

Dear ACC NCR Members and Sponsors:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the ACC National Capital Region Chapter it is my pleasure to share this *2025 Chapter Directory*. We hope this will be a useful resource as you engage with the chapter and our in-house community.

As ACC NCR turns 45, we have grown into a strong, vibrant organization, with more than 2,500 members across Virginia, DC, and nearby Maryland. Each year we offer dozens of legal education programs that address critical topics of interest to in-house attorneys, and we strive to maintain the highest quality programming, while expanding the range of opportunities for you to grow professionally and build new relationships. The vast majority of our legal education events qualify for Virginia CLE credit. All of this excellent programming is made possible by our more than 200 volunteer leaders, over 45 sponsors, and a team of dedicated staff members.

ACC NCR was a lifesaver for me when I began my in-house career. The CLE programs and network opportunities were invaluable as I worked to get my feet under me in a new role and, as I have advanced in my profession, those offerings and opportunities have only become stronger and more valuable to me.

At the same time, I have marveled at the growth of the chapter's efforts in service of our members and the larger community in which we live and work. Our career development activities have become more robust, and we have expanded our DEI and leadership development programming. This all occurs while we continue serving the DMV community. The chapter's pro bono and community service work flies somewhat under the radar, yet it is the one thing that combines all the rest: using our skills (legal or otherwise), collaborating with others, and leading.

This year we will highlight service, because being of service – to our colleagues, our profession and our larger community – is integral to who we are as a chapter. A flip through the pages of this directory only hints at the myriad opportunities to plug in and help out through ACC NCR.

Thank you to everyone who is already volunteering! I encourage you to keep it up. I am excited to shine a light on what we are already doing, work with members and sponsors to find ways to do more, and challenge all members to get involved this year in ACC NCR's many service opportunities. Please consider participating in at least one thing because that one thing, like a pebble dropped in water, has a ripple effect that benefits so many in our community.

Please feel free to reach out to committee leaders and members of the Board of Directors (all listed on pages x-y) 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 engagement in ACC NCR,

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