



QUARTERLY UPDATE

JUNE 2022

OFFICIAL QUARTERLY UPDATE OF ACC MICHIGAN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is here and I hope everyone is enjoying warm weather and outdoor activities with family and friends.

We have a full slate of great events planned for our ACC members this summer. Before we get to those in this newsletter, I want to highlight our successful, in-person spring events. Zausmer hosted a diversity, equity, and inclusion panel at the Pistons Performance Center on avoiding legal pitfalls when implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. While the discussion was centered around the legal perspective, the panelists offered insightful advice on how we, as in-house counsel, can be leaders of and advocates for these initiatives. Following the panel discussion, we had the pleasure of recognizing the recipients of our annual scholarship, which is awarded to exceptional third-year students at each of the five Michigan law schools demonstrating high achievement in business law related classes and an interest in pursuing a career in this area of the law.

We also worked with Crain's Detroit to bring back the Corporate Counsel Summit this year that some of you may remember from a while back. The Summit was held at the One Campus Martius building and had over 80 in-house attendees and included an esteemed panel of speakers. General counsel from Meijer, HAP, StockX, University of Michigan, and Ford Direct discussed a variety of topics including managing a legal department during a pandemic, crisis management, cybersecurity, and predictions on legal issues counsel should be prepared for in the future (spoiler: blockchain and cryptocurrency seemed to be a common theme). I know I and other attendees were inspired by the speakers and the valuable advice and perspective they provided on being a successful leader. We hope to continue to partner with Crain's Detroit to put on this event in future years.

You should be receiving personalized invites to our summer events starting with Howard and Howard hosting a discussion on Intellectual Property Brand Management at the Birmingham Country Club on June 29th and culminating with our 25th Annual Golf Outing at Plum Hollow on August 29th. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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WELCOME NEW ACC MICHIGAN MEMBERS

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ACC MICHIGAN 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONORED



Pictured left to right: Julian McIntosh (University of Michigan), ACC-MI President Robert Fine, Kristin Mills (Michigan State), Madison Irish (Western Michigan Cooley Law School). Not pictured: Fadi Abuzir (University of Detroit Mercy), Zachary Ulewicz (Wayne State University)

Each year ACC Michigan bestows a scholarship to one student from each of the major Michigan law schools who plans to pursue a career as in-house counsel. Scholarship recipients were honored on Thursday, April 28, 2022.



PATHWAYS TO IN-HOUSE COUNSEL AND THE INS AND OUTS OF WORKING IN-HOUSE *CO-AUTHORED BY PERVIN RUSI TALEYARKHAN AND MADELINE OBLER*

There is no perfect formula for entering the in-house arena, but networking and building professional relationships can be invaluable. Whether you're a law student, young lawyer, or transitioning attorney, find out what it's like to work as an in-house counsel and the best way to get there. The article highlights the co-authors journey that led them in-house and the role of an in-house attorney.

[View Article Online](#)

A close-up photograph showing several hands of people in business attire reviewing documents on a desk. One hand is pointing at a document, another is holding a pen, and a third is resting on the desk. A smartphone and other papers are also visible.

ACC MICHIGAN PRO BONO UPDATES

Pro Bono Opportunity Form Now Available

One of ACC Michigan's strategic pillars for 2022 is a renewed focus on pro bono activities. Organizations in need of pro bono attorneys are encouraged to complete the online form. Results will be shared with ACC Michigan Members.

[Access the Online Form](#)

2022 Pro Bono Public Service Grant Application Available

ACC Michigan desires to contribute to other organizations and events that provide a service to the community. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. The deadline to submit applications for the 2022 fiscal year is June 30.

[Access the Grant Application](#)

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS TALEYARKHAN



Pervin Taleyarkhan, ACC 1st Vice President, received the Outstanding Leadership Contribution awards by the American Bar Association's Section of Intellectual Property Law on April 5, 2022. This award is given to practitioners who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and meaningful contributions to the profession.

UPCOMING ACC MICHIGAN 2022 EVENTS

JUNE 2022



Intellectual Property Brand Management

Wednesday, June 29th | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Birmingham, MI

Sponsored by: Howard & Howard

Brand management requires strategic intellectual property law considerations in addition to business considerations. [Jake Grove](#), Partner, Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, will focus his presentation on key considerations that arise in connection with brand or portfolio of brands as the business matures.

[Register Here](#)

JULY 2022



Transform Legal With Tech. Litigation, Contracts, and More

Wednesday, July 27th | 8:00 - 10:30 AM | TBD

Sponsored by: LegalEase Solutions LLC

This event will feature a panel moderated by LegalEase discussing topics around legal tech as it applies to contracts and litigations.

Panelists: Jerry Levine, Chief Evangelist & General Counsel at ContractPodAi and Patrice Asimakis, Director of Legal at LegalEase.

Registration will open soon!

AUGUST 2022



Mentorship: How We Can Succeed While Uplifting the Next Generation of Attorneys

Wednesday, August 17th | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Detroit Athletic Club

Sponsored by: Bush Seyferth PLLC

We all know that mentorship is beneficial to the mentee, but how can a mentor benefit? This presentation will discuss the benefits of mentorship for everyone involved, training strategies, and how pro-bono opportunities can assist in molding the next great generation of attorneys.

Registration will open soon!



ACC MICHIGAN
GOLF OUTING
August 29th, 2022 | Plum Hollow Country Club

25th Annual ACC Michigan Golf Outing

Monday, August 29th | Plum Hollow Country Club (Southfield) | Shotgun Start - Noon

Join ACC Michigan for our 25th Annual Golf Outing. The outing supports the chapter's scholarships for Michigan's best and brightest future in-house counsel. The outing includes 18 holes of golf, cart, fun and fellowship. The outing will culminate with the annual meeting, dinner, and prizes.

Unable to golf?

No problem. You can still support the chapter's efforts through sponsorship.

Registration and sponsorship information coming soon!

UPCOMING ACC NATIONAL 2022 EVENTS

JUNE 2022

2022 Corporate Counsel University

June 19 - 21, 2022 / Nashville, TN, USA

Corporate Counsel University® (CCU) is the leading onboarding and networking opportunity specially tailored for new in-house lawyers. CCU is the ideal program for members with less than five years of experience in a corporate legal department, as well as those seeking to refresh their basic practice skills.

[Learn More](#)

JULY 2022

2022 ACC In-house Counsel Certification Program

July Series - July 11-21, 2022 / Online

August Series - August 15-25, 2022 / TBA

Finally, there is an intensive program designed specifically to help in-house attorneys become proficient in the essential skills identified as critical to an in-house legal career—and a certification that recognizes those who have mastered the requisites.

[Learn More](#)

2022 ACC Securities Law + Disclosure: An Executive-level Seminar

July 20-22, 2022 / New York, NY, USA

Whether you are an aspiring GC or already in the role, it's imperative for you to demonstrate an executive-level understanding of securities law and disclosure requirements.

Otherwise successful in-house lawyers often suffer professionally due to an experience gap in this area, which is precisely why the ACC Securities Law + Disclosure seminar is so important. By participating in this one-of-a-kind seminar, you will come away empowered to speak with confidence about securities and financial disclosure matters with fellow c-suite executives and directors.

[Learn More](#)

2022 Executive Leadership Institute

July 26-29, 2022 / Chicago, IL, USA

Finally, there is an intensive program designed specifically to help in-house attorneys become proficient in the essential skills identified as critical to an in-house legal career—and a certification that recognizes those who have mastered the requisites.

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2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ACC Michigan Board of Directors is made up of a variety of members representing a wide range of corporate employers across the state of Michigan.

The Board is eager to connect with prospective and new members. Please do not hesitate to reach out for a personal connection or a quick chat.



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