Dear ACC NCR Members, Volunteer Leaders, and Sponsors:

It is my honor to be the 2022 President of ACC National Capital Region (ACC NCR) and have the opportunity to work with all of you.

Now in its 42nd year, ACC NCR has developed into a strong, vibrant organization, with nearly 2,500 members across Virginia, DC, and nearby Maryland. We offer more than 70 CLE programs each year that address critical topics of interest to in-house attorneys, as well as many other programs and events where you can grow professionally and build new relationships. All of this is made possible by our more than 200 volunteers, 50 sponsors, and staff members.

ACC NCR members have a history of working to improve the communities in which we live and work. Last year we launched the ACC NCR Racial & Social Justice Challenge. This year, ACC NCR recommits to that work by pushing for increased action and measurable results. To guide our efforts, we developed a DEI Strategic Plan with goals we will begin the work of achieving in 2022. As part of that plan, we will continue to offer programs, materials, and other educational and empowering help you can use to expand your efforts. I personally urge each of you who hasn’t to:

* expand your diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts,
* fight for racial and social justice within your communities, and
* accept the ACC NCR Racial & Social Justice Challenge by signing up: <https://bit.ly/ACCNCR_RSJC>.

Our community has remained strong during these challenging times and we saw record-setting attendance in many of our CLE programs in 2021. As it becomes safer to do so, we look forward to returning to hosting online and in-person events. We will also focus on connecting members with resources and opportunities to ensure members are getting the most out of their membership while being more intentional about promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Lastly, we are excited to continue to invite our sponsors to join with us in improving DEI in the legal profession and serving our communities.

I encourage you to offer ideas and feedback on how we can better serve you and the in-house community by reaching out to me or any of our officers or committee leaders, listed in our Chapter Directory. And, of course, our great staff is always ready to help in any way possible.

Best regards,

Mary Chapin

Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary

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