



President's Message

ACC Washington Chapter Members,

As we look towards the summer months for what we hope will be relief from the COVID-19 pandemic this month's message will be focused on the power of our network.

A rising 3L contacted me late last month through the Hispanic Bar Association internship directory because her summer internship at a large AmLaw 100 firm was cancelled. An excellent student with a strong resume, I was happy that she took the initiative to contact everyone on that HNBA list and I dove in to help her. After emailing her resume to a short list of in-house and outside counsel contacts seeking any job referrals they could provide, I heard from one of the largest firms in DC within the hour. They shared my email with the DHS CISA legal team who wanted to help and was pulling together a team to try placing students like the HNBA student I heard from who had lost internships due to COVID.

After two weeks this student is still looking, but it's looking up for her and the response I got from my network reminded me of the legal community's ability to mobilize quickly when there are colleagues in need. Most lawyers remember their "summering" experiences as an important component of their legal education and as a means to jumpstart their careers. No one wants to see students miss their opportunity, especially if we can collectively pull our networks together to help them. The same goes for in-house colleagues who may find themselves exploring new opportunities or needing support through a transition right now. We're all a key part of the Washington and ACC legal network, and one email or call can help create a meaningful opportunity for an ACC-W colleague.

Please continue networking virtually and through channels like LinkedIn. We want to hear from you if there's interest in any virtual networking or Chapter member round table programs during the shelter in place period. Let's focus on keeping our networking ties strong and our ACC-W community connected through this COVID period.

Take care,
Monica Lopez-Reinmiller



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events for May through July have been postponed. More information to come!

2020 ACC-W Diversity Scholarship Recipients

ACC-W is proud to sponsor three diversity scholarships totaling \$9,000 (\$3,000 per scholarship) to first and second year law school students at select Washington State law schools. Scholarship recipients are determined from a number of criteria.

The Association of Corporate Counsel is a global bar association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations and other private or public sector organizations, and do not hold themselves out to the public for the practice of law. ACC-W connects local members and provides valuable resources through its resource library on the website, continuing legal education, networking opportunities, and advocacy initiatives. With approximately 665 members statewide, the ACC-W Board of Directors is comprised of committees focused on the particular interests of our members, which include pro bono work, educational programs, fostering relationships with the law schools, and promoting diversity and inclusion efforts, which includes these diversity scholarships.



Delaney Jacobson is a first year law student at **Gonzaga University School of Law** where she is a member of the Women's Law Caucus and the 1L Class Representative for the Gender and Sexuality Organization. Ms. Jacobson has shown a commitment to advocating for LGBTQ+ rights both within the legal community and her hometown, where after graduation, she established a LGBTQ+ Club at her high school and utilized social media to reach out to, and support LGBTQ+ youth connect with mentors and an online community designed to support them. Ms. Jacobson is also a volunteer with the Lavender Rights Project, assisting transgender individuals legally changing their names on government documents.

Majidah Cochran is a second year law student at **Seattle University School of Law** where she is the President of the Black Law Student Association, Secretary/Treasurer of the Health Law Society, and an Associate Editor of



capacity, and in community impact. Ms. Cochran's work focuses on the disparity of health care for people of color and the impact of the opioid crisis on Indigenous peoples. Ms. Cochran volunteers with Lavender Rights Project, assisting transgender individuals legally changing their names on government documents.



Devin Hogan is a first year law student at **Seattle University School of Law** where she is a Law School Admissions Fellow and serves as a member on the Alternative Disputes Resolution Board and Moot Court Board. She is also a member of the Veterans Law Society. Prior to law school, Ms. Hogan volunteered as a teacher assistant and tutor in Panamá, worked as a journalist reporting on the 2014 Gaza War both from Israel's and Palestine's perspectives, and worked as a trainer within the software industry, often as the only woman in the room. These experiences have impacted Ms. Hogan's

approach to diversity and are reflected in her approach to increasing diversity within the legal community through the work she does.



Mustafa Hassoun is a first year law student at **University of Washington School of Law** where he is a Gregoire Fellow, has a Foreign Language and Area Studies ("FLAS") fellowship in Persian, and is a Board Member for the Center for Human Rights and Justice. In 2016, Mr. Hassoun co-founded the Baraka English School in Baghdad, Iraq, an English language instruction program for orphans, which also provides students with basic care. When he completes his FLAS studies in Persian, he will be professionally proficient in four languages: Arabic, English, Persian and Spanish. Mr. Hassoun's dedication to diversity and inclusion stems from his life experience and he is focused on cultural competency, and seeking similarities and common ground between different groups of people, as he works to increase diversity within the legal profession.

How I'm Practicing Self-Care

Wellness and self-care are important, especially during times of stress



The ACC National organization kicked off "Lawyer Well-being Week" on May 4th with expended offerings that now include best-in-class wellness resources to share with the in-house community. ACC President and CEO Veta

- [In-house Wellness and Support Resources](#) – a timely collection of live and on-demand webcasts, as well as additional wellness support resources
- [Career Coaching for In-house Counsel](#) – here is your chance to take advantage of a 30+ minute complimentary coaching session to help you reset and take control of your career path

National resources are available to see members through these stressful times. If you're interested in organizing a local virtual event focused on wellness, please contact us at ACC-WChapter@accglobal.com.



Announcing Our New Covid-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Legal Clinic SEEKING IN HOUSE COUNSEL VOLUNTEERS NOW

Volunteer for our new Covid-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Clinic for today!

Hundreds of Washington small businesses and nonprofits, many of whom already operate on very narrow margins, are struggling with questions about how their businesses will survive the Covid-19 pandemic. Not only do these businesses provide necessary services in our communities; they provide employment, job training, and other benefits. Their survival is essential to strong neighborhoods. To support these small businesses, we're building a coalition of lawyers to provide pro bono legal consultations (by phone or video) to help small business owners and nonprofit leaders dealing with diminished revenues or closures due to Covid-19

We hope you volunteer for the Communities Rise Covid-19 Small Business and Nonprofits Clinic with us. This is an unprecedented time. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations are in distress and need legal support navigating this critical time. [Register to volunteer today!](#) Please join us in this important work!



KABA

Korean American Bar Association of Washington



Panelists

- **Hon. John H. Chun**
(WA Court of Appeals, Div. I)
- **Hon. Samuel Chung**
(King County Superior Court)
- **Hon. Maureen McKee**
(King County Superior Court)
- **Hon. Marcus Naylor**
(King County District Court)

Virtual Panel Discussion and Q&A with Judges

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

[Register Online!](#)

Please join KABA and four of our esteemed judges for a discussion on COVID-19's effect on our court system, how the courts have been adapting, and what the practice of law may look like going forward.

Network Events

Make an impact in your organization through our knowledge-filled network events. These and many other opportunities allow you to grow and learn in a convenient format. Check out our upcoming events and register now to save your spot.

- Join a 30-45-minute "Legal Quick Hit" live conference call to discuss a trending topic
- Earn continuing education credits by attending a webcast

[View Network Events](#)



Click on the image above to access the ACC networks. As a reminder the ACC Networks are a way for in house counsel to connect in your practice area. Join one or more and stay connected with resources and updates. This month the Financial Services network offered a CLE on contracts, "[Force Majeure and Impossibility of Performance in the Covid-19 Present – A Practical Understanding](#)", and they'll hold their [monthly network call](#) on May 27.

Support our ACC networks and stay connected!

The ACC-W Chapter leadership understands that this is a challenging time for everyone, but we would

engagement, during this time, please reach out to us via email at acc-wchapter@accglobal.com.

For chapter inquiries please contact: ACC-WChapter@accglobal.com

To stay in touch with the chapter join the ACC Washington LinkedIn Group! To request access, visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4457255/>

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