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Corporate Counsel Leadership Summit (CCLS)

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in-person

The University of Memphis Law School

Wade Auditorium, 1 North Front Street. Memphis, TN 38103

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. eastern

Welcoming Remarks and Breakfast | 8:30 a.m.

Twanda Turner-Hawkins

Chair of the NBA Corporate Law Section

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Joe Drayton

Past President NBA

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Torrence Phillips

Chair of the NBA Commercial Law Section

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Host - Alfrado Donelson

Partner, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

IPOs and M&A Transformation: Navigating the Changing Landscape and Constituents | 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Despite the pandemic, we have seen record activities in connect with IPOs, SPACs, and mergers and acquisitions. This session will discuss the latest legal news in this space, share the recent pitfalls and successes to “going public,” and provide insights for all lawyers who work with companies positioning for acquisitions.

Speaker:

Marc Holloway

Associate (Kirkland)

Tiffany Mason

Associate (Cooley)

Marcus Sandifer

General Counsel (Celsius Holdings, Inc.)

Law Firm Leadership and Practice Management: The Balancing Act of Leading and Practicing at a High Level | 9:35 – 10:35 a.m.

Business development as a diverse lawyer is not just about networking outside of the office. Understanding succession plans, origination, rate negotiations and what it means to be a relationship partner are vital to building and sustaining a book of business. In today's fast paced environment, this panel will focus on how to balance leadership while maintaining a high level of law practice. The panel will discuss the benefits of leading as well as the difficult decisions made in the post. The panel will also share their perspective on how they incorporate DEI principles or goals as they lead.

Speakers:

Bruce McMullen

Partner (Baker Donelson)

Tony Pierce

Partner (Akin Gump)

Kwamina Williford

Partner (Holland & Knight)

A. Scott Bolden

Partner (Reed Smith)

David A. Crichlow

Partner (Katten Muchin Rosenman)

CLO Success: The Building Blocks to a Highly Skilled and Effective Legal Department | 10:40 – 11:40 a.m.

What keeps you up at night? Corporate leaders have spent much of the last year focused on racial justice, and for legal leaders that has raised questions around how to lead their departments in a way that furthers equity in their own corporations, as well as in the legal industry as a whole. This panel of legal experts will discuss the challenges of building a more efficient and effective legal team and department. Our speakers will reflect on the strategy employed to solidify their legal department. The goal will be for all lawyers to leave this discussion with better insights into the methods and considerations for building a sound legal department.

Speakers:

Christal Henderson

General Counsel (GE Renewable Energy)

Adolpho Birch

Senior VP, Chief Legal Officer
(Tennessee Titans)

Gregory A. Duckett

Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer
(Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation)

The DE&I State Of The Union Update | 11:40 a.m. – noon

Jennifer Chen

Director (ACC Foundation)

Jonathan Goins

Partner, IP & Tech Group Co-Chair (Lewis Brisbois)

NETWORKING LUNCH | noon – 1:15 p.m.

ESG: the New Frontier | 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) is more than a buzz word. More than a year after creating its Climate and ESG Task Force in March 2021, the Securities and Exchange Commission’s ESG-related enforcement goals are finally being realized, as publicly-traded companies and investors are turning up the pressuring to reduce the environmental and related climate impact. Does your organization’s culture reflect the statements that are made publicly? No longer will corporate boards be able to stand by while executives run the show. What is driving the need for a focus on ESG programs? What are the steps you should take to achieve it? These speakers will explain the latest developments of ESG on today’s business priorities. They will delve in the validity of this self-aware and transparent ethos for conducting business responsibly and prosperously in the 21st century. After this discussion, our attendees will have a better grasp of how ESG will impact their clients as well as their respective practices.

Speakers:

Nate Saint Victor

General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer
(Engine No. 1)

Jayne Smoot

VP, Corporate Sustainability & External Affairs
Operations (Nationwide Insurance)

Jennifer Prioleau

SVP, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate
Secretary (B. Braun Medical)

Noni Ellison

SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
(Tractor Supply Company)

Break | 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Bridge Building: The Keys to Developing Talent and Transferring Relationships | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

You have seen the headlines: The Great Resignation is here. Employers are feeling the strain as nearly nine out of 10 executives report they are seeing higher-than-normal turnover at their organization. And in the legal world, this is creating a huge war for talent. This panel will explore the relevant considerations for identifying and developing talent in the legal profession. They will provide a roadmap on succession-planning for a seamless transition of key roles and DE&I-related efforts. They will provide insight into how to gain the trust and support of multiple stakeholders.

Speakers:

Donise Brown

Managing Director, Corporate Counsel (Starbucks)

Naima Stevenson Starks

Senior VP & Deputy General Counsel (Varsity Brands)

Danielle Pierre

Litigation Counsel (Google)

Sonya Olds Som

Global Managing Partner (Diversified Search Group)

Monica Wharton

Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer (Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare)