



Dear ACC NCR Members, Volunteer Leaders, and Sponsors:

It is my honor to be the 2023 President of ACC National Capital Region (ACC NCR) and have the opportunity to work with all of you.

Now in its 43rd year, ACC NCR has developed into a strong, vibrant organization, with 2,500+ members across Virginia, DC, and nearby Maryland. We offer many dozens of legal education 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. Most of our legal education programs qualify for Virginia CLE credit. All of this wonderful programming is made possible by our more than 200 volunteer leaders, 50 sponsors, and our incredibly talented and dedicated staff members.

ACC NCR members have a history of working to improve the communities in which we live and work through pro bono and community service. In addition, in 2021 the Chapter launched the ACC NCR Racial & Social Justice Challenge. Last year, the Chapter re-committed to that work by pushing for increased action and measurable results. We developed a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan and authorized and then elected our Chapter's first Vice President for DEI, who took office in early 2023.

This year we are also celebrating the 20th anniversary of our highly successful and widely emulated Corporate Scholars Program. The Corporate Scholars Program is one of our Chapter's diversity pipeline initiatives through which law departments hire law students who attend local law schools to work as summer interns. With an eye toward celebrating this momentous anniversary and working to ensure its success is sustained, we are embarking on a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising at least \$50,000 to support the program and hope that you will consider contributing if you are able. To do so, click [here](#).

As we emerge from the pandemic-driven challenges of these last few years, our Chapter community remains resilient. We will also renew our focus on providing resources and opportunities to ensure members are getting the most out of our Chapter while encouraging even more in-person engagement as members continue getting comfortable doing so.

I encourage each of you to reach out to committee leaders and members of the Board of Directors to offer ideas and feedback on how we can better serve you and the in-house community. And, of course, our great staff is always ready to help in any way possible.

With warm regards and gratitude for your Chapter engagement,

Stephen Sherman

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