

InterContinental Buckhead  
(Room: Venetian 1)  
3315 Peachtree Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30305

**COST**

Complimentary

**Come Join Fellow ACC Committee Members and Other Industry In-House Counsel for a Casual Breakfast, featuring a "Q & A" session with Lori Bowman (Los Angeles) and Peter Hughes (Morristown, NJ), employment lawyers from the Ogletree Deakins law firm, who will answer questions about employment issues impacting the sports industry.**



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Join Us For An  
**ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee  
Networking Breakfast and Question and Answer Session**

Sponsored by the 2014 ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee Sponsor:  
**Ogletree Deakins**



**DATE**

Friday, May 16, 2014

**TIME**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION**

Fairmont Chicago  
200 North Columbus Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601

**COST**

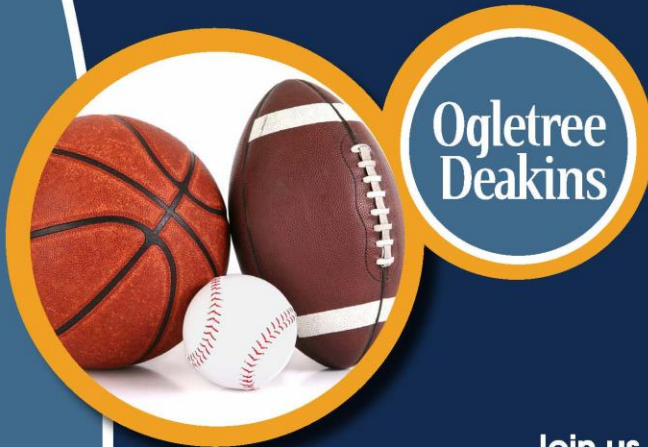
Complimentary

**Come Join Fellow ACC Committee Members and Other Industry In-House Counsel for a Casual Breakfast, featuring a "Q & A" session with Jocelyn Campanaro (Denver, CO), Peter Hughes (Morristown, NJ) and Robert Seiger (Philadelphia, PA), lawyers from the Ogletree Deakins law firm, who will answer questions about immigration and employment law issues impacting the sports industry.**



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and Legal Quick Hit**

*"Recent Employment Law Trends and Developments  
Impacting Sports Industry Employers"*

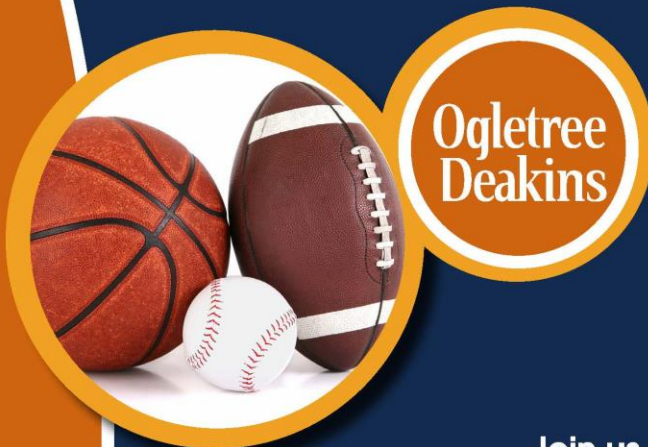
Hosted by  
**Ogletree Deakins**  
2015 Sponsor of ACC's Sports & Entertainment Committee

**Friday, May 15, 2015  
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

**Baltimore Marriott Waterfront  
Dover AB Room  
700 Aliceanna Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202**

*Two attorneys from Ogletree Deakins' Morristown, New Jersey office, Peter O. Hughes and Christopher G. Elko, will address employment law developments critical to sports industry employers, answer attendees' questions, and lead a roundtable discussion of current sports and entertainment law issues.*

**RSVP to Molly Daly at [molly.daly@ogletreedekins.com](mailto:molly.daly@ogletreedekins.com).**



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**ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee  
Networking Breakfast  
and Legal Quick Hit**

*"Recent Employment Law Trends and Developments  
Impacting Sports Industry Employers"*

Hosted by  
**Ogletree Deakins**  
2016 Sponsor of the ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee

**Friday, May 13, 2016  
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**JW Marriott Los Angeles  
900 W Olympic Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(213) 765-8600**

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**and Legal Quick Hit**

*"Recent Employment Law Trends and Developments  
Impacting Sports Industry Employers"*

Hosted by  
**Ogletree Deakins**  
2017 Sponsor of the ACC Sports & Entertainment Committee



**Friday, May 19, 2017**  
**7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Denver Marriott City Center**  
**1701 California Street**  
**Denver, CO 80202**  
**(303) 297-1300**



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## EXHIBIT C

## 2016 BREAKTHROUGH COMMITTEE AWARD



## 2018 COMMITTEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



## EXHIBIT D

## 2018 ACC SPRING LDI MODERATOR



## 2014 ACC LDI



## EXHIBIT E

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## EXHIBIT F

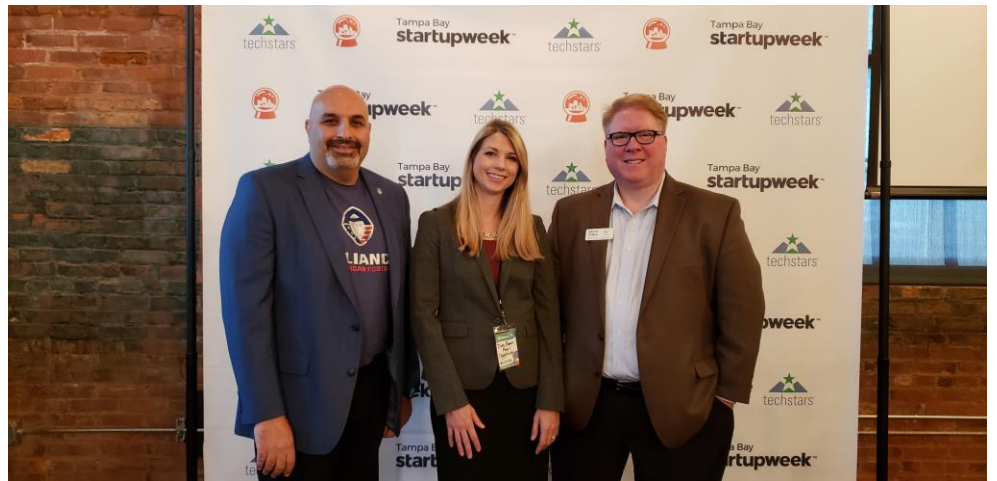
## 2018 ACC TAMPA BAY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING



## 2016 ACC TAMPA BAY BOARD MEETING AT HSN



# GROUNDBREAKING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN 2019 STARTUP WEEK, ACC-TAMPA BAY, AND NETWORK SPONSOR OGLETREE DEAKINS



## EXHIBIT G



## EXHIBIT H

## WITH OTHER NFL CLUB IN-HOUSE COUNSEL AT THE WHITE HOUSE



WITH GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CHICAGO BEARS AND  
ACC-SOCAL FOUNDER AND DODGERS GENERAL COUNSEL



## EXHIBIT J



### Register Now!

**In-house Counsel/Corporate Attendees**  
Standard Rate: \$1,295

**Outside Counsel/Service Providers**  
Standard Rate: \$2,500

\* Please note: Outside Counsel and Law Firm Registrants are limited to **no more than 2** per firm (exclusive of sponsorships). *Limited registrations available.*

### Click Here for Sponsorship Information!

Unique sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. Firms and companies who wish to sponsor the Good Lawyers to Great Lawyers Strategic Professional Development Retreat should contact Jennifer Chen at [j.chen@acc.com](mailto:j.chen@acc.com), or call (202) 677-4772.

#### When

Wednesday, March 21 - Friday, March 23, 2018

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#### Where

The Ritz - Carlton Grande Lakes Orlando  
4012 Central Florida Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32837

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## Good Lawyers to Great Lawyers

### A Strategic Professional Development Retreat

#### Overview

The ACC Foundation's Good Lawyers to Great Lawyers Retreat offers an unprecedented exchange between in-house counsel, outside counsel and business professionals. The event will focus on strategic professional development and coaching, delivered by a select group of diverse, high-level business professionals, in a casual, intimate setting.

#### Capitalize on the following offerings:

- Expand your contacts and gain access to high-level professionals
- Learn strategic decision making from our accomplished consortium of speakers and attendees
- Cultivate a robust professional network by integrating your business, personal and strategic relationships
- Learn how mindfulness and personal well-being translate to success
- Gain expert advice on building and managing your career
- Develop a "legacy building" leadership style that is authentic and successful

#### Unique opportunity

Our goal is to give you tools to hone in on your soft skills. We will host small, advice driven, closed door discussions with leading legal and business professionals. These sessions will provide up close and personal feedback from seasoned executives who can help guide your career. This is a unique opportunity to step back and evaluate your organization's current circumstance and to make positive impactful change. Step out of the conference room and onto the golf course or spa with fresh perspectives, meaningful insights and new relationships. Strategic recreational activities and wellness opportunities will give you a chance to connect and implement your new skill set. This exclusive retreat promises to be a valuable and impactful experience.

Join us at the Ritz - Carlton Grande Lakes in Orlando, FL for what promises to be 2 1/2 days of pure value!

### Featured Speakers:

#### Kathleen M. Boege

Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
Wintrust Financial Corporation

#### Cornell Boggs

Corporate Director  
Thrivent Financial