



## President's Message

ACC Washington Members,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Despite our collective hope that we would be returning this summer to our previous way of being, it looks as if we are looking at a new normal and all adapting to what that looks like.

Our Chapter has continued to communicate and discuss what the new normal looks like for ACC Washington. Planning is going on for our upcoming Tech and Business Summits and we are looking at various ways we can continue to deliver content and programs to our members. We will keep the members informed as the summits get closer and we adapt and plan with the current safety and health guidelines for meetings.

Against the backdrop of COVID19, we're seeing long overdue forward movement on several issues important to all of us. To that end, I do want to draw your attention to an incredible accomplishment right here in our own community: an alum of Seattle University Law School argued for and won on the very important and pivotal Title VII case that extends protection to LGBTQ employees. Please take the time to read the article we've included below and celebrate this amazing achievement.

Please continue to stay safe and committed to our united efforts to suppress the spread of COVID19. I am looking forward to the chance to see all of you in person again.



Take care,  
Chris Pothering  
2020-2021 President-Elect

## Upcoming Events



**July 23, 2020 | 5pm-6pm**

ACC Washington invites you to a special membership appreciation event! Come be our guest at a virtual mixology event July 23, 2020.

Register at the link below and we'll send you all the fixings for a special summer cocktail (to be used during the mixology event). We'll also reserve time for mingling and sharing your best work-from-home hacks. 5 pm – 6 pm.

Space is limited so please register ASAP.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**July 15, 2020 | 4:00pm-5:30pm PST**

*Are you currently managing a legal intern or legal intern program?*

*Are you interested in creating an intern program?*

*And interested in learning about how to create a diverse pipeline through local WA state intern opportunities and programming?*

If the answer to any of these questions is YES please join the ACC Washington for a membership round table with Jolene Marshall (VP-Legal, Smartsheet), Abby Slonecker (Director & Lead for Tableau, Ethics & Integrity, Salesforce), Sean Davis (Senior Corp Counsel, T-Mobile), Elida Moran (Director, T-Mobile & LEAD-WA Board Member), and

The discussion will focus on:

- The COVID Impact to intern programs and remote onboarding, working and oversight
- Managing sensitive legal information and documents
- Managing legal assignments and feedback
- Creating cross practice training opportunities
- Mentoring and resume or interview techniques
- Responding to recommendation letter request and the exiting process
- Creating diverse pipeline opportunities and a feature on the LEAD (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity) Washington Fellows Program

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### Microsoft Names Winning Firms in Legal Innovation Challenge



We want to congratulate the trio Greenberg Traurig, Perkins Coie and Davis Wright Tremaine, and the pitch by K&L Gates! Read more about their work and the Legal Innovation Challenge [HERE](#).

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Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) has named the firm and client 7-Eleven [2020 ACC Value Champions](#) for devising innovative business and legal solutions to address an exponential growth in 7-Eleven's contract volume.

ACC Value Champions demonstrate industry leadership in integrating people, processes, technology, and data to enhance efficiency and value in their legal departments. The ACC's 2020 Value Champions program recognizes nine law departments and five external partners as pioneers of optimized legal services. Read more [HERE](#).

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Brian Sutherland, of Seattle University School of Law (class of 2006) appeared before the Justices with his team of attorneys and WON on this Title VII case! The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that federal discrimination laws protect LGBTQ employees. Sutherland writes: "I credit Seattle U and the great teachers there, including Professor Lorraine Bannai and Professor Janet Grove Dickson, who I took legal writing with, Professor Branscomb, who I took employment law with, and especially Professor Joaquin Avila, who was a great mentor, friend, and advocate for social justice. Each of them contributed immeasurably to preparing me to advocate for justice in this important case."

Read more about the case [HERE](#).

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ACC Washington sponsor Baker McKenzie invites you to the first Virtual Global Trade Conference. In lieu of their annual spring conference in Bellevue, WA, they are excited to provide a virtual offering available to all clients and friends worldwide! The conference will be comprised of eight one-hour sessions over the course of three days. Please join us on July 14, 15 and 16 for any or all sessions.

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**The ACC Washington Chapter leadership understands that this is a challenging time for everyone, but we would love the opportunity to continue to engage with you to the extent that we are permitted. If you have any suggestions on how we might best stay connected with you, and offer opportunities for learning or engagement, during this time, please reach out to us via email at [acc-wchapter@accglobal.com](mailto:acc-wchapter@accglobal.com).**

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