

ACC St. Louis Presidential Letter - Fall 2019



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As I reflect over the year so far, I take great pride in all of our Chapter's accomplishments in 2019. We have grown so much as an organization. Most of all, I continue to be in awe of our impressive membership growth, we are now 615 members strong! Our new members are engaged and excited to be a part of our dynamic Chapter. This membership growth creates the opportunity for all of us to build broader and stronger networks for ourselves and our colleagues. By engaging with other members and supporting them in their careers, we all benefit.

I encourage you to join us for a CLE, Professional Development Event, or a Social Event, and make a point to meet someone new, learn more about that person and think about what you have to offer that person. Perhaps you can offer advice or just an empathetic ear. Perhaps you can introduce that person to another member who could be a valuable connection. Or perhaps you can become a mentor to a less experienced member. Doing any of these things can have a surprisingly positive and lasting impact on the individual you are helping. When we all support each other, our community is a richer and more rewarding place to be.

Our membership includes not only those lawyers currently employed in-house, but also retired in-house counsel and in-house attorneys who are "in transition." These members are invaluable to the rest of our community and invariably are generous in sharing their experiences. If you know someone who has retired from in-house practice and wants to remain connected with the in-house legal community, they can become a member at a significantly discounted membership fee. For those in-house attorneys in transition, ACC will waive the annual membership fee for up to one year, enabling these lawyers to take advantage of our strong network of in-house attorneys. We are currently working on revamping our Chapter "in transition" resources and programs, stay tuned for new developments! We are always looking for new and helpful ways to support all of our membership. Look for links on our web page for more information about retiree membership and the in-transition fee waiver.

If you want to maximize the benefits of your ACC membership and grow your network, join us for one of the many upcoming events listed on our web page. We have some great CLEs coming up, as well as our Sponsor Appreciation Event in early November and our Holiday Social in early December.

Here's to all the Board members, Committee members and volunteers who have shown incredible dedication to our Chapter this year, making it one of the best and most dynamic ACC Chapters in the country and throughout the globe. Here's to wishing all our Chapter members and Sponsors many successes over the coming weeks and months!

Best Regards,

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