

MAY 2024
ACC Litigation Network Monthly Newsletter

Message from the Network Chair – Rich Coel, Litigation Lead – Americas, Hitachi Rail STS



I am looking forward to this month's presentation as the Litigation Network continues to focus its programming on practical skills and topics that can hopefully relate to-day-to-day responsibilities of in-house attorneys, whether full-time litigators or generalists called on to handle important disputes. If you've come across an interesting issue, or practical problem, while managing a dispute for your company – please reach out with topic ideas! Also, please be on the lookout for our network-sponsored CLE webinars that will be announced soon.

Upcoming Events

May 28, 2024

June 25, 2024

Best Practices for Deposition Witness Preparation – [Register Here!](#)

June Legal Update : Topic TBD

Have an idea or request for a legal update topic? Email the program chairs at: Abby Adams at AAdams@nahb.org or David Bock at David.bock@vca.com.

New and Newsworthy

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

Litigation Laughs

Defense Counsel looking for
a court that won't absolutely
destroy their Client:



Spotlight on Cozen O'Connor -- James Argionis, jargionis@cozen.com



Jim Argionis is a member of Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department who has handled high-profile litigation, provided legal counseling, conducted investigations, and overseen matters related to contractual, regulatory, employment, and internal compliance issues. He has worked on a wide range of complex multi-party business and commercial litigation trials, arbitrations, appeals, and investigations. Jim's experience includes both litigating a broad range of disputes and counseling on mitigating potential areas of risk including those related to contracts, business torts, shareholder disputes, directors' and officers' liability, employment matters, fraud, defamation, privacy, compliance, cybersecurity, intellectual property, partnerships, joint ventures, and real estate related disputes. Jim also handles corporate investigations and provides his clients with general business counseling on a variety of topics. He has considerable experience prosecuting and defending temporary restraining orders/injunctions and other equitable relief matters. Jim regularly represents clients ranging from sole proprietors and practitioners to large corporate entities and institutions, both in pursuing claims and in defending and trying or arbitrating lawsuits in various complex commercial litigation matters. He has experience representing technology based companies, manufacturers, retailers, hospitals, medical professionals, insurance producers, law and accounting firms and individual lawyers and accountants, against claims and potential claims and with respect to subpoenas for depositions and records, administrative proceedings, criminal matters, and risk management issues.

Litigation Network Member Spotlight – Kristin Meister - Kristin.Meister@us.idemia.com



What do you do?

I am Senior Counsel at IDEMIA, a multinational technology company specializing in identity-related security services, including facial recognition and other biometrics products, secure credentialing, and augmented identity solutions. I manage all litigations and investigations, including employment, stemming from commercial agreements as well as government contracts with federal, state, and local government and law enforcement agencies. I also cover

trade compliance issues and all IP-related activities, including development and protection of the company's trademarks and patents. And I serve as the company's Data Privacy Officer for North America.

What is one unique thing about you?

For my first few years of practicing law in NYC I represented professional football, basketball, and baseball players.

How has ACC helped your career?

ACC has been an integral part of my in-house career - the ability to meet and discuss legal topics and regulatory issues with my peers across companies and industries has been an invaluable resource, and one that I would not have had but for ACC. ACC programming allows for great educational opportunities as well as fantastic networking - over the years I have met many lawyers at ACC events whom I now count as close friends.

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