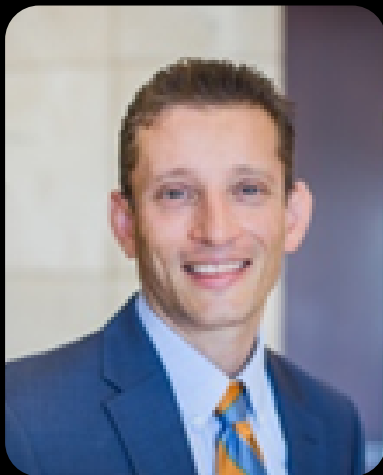


NEWSLETTER



Ivan Hannel
General Counsel
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Message From the Network Chair

Summer feels like it's both reaching its peak and slipping away. The days grow shorter, yet the warmth lingers—sometimes even oppressive, depending on where you are. Change is always on the horizon. One of our human shortcomings is that we often fear it. We anticipate it, dwell on it, resist it—yet in the end, we adapt and move forward.

Since change itself isn't going anywhere, it's worth pausing to appreciate what's good right now. Take advantage of summer's warmth and make a quick inventory of the bright spots in your life: family, pets, a moment that made you smile, or something you worked on and enjoyed.

Take just a few minutes to jot down a short list of good things you've experienced so far this year. No doubt, there's already been plenty of change. And more is coming. But here you are. So savor the wins and the quiet moments, too.

August 21, 2025 - Co-Sponsored with Real Estate Network – MINDFULNESS FOR IN-HOUSE LAWYERS

– [REGISTER HERE](#)

August 26, 2025 – Litigation Network Legal Update – FOOD LABELING LITIGATION

– [REGISTER HERE](#)

September 30, 2025 - Litigation Network - Dispute Prevention & ADR Subcommittee Meeting

– [REGISTER HERE](#)



Have an idea or request for a legal update topic? Email the program chair at: Julianna Hanlon at jihanlon@mgb.org.

*Have you ever considered joining our committee? The Litigation Network committee is **currently recruiting for several open co-chair roles**. If you have any questions about available roles, time commitments, etc., please reach out to shane@neweraadr.com with your interests and questions!*

CALL FOR WEBINAR SPEAKERS

In conjunction with our network sponsor – Cozen O’Connor – the Litigation Network is looking to form a 3-Part webinar series geared toward providing non-litigators with the basics of what to expect at each stage of litigation. The first part (hopefully to be scheduled in August) will focus on pre-Litigation, service, litigation holds, hiring outside counsel, forum selection, answer/demurrer/motion to dismiss decisions and scheduling orders. The second webinar (shooting for September 2025) will discuss written discovery, privilege logs, e-discovery, depositions (both taking and prepping your client), motion practice and designation expert witnesses. The final webinar (early October) will focus on putting the case together, preparing for dispositive motions, completing mediation and settlement postures, trial preparation and post-trial issues. Any individual interested in presenting in either one or all of the sessions in this series as a speaker should reach out to Max Colby at m.colby@acc.com.



Calling all Chess Players (and Chess Player Wannabes)

Without further ado, let's get this pony (rook?) moving! Below please find the instructions for joining our online ACC Litigation Network Chess group on the Chess.com app, then look for an additional email once enough members have joined.

1. Download the free Chess.com app on your phone, if you don't already have it. It looks like this: 2. 3.4.
2. [Create an account](#).
3. Under the "Connect" section, look for the "Clubs" and search for "ACC Litigation Network" Club.
4. Request to join the club. Give me and Max some time to get everyone admitted to the group. If you don't get accepted within 3 days, send an email to me at Jennifer.denny@cardinalfinancial.com and I will make sure we can see your request.
5. Feel free to ask members to play games and reach out and start/or a conversation in the forum.

We are hoping to have our first tournament around August 15, 2025. The goal is to have a beginner, intermediate and expert level so everyone has a good time and a challenging (but not too challenging match). If you have organized something like this in the past on this platform, feel free to reach out to me and give me pointers, this is my first time setting something like this up, so I appreciate any insight and your patience while we work through any issues. Check us out and find some new mates!



Cozen Spotlight

Maxwell Boyle
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Max is an associate who assists Cozen O'Connor attorneys across several practice groups, primarily focusing on litigation-oriented areas of law. He earned his J.D., cum laude, from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, where he was a staff editor of the Washington University Global Studies Law Review. During law school, Max served as an intern with the U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Southern District of Illinois. He was also involved in bringing litigation against a Missouri administrative agency for First Amendment violations as a student attorney in the First Amendment Clinic. While an undergraduate student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Max interned at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria, in the political and economic affairs section of the U.S. Department of State.



Cozen Spotlight

Richard Fama
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Rich Fama is a member of Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department. He has a national reputation for successfully representing businesses in complex litigation and consumer class action lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Rich regularly defends companies in the food, pet food, beverage, dietary supplement, cannabis, and consumer products industries in labeling and advertising claims, class action consumer fraud actions, product liability lawsuits, mass and toxic tort litigation, and business disputes. Understanding and appreciating the costs, distractions, and potential reputational damage associated with litigation, he actively assists companies in mitigating their risks of litigation by advising them on litigation trends and regulatory compliance. Specifically, he advises clients on applicable federal, state, and industry regulations, guidelines, and standards, including those promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Federal Trade Commission, and the Association of American Feed Control Officials. Rich also regularly advises clients on compliance with California's Proposition 65, country of origin or so-called "Made-in-the-USA" claims, and recent state regulations governing PFAS in product packaging. He successfully argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on the applicability of California's "Made-in-the-USA" labeling law. Rich also guides clients through the complexities associated with consumer and food product recalls.



Member Spotlight

Duncan R. MacKay
Deputy General Counsel
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Eversource Energy

Duncan MacKay serves as the Deputy General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer at Eversource Energy (NYSE: ES), a Fortune 500 and Standard & Poor's 500 energy company based in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire that operates New England's largest energy delivery system. Eversource and its more than 10,000 employees are committed to safety, reliability, environmental leadership and stewardship for its 4.6 million electric, natural gas and water customers. Duncan has been with Eversource since 1996, following 8 years in private practice as a labor & employment attorney and litigator for the Hartford-based law firm Robinson & Cole.

Duncan leads a team of attorneys responsible for advising and representing the company on a broad range of legal matters, including labor and employment law, employee benefits, state and federal regulatory compliance, dispute prevention and resolution, corporate governance, finance, and securities law.

As Chief Compliance Officer, Duncan oversees Eversource's enterprise-wide compliance program. He collaborates closely with the Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Audit teams, as well as senior business leaders, to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate compliance, regulatory, and litigation risks.

A recognized leader in dispute prevention and resolution, Duncan has championed the adoption of innovative strategies across the Eversource enterprise. His initiatives include the integration of dispute prevention and stepped ADR clauses in commercial contracts, early case evaluation protocols, and the strategic use of dispute prevention and ADR mechanisms to resolve issues before they escalate into litigation. "There are often business solutions and other creative resolutions to business-related conflicts that dispute prevention and alternative dispute resolution approaches and techniques enable, particularly with established ongoing business counterparties, that are simply missed in traditional win-lose civil litigation."

Duncan is deeply engaged in the broader ADR community. He is a longtime member of the Executive Advisory Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)—an independent nonprofit organization that promotes the prevention and resolution of conflict to better enable the pursuit of purpose—co-chairs CPR's Dispute Prevention Committee, and is a past chair of its Energy, Oil & Gas Committee. He is also a member the AAA ICDR Energy Advisory Committee, and was part of the first cohort of invited members to join the Association of Commercial and Transactional ADR Professionals (ACT-ADR), where he is the leader of its newly established Dispute Prevention Working Group.

In partnership with the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and collaboration with ACC's Litigation Network, Duncan is spearheading the formation of the ACC's first ADR Subcommittee, aimed at promoting best practices and innovation in corporate dispute management.

Duncan's professional affiliations include active roles on the ADR Committees of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Energy Bar Associations (EBA), and he previously co-chaired the EBA's ADR Committee. Duncan served as a member of the Connecticut Commission on Civil Court ADR, where he contributed to recommendations for enhancing the state judiciary's ADR programs.

Duncan is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a BA in Legal Studies, and a graduate, cum laude, from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he met his wife (Julie) of 35 years, also an attorney, and have made their home in Connecticut and have three grown children.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LITIGATION NETWORK

New Updates on the Litigation Community Webpage:

1. An “Unanswered Questions,” section has been added to help answer every question asked on the forum. Check it out through the [LINK HERE](#)
2. A new research assistant on the forum powered by AI will soon added to assist with search through discussion threads for specific topics – look at the bottom right of the page linked above.



ANNUAL MEETING

October 18 – 22, 2025 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The ACC Annual meeting will be occurring this October in Philadelphia. This year’s conference will be packed with several practical, interactive, and engaging learning formats such as microlearning (TED-style Talks), roundtables, workshops and panel discussions that will help you and your colleagues from around the world dig deep into substantive matters.

[See the schedule here](#)

[Register for the Conference here](#)

Our Litigation Section will be presenting on several engaging topics relevant to the in-house practice. Congratulations to the Section for having several topics approved and selected for the event!

Would you like to be featured in an upcoming Litigation Newsletter? We would love to hear from you! This is a great opportunity to feature your role, your company, or your #morethanalawyer achievements!

Have you ever considered joining our committee? The Litigation Network committee is always open to potential new members for upcoming years. If you have any questions about available roles, time commitments, etc., please reach out to shane@neweraadr.com with your interests and questions!

Litigation Laughs

Encountering any nuanced procedural or case law issues?

Need any general guidance on navigating new legislation or regulations?

[Let's hear from you in the Litigation Discussion Forum!](#)



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“This meeting could’ve been an email”. Ok, well this mediation could’ve been a parent forcing their quarreling siblings to hug.



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