

Chicago



MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM - AGENDA
May 12-14, 2010

Hotel Sax Chicago
Fourth Level
333 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60654

Creating leadership and economic opportunities for racially and ethnically diverse lawyers.

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Registration

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm **Opening Reception**

Crimson Lounge
Hotel Sax - Lobby Level



Hosted by: Conference of Minority Partners & Conference of Minority In-house Counsel

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 am - Noon Registration

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Opening Breakfast**

Keynote Speaker: Robert J. Grey, Jr., Executive Director
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

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9:15 am – 10:45 am **Roundtable Discussions***

Program A: *Recent Developments in Labor & Employment Law.* In the face of a fluctuating economy employment and labor issues remain a constant challenge for most organizations. This discussion will focus on recent case developments and legislation affecting the work place.

Program Chair: **Otis McGee**
Sheppard Mullin
Panelists: **Dana Deane**, Division Counsel Litigation Department
Abbott Laboratories

Program B: *The Duty of Loyalty: Managing Expectations and Strategies for Resolving Issues that Arise between In-House and Outside Counsel.* It is not uncommon for issues to arise that can be the source of conflict between in-house counsel/ management and outside counsel. These issues can vary widely from cost containment to conflicting direction from within the company on matters related to compliance, best practices and transaction goals. What should outside counsel do when there is a disagreement with the client's intended path and what do the Rules of Professional Conduct require? What expectations does in-house counsel/management have? How does outside counsel navigate those unspoken expectations of loyalty and juggle competing interests and keep the client happy?

Program Chair: **Adonica Wada-Fisher**
Simon Glick Kane
Panelists: **Angela McDonald-Fisher**, Legal Counsel
Rolls-Royce North America, Inc.
Michelle Gallardo (invited), Assistant General Counsel
Automotive Components Holdings LLC

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10:45 -11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Roundtable Discussions***

Program A: *The Government's Perspective of the Federal Civil False Claims Act and Qui Tam Enforcement.* This panel will feature representatives from the United States Department of Justice, who will present their views on hot topics arising from the enforcement of the Civil False Claims Act, including but not limited to investigations, litigation and settlements. The 2009 Amendments to the False Claims Act and impact upon government enforcement will be explored by the panelists. Finally, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Healthcare Reform Law) contains a number of provisions related to healthcare fraud and makes significant changes to existing statutes. The panelists will discuss how these changes will doubtless affect how the government enforces the False Claims Act and other related statutes and regulations.

Program Chair: **Harold Bickham**,
Barnes & Thornburg LLP
Panelists: **Michael Granston**, Assistant Branch Director, Commercial Litigation Branch
United States Department of Justice
Linda Wawzenski, Deputy Civil Chief, Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois

Program B: Meeting the Challenges of Today's Electronic Discovery Environment. This program will discuss best practices and issues involving discovery and document management in today's electronic discovery environment. Issues include adopting strategies and practices to achieve cost-efficiencies and adhering to best practices in document retention and remediation. There will be some focus on IP related issues.

Program Chair: **Sharon Israel**
Mayer Brown LLP

Panelists: **Clinton H. Hallman**, Chief Counsel
Kraft Foods
Robert Lindelfjeld, General Counsel and Chief IP Counsel
Nantero, Inc.

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12:30 am – 1:45 pm **Networking Luncheon**

Keynote Speaker: **Robert Johnson**, Managing Counsel
McDonald's Corporation

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2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Plenary Session - Career Development**

A Step by Step Guide for Converting Contacts Into Clients. Facilitators will present an interactive business development workshop in which participants will be guided through an actual case study of how lawyers can convert contacts into clients.

Facilitators: **Dalhi N. Myers**
Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.
Joseph West, Associate General Counsel, Outside Counsel Management
Walmart Stores, Inc.

3:20 pm – 3:30 p.m. **Break**



4:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Networking Event**

“On your Marks, Let's Start The **FAMILY FEUD!**”

MCP is about building relationships between in-house lawyers and minority outside counsel. Join us for a fun and interactive experience that will allow corporate counsel and outside counsel a chance to get to know each other in a fun and lively way.

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WINNER MUST BE PRESENT AT GAME NIGHT TO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE!**

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Networking Breakfast**

Keynote Speaker: **Mayda Prego**
Senior Counsel, *Chevron Products Company*
President, *Hispanic National Bar Foundation*

9:45 am – 11:45 am **Plenary Session 2: Diversity Workshop**

Landing the Client in a Changing Economic Market. The numbers of diverse associates is on the decline. For those diverse lawyers that are left in large law firms the pressure is on to bring in business. In this new legal environment how are firms large and small combating the tensions between having to win business, giving diverse lawyers a chance to develop a rolodex of clients, and balancing the new economic realities of the billable hour and flat-rate fee? Join panelists from firms and corporations for an interactive session on what corporations want to see in a team's pitch, how to leverage diversity to attract clients, and what has held true when winning new clients in this economy. It's not just about knowing your client's business, but also their values and bottom line!

Facilitators: **Helen B. Kim**
Andrea L. Zopp, Executive Vice President
Exelon Corporation

Speakers: **Natalie Delgado** (invited)
Executive VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary,
Huron Consulting Group

Friday, May 14, 2010

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Networking Lunch**

This interactive lunch program will place program participants into small groups of inside and outside counsel to discuss potential solutions to the challenges facing diverse lawyers in today's legal market.