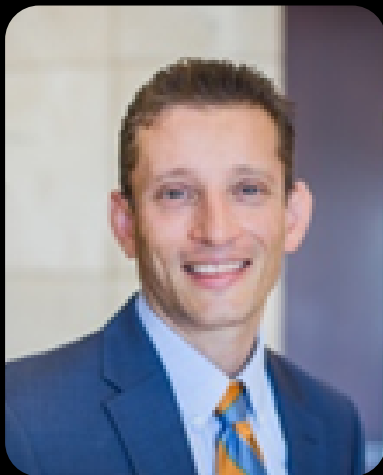


NEWSLETTER



Ivan Hannel
General Counsel
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Message From the Network Chair

As my year as Chair of the Litigation Network comes to a close, and as we prepare for the upcoming ACC Annual Conference, I want to share a few reflections—offered in the spirit of gratitude, perspective, and encouragement.

First, my sincere thanks to the ACC Litigation Network leadership. Your dedication has made the Network a valuable resource for colleagues around the world. To everyone who has participated in our programs and events, thank you as well. If we haven't yet met, I hope you'll take a moment to introduce yourself at the conference.

Second, in light of recent events and the political turbulence that seems to define our time, I want to reaffirm the essential role lawyers play in addressing difficult problems with civility and reason.

Today's challenges are serious, but they are not greater than those our profession and society have faced before. Like Lincoln, I believe in the "better angels of our nature," and I remain confident that the rule of law will endure—provided we each do our part to sustain it.

Third, I encourage you to get involved in making things better, and to focus on the task—and art—of persuasion. Too often, our profession is thought of as centered on "arguing." In truth, persuasion is broader: it includes argument, but more often it is about patient explanation, careful teaching, and framing ideas with the listener's perspective in mind. "Teaching with a purpose" might be another way to describe what we do.

You can practice this art of persuasion at any level of community or government. As some of you know, I've been to Congress three times this year on an unusual subject: UFOs—or as they are now officially called, "Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena" (UAP). If conversations on a topic like that are possible, then so are yours on issues that matter to you. Our representatives do listen, but only if we take the time to express ourselves—civilly, thoughtfully, and with persuasion. It's easy to believe one person can't make a difference, but every change begins with a single person and a single idea. That person could be you.

Wishing you a strong close to summer 2025, and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Conference.

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 has been added to assist with search through discussion threads for specific topics – look at the bottom right of the page linked above.

**September 23, 2025 – Litigation Network
Legal Update – THE RISE IN STATE
ENFORCEMENT OVER TRADITIONALLY
FEDERAL ISSUES**

– [REGISTER HERE](#)

**September 30, 2025 – Dispute Prevention
& ADR Subcommittee – KICKOFF MEETING**

– [REGISTER HERE](#)

**October 2, 2025 – Webinar – Strategic
Litigation Management for In-House
Counsel, Part 1: The First 90 Days**

– [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!*



ANNUAL MEETING

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!



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

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Nicole is a former federal prosecutor who focuses her practice on representing companies and individuals in criminal matters and parallel civil proceedings, as well as in internal investigations. Her practice includes advising clients in matters arising under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the False Claims Act (FCA), U.S. export controls and sanctions, anti-money laundering regulations, federal health care and federal procurement laws, and federal securities and commodities laws. She frequently represents corporate and individual clients in antitrust cartel internal and government investigations, including those conducted by the Department of Justice Antitrust Division's Procurement Collusion Strike Force, and in Congressional investigations.

An experienced trial lawyer, Nicole has tried federal and state cases in the District of Columbia and throughout the country. She has litigated cases involving a broad range of industries, including accounting, banking, securities, commodities trading, health care, construction, government contracting, and the student loan industry. Her practice includes handling various other civil litigation matters, including civil forfeiture, shareholder class action, securities fraud, breach of contract and defamation cases, including under California's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation Law) statute, which supplements the First Amendment in that state.



Cozen Spotlight

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Keturah represents clients facing state attorney general (AG) investigations and litigation. Pragmatic and results-oriented, Keturah helps her clients work successfully with AG offices and navigate complex regulatory landscapes to achieve outcomes aligned with their strategic business goals. When her clients are faced with an AG investigation, Keturah guides her clients through complex discovery processes while advocating to narrow the scope of inquiry. If a lawsuit has been filed by an AG's office, Keturah zealously defends her clients and develops creative legal defenses in often uncharted territory. Should those defenses be denied, Keturah has significant experience briefing issues on appeal that raise critical questions about AG enforcement authority and interpretation of state consumer protection and antitrust laws. She also regularly advises clients on compliance and best practices designed to avoid regulatory scrutiny in the first instance.

Keturah represents a wide range of clients, from entrepreneurial startups to Fortune 100 corporations, in a diverse array of industries, including hospitality, transportation, financial services/fintech, telecommunications, renewable energy, oil and gas, and auto manufacturing, among others. She represents companies of all sizes and at every stage in the business life cycle – from fledgling online operators to longstanding institutions – across a wide range of issues, including consumer protection, data privacy and security, antitrust, price-gouging, credit card surcharging and other payments regulations, and utilities regulation. Keturah particularly enjoys representing new and emerging businesses, for whom a state AG investigation can have game-changing consequences.



Member Spotlight

CHANTAL KAZAY RIVERA
*Senior Counsel
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When it comes to litigation strategy, **Chantal Kazay** brings precision, poise, and power. As Senior Counsel – Commercial Litigation at McDonald's Corporation, she leads high-stakes commercial disputes across U.S. and international markets, partnering with outside counsel to manage multimillion-dollar dockets with a sharp focus on risk mitigation and brand protection.

With over 15 years of global litigation and business advisory experience, Chantal's expertise spans food & beverage, real estate, antitrust, employment, ERISA, and complex commercial matters. Her portfolio includes federal, state, and international jurisdictions, with first-chair trial experience and a proven track record of resolving cases through strategic motion practice and negotiation.

Chantal also advises on regulatory investigations, policy rollouts, and cross-border compliance, delivering actionable legal counsel that drives business outcomes.

Prior to joining McDonald's, she held in-house roles at Discover and Aon, where she oversaw EMEA litigation and captive management operations, and advised Fortune 500 parent companies and subsidiaries. She brings strong budget oversight and cost containment to every engagement, and is skilled in crisis management, legal operations, and cross-functional collaboration.

Beyond the courtroom, Chantal is a trusted advisor and mentor. She believes legal excellence is built not just on precedent, but on people, and she's committed to shaping litigation strategy for the next generation. Whether drafting critical motions, mentoring future legal minds, or defending the brand, Chantal isn't just part of the story, she's helping write it.

Outside of work, Chantal enjoys traveling with her husband and exploring new places together. She is a devoted Lakers fan and actively involved with her alma mater, NYU, serving as a board member and leading the NYU-Chicago Chapter.

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!](#)

When the hearing isn't till next month
but the Partner is flagging all work on
it as URGENT:





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