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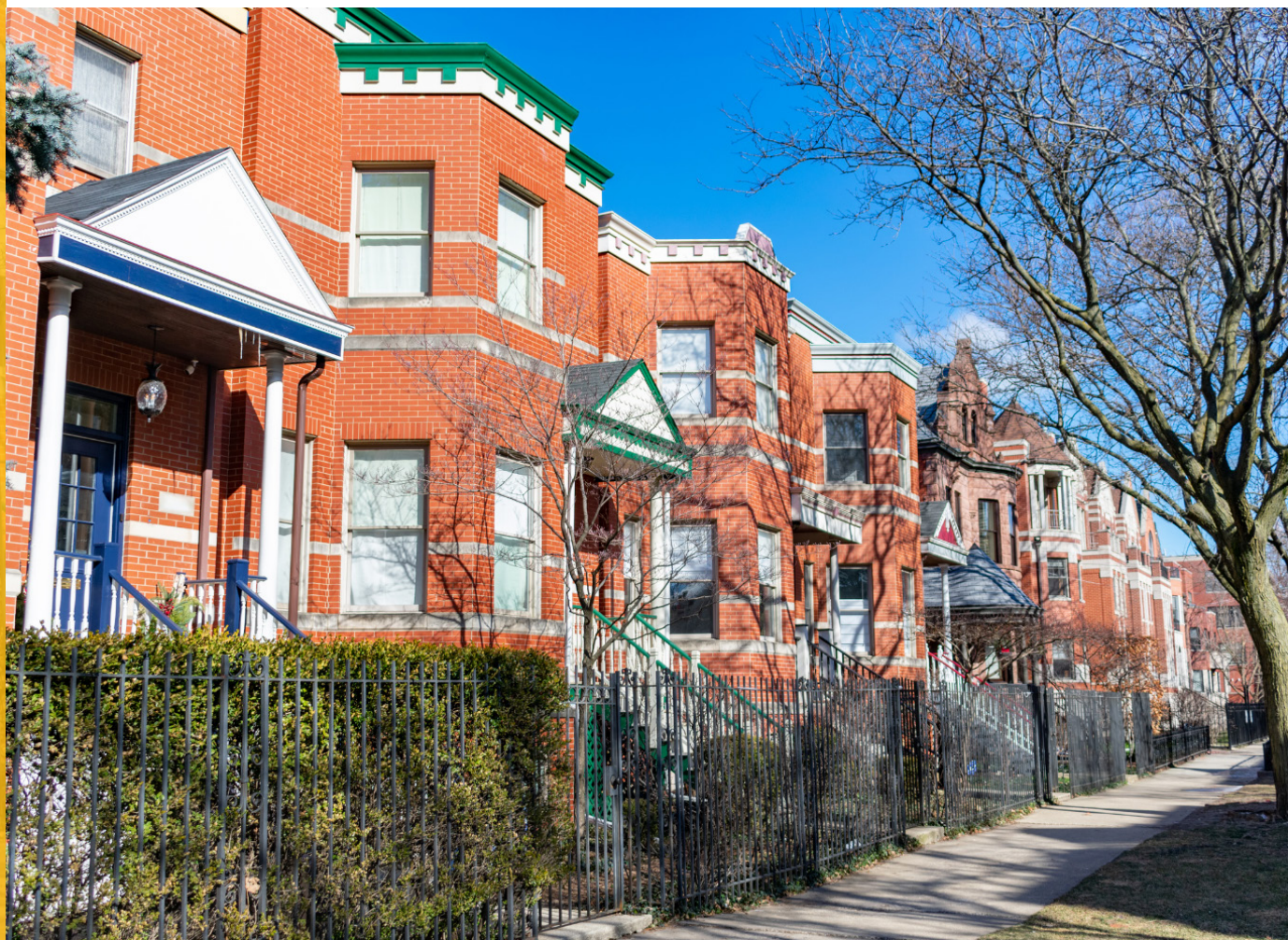
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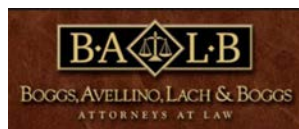


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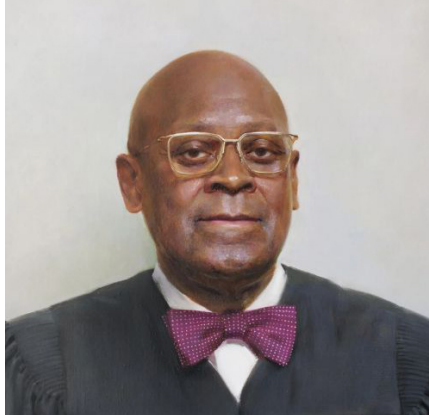
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Chief Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr.

Illinois Supreme Court

Justice Neville, a graduate of Washington University's School of Law, has been actively practicing law in Illinois since 1974 when he became a law clerk for Justice Glenn T. Johnson of the Illinois Appellate Court. Thereafter, Justice Neville specialized in appellate, employment, civil rights and complex civil litigation

Throughout his legal career, Justice Neville worked with public and private entities, including the Chicago Transit Authority. From 1977 until 1979, he was Of Counsel at Howard, Mann & Slaughter. In 1979,

he became a principal with the law firm of Neville & Ward. In 1981, Neville established P. Scott Neville, Jr. & Associates, which merged with Howse, Howse, Neville & Gray in 1990. He has also been an instructor at the University of Chicago Law School in its Intensive Trial Practice Workshop.

During his career, Justice Neville used his legal skills to obtain justice for his clients. In 1992, he was a member of a team of attorneys (President Obama was one of the attorneys who worked on the case) that successfully prosecuted the 1992 Chicago Ward "ReMap" case, and a legal team that prosecuted a class action lawsuit on behalf of Black and Latino workers who were laid off by the City of Chicago.

An active member of many bar associations, Justice Neville is a life member of the National Bar Association and a member of the Cook County (CCBA) and Illinois State (ISBA) bar associations. Neville's commitment to the Bar was most evident in 1997 when he became President of the CCBA and co-founded the Alliance of Bar Associations, a group dedicated to promoting diversity, equality and fairness in judicial evaluations. During his tenure as President of the CCBA, he also started the "In Court Referral Program," and established the CCBA Hall of Fame.

Justice Neville has also been a member of several judicial organizations. He is a past chairperson and board member of the Illinois Judicial Council, a member of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council, and a member of the Illinois Judges Association.

As a result of his dedication to fairness, justice and the rule of law, Justice Neville has received numerous awards and appointments. In 1999, the Chicago Bar Association presented him with the prestigious Vanguard Award, and he received a Presidential Award from the ISBA. In 2007, Washington University School of Law presented him with its Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2008 he received an award from Toastmasters International. Finally, in 2016 Justice Neville was selected as one of the Most Distinguished Men of Illinois by Continuing Academic Training Children and Youth Services and in 2017 he received the Stradford Award from Attorney Kimberly Foxx, the State's Attorney of Cook County.

Justice Neville was appointed to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1999 and elected in 2000. On June 11, 2004, Justice Neville was appointed to the Appellate Court. Justice Neville was elected to the Appellate Court in 2012. Justice Neville served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Illinois Appellate Court, First District from September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014, is a former member of the Appellate Court's Executive Committee and has been the Presiding Justice of the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions.

Justice Neville is married to Sharon J. Neville and has two adult stepdaughters.

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Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz

Wisconsin Supreme Court

Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz was elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court on April 4, 2023 and took office on August 1, 2023. Prior to her election to the Supreme Court, Justice Protasiewicz served as a Circuit Court Judge in Milwaukee County. She was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2020.

While in Circuit Court, Justice Protasiewicz handled a wide variety of cases including homicides, sexual assaults, drug-related offenses and domestic violence cases. Her latest rotation was in the Family Division where she handled divorce matters and issues related to child custody and placement disputes.

Justice Protasiewicz proudly served in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for 25 years where she worked to keep our communities safe. She prosecuted violent crimes, handled termination of parental rights cases and worked to protect children who were in need of protection and services.

Justice Protasiewicz taught Trial Advocacy at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina where she taught prosecutors to be the best advocates they could be in the courtroom. She also taught Trial Advocacy at Marquette University Law School and worked as a volunteer grading the Wisconsin Bar exam.

She has received numerous awards including the Community Involvement Award from the Association of Women Lawyers and the Women of Influence Award from the Wisconsin Law Journal. She continues to serve the community by working as a volunteer with the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Red Cross, The Polish Heritage Alliance and Marquette University Law School.

Justice Protasiewicz is a *magna cum laude* graduate of UW-Milwaukee and a graduate of Marquette University Law School.





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John W. Rogers, Jr.

Chairman and Co-CEO | Ariel Investments

John's passion for investing began at age 12 when his father began buying him stocks as Christmas and birthday gifts. His interest in equities grew while in college and over the two-plus years he worked as a stockbroker for William Blair & Company. In 1983, John founded Ariel at age 24 to focus on patient, value investing within small- and medium-sized companies. While Ariel's research capabilities have expanded across the globe, patience is still the disciplined approach that drives the firm today. Early in his career, John's investment acumen brought him to the forefront of media attention and culminated in him being selected as co-mutual fund manager of the

year by Sylvia Porter's Personal Finance magazine as well as an all-star mutual fund manager by USA Today. Furthermore, John has been highlighted alongside legendary investors Warren Buffett, Sir John Templeton and Ben Graham in the distinguished book: The World's 99 Greatest Investors by Magnus Angenfelt.

His professional accomplishments extend to the boardroom where he is a member of the board of directors of The New York Times Company as well as lead director of Ryan Specialty. He also serves on the board of trustees of the University of Chicago and the Obama Foundation. In 2008, John was awarded Princeton University's highest honor, the Woodrow Wilson Award, presented each year to the alumnus or alumna whose career embodies a commitment to national service. He served as co-chair of President Obama's Presidential Inaugural Committee in 2009, and in 2023, John received the Order of Lincoln, the highest honor for professional achievement and public service in Illinois. John received an AB in economics from Princeton University, where he was also captain of the varsity basketball team.





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Alfreda Bradley-Coar | *Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & People Officer* **OBAMA FOUNDATION**

Alfreda Bradley-Coar serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and People Officer for the Obama Foundation. Alfreda is an accomplished corporate executive, business advisor and civic leader. She is a highly regarded, strategic thought leader known for her enterprise risk and strategy expertise in healthcare, insurance, financial services, and transportation industries.

Alfreda thrives in organizations undergoing dynamic and disruptive change and is a leader in strategy, legal, finance, regulatory matters, operational insights, and human capital management. She was the principal advisor for The Bradley Coar Enterprise Risk & Strategy Group, where she provided confidential C-Suite advisory services for emerging businesses. During her 23 years at General Electric (GE), Alfreda held senior executive, general counsel, and leadership roles in global legal and operations divisions with \$2B - \$125B annual revenues in over 100 countries. Over the course of her tenure at GE, she managed and transformed business and law departments including legal, compliance, regulatory, product and licensing. Alfreda was an architect of diversity and inclusion, change management and talent development initiatives, including being a National Operating Leader for the GE African American Forum.

Bradley-Coar is a long-time resident of Chicago and is actively involved in civic and community efforts as a Board Director for Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Chicago State University Foundation, and as a Strategy Advisor Committee Member to the CEO and Board of Advocate Aurora Health. She is a member of several national organizations including, Executive Leadership Council (ELC) and Black Directors Health Equity Agenda, Inc.

Alfreda earned an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management, her JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a BA from the University of Pennsylvania.



Anza D'Antonio | *General Counsel* | **MARATHON CHEESE CORPORATION**

Anza D'Antonio is General Counsel for Marathon Cheese Corporation, where she advises the business on enterprise risk, governance, commercial execution, contracts, compliance, and operational legal matters across a manufacturing-centered organization. She brings more than two decades of legal leadership experience across manufacturing, food, infrastructure, energy, consumer products, in publicly traded, privately held, and private equity-backed environments.

Before joining Marathon Cheese, Anza served as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Cordia, a private equity-backed energy infrastructure platform, and held senior legal leadership roles at Fiskars Group and Johnson Controls. Her work focuses on helping complex operating businesses make clear, practical, and commercially sound decisions.

Anza has been recognized by the Milwaukee Business Journal as Top Corporate Counsel–Public Company and as a 40 Under 40 honoree. She has also received the State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity and Inclusion Trailblazer Award and the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund President's Award for her commitment to access to justice and service to the legal profession. Anza is committed to expanding access to justice, including through volunteer work supporting legal aid and refugee communities. Anza and her husband are the proud parents of four children and an overly happy black Lab.

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Matthew Morningstar

Chief Legal Officer & Group Managing Director of Legal Policy, & Community Impact | **LPL FINANCIAL**

Matthew Morningstar is the Chief Legal Officer and Group Managing Director of Legal, Policy, and Community Impact for LPL Financial. In this role, Mr. Morningstar is responsible for driving strategic legal guidance, public policy engagement, and community initiatives across the firm.

Mr. Morningstar joined LPL in 2021 and was Head of Litigation and Regulatory Affairs, as well as Head of Advisory & Commercial Law. In both roles, he led large and diverse high-performing teams that handled a broad array of legal matters for the firm.

In prior roles, Mr. Morningstar served as Chief Counsel of Litigation and M&A Legal at MetLife and as Global Head of Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement for Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

Beyond his legal expertise, Mr. Morningstar is a recipient of the National LGBT Bar Association's Out and Proud Corporate Counsel Award and has served in leadership roles with the New York City Bar's Committee to Enhance Diversity in the Profession, the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), and other influential organizations. He is also on the Board of Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA).

Mr. Morningstar earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Columbia University and his Juris Doctor degree from Cornell Law School.



Pascale M. Thomas

Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Private Markets

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Pascale is a senior member of the firm's enterprise legal and compliance team, serving as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for Ariel Alternatives and Project Level Management Company. In this capacity, she oversees legal, regulatory and risk management matters relating to private investment funds, co-investment vehicles, portfolio company initiatives and advisory activities. Pascale works closely with investment professionals and senior leadership across the firm to manage risk, uphold regulatory integrity and support

disciplined growth. She also serves as a non voting member of Ariel Alternatives' investment and valuation committees and Project Level's valuation committee.

Prior to joining Ariel, Pascale was deputy general counsel and deputy chief compliance officer of Makena Capital Management, a global investment firm managing multi-generational capital. In that role, she led legal strategy for pooled investment vehicles and complex investment structures across single and multi-asset-class portfolios and oversaw strategy and execution of the firm's compliance program. Previously, Pascale served as managing director and assistant general counsel at Z Capital Group, where she managed the firm's legal and compliance functions, including the structuring, offering and administration of private equity funds, credit funds, co investments and CLOs.

She began her legal career at Sidley Austin LLP in the investment products and derivatives group. Pascale holds a BS in psychology from Duke University and a JD from Harvard Law School.



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Before GE Appliances, Jason was vice president, general counsel, and secretary for Dyson, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois, overseeing all legal matters for the Americas region of the British technology company known for its innovative vacuum cleaners and hair care products. Earlier, he held senior legal leadership roles at MillerCoors, where, as associate general counsel, he co-led the commercial legal team and focused on marketing, sales, and regulatory matters.

From 2010 to 2012, Jason served as executive director of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF). He also held legal leadership positions at Pepsi Beverages Company (formerly PepsiAmericas) and began his legal career in private practice at Winthrop & Weinstine in his hometown of Minneapolis, Minnesota, before joining the litigation group at Ungaretti & Harris in Illinois.

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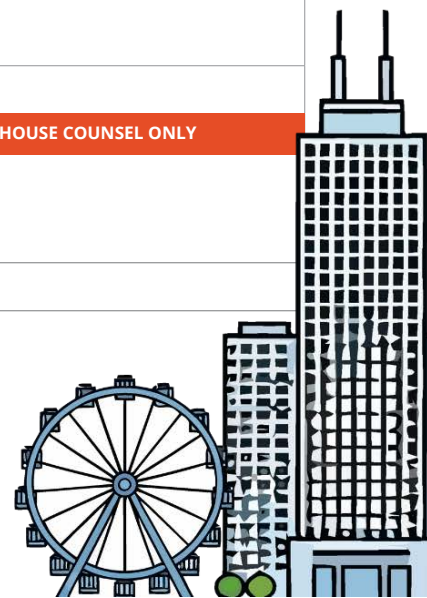
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFO
9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY: Law Firm Member First Time Attendee Orientation	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY
10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	(OFFSITE) NETWORKING EVENT: Tennis Outing Sponsored by: 	WEAR TENNIS ATTIRE
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1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY: In-House Counsel First Time Attendee Orientation	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY
1:15 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY: Law Firm Cross Marketing Session: 25 Years of Building Relationships, Referrals & Results	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY
2:20 P.M. – 3:20 P.M.	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY: Advisory Council Session	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY
3:30 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.	GENERAL SESSION: Across the Bench - A Conversation with Two State Supreme Court Justices	
4:35 P.M. – 5:35 P.M.	NAMWOLF Coaching Session	
4:55 P.M. – 5:40 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Retail Restaurant & Hospitality Practice Area Committee Meeting	
4:55 P.M. – 5:40 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Alternative Defense Resolution Practice Area Committee Meeting	
4:55 P.M. – 5:40 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: International Practice Area Committee Meeting	
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL NETWORKING EVENT: In-House Counsel Meet & Greet Sponsored by:  & 	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY
6:15 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	NETWORKING EVENT: Kick-Off Cocktail Reception & Sneaker Ball	





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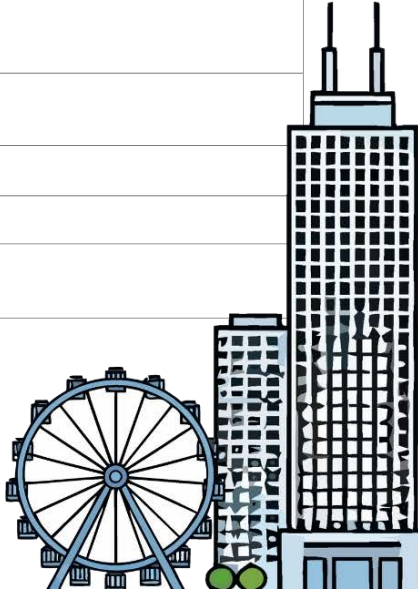


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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFO
8:25 A.M. – 9:35 A.M.	GENERAL SESSION: Welcome Address & Fireside Chat with John W. Rogers, Jr.	
9:55 A.M. – 10:55 A.M.	CLE SESSION: AI in Practice: What We Learned on a Real Matter Sponsored by: 	
9:55 A.M. – 10:55 A.M.	CLE SESSION: DOL's 2026 Proposed Independent Contractor Rulemaking	
9:55 A.M. – 10:55 A.M.	CLE SESSION: Face/Off: Biometrics in Litigation	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Calling All Transactional, Trial and In-House Lawyers and Neutrals! Mastering Arbitration: From Drafting Effective Clauses to Selecting the Right Arbitrator and Navigating Disclosures Sponsored by:  AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION®	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Learn About BIG DEALS in IP	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Big Win Energy	
12:05 P.M. – 12:20 P.M.	Lunch and Learn Pick-Up	<i>Pick up your lunch and head to a CLE Session.</i>
12:20 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: The Fine Print of AI: Managing AI Vendors	
12:20 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: What's Really Happening in Real Estate Deals: Market Shifts, Leasing Strategy, and AI in Practice	
12:20 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Counseling Clients Through Anti-DEI Risk	
1:45 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.	LAW FIRM EXPO	
5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Insurance Practice Area Committee Meeting	
5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Labor & Employment Practice Area Committee Meeting	



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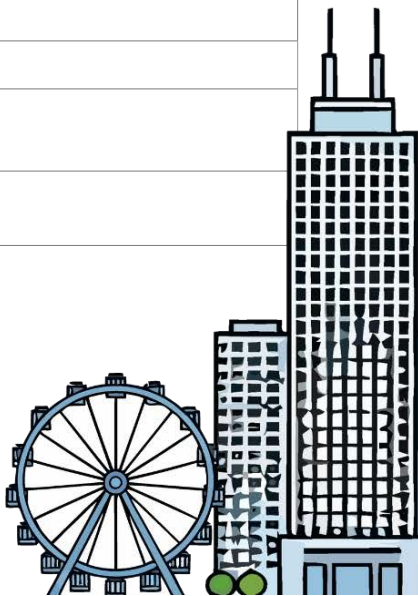
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5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Pharma/Biotech Practice Area Committee Meeting	
5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Transactional Practice Area Committee Meeting	
5:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.	NETWORKING EVENT: Cocktail Reception	

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFO
8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY: Ethical Considerations for In-House Counsel When Generative AI is used both Internally and Externally	IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY
8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.	LAW FIRM MANAGEMENT SESSION: Law Firm Management Session	LAW FIRM MANAGERS ONLY
8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY: Law Firm Member Marketing Session: Your Online Presence Has Never Been More Important: LinkedIn, AI Search, and Your Law Firm Bio	LAW FIRM MEMBERS ONLY
9:25 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.	GENERAL SESSION: General Counsel Panel	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: From Headlines to HR: Managing Employee Speech in a 24/7 News Cycle	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: The Power of the Second Chair on Multigenerational Trial Teams	
11:05 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	CLE SESSION: The Great Corporate Migration: Navigating the <i>Delaware</i> vs. <i>Texas</i> Governance Frontier in 2026	
12:10 P.M. – 2:05 P.M.	GENERAL SESSION: Joel Stern Pipeline Scholarship Awards	
2:20 P.M. – 3:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Coming for your job – AI Agents Take Over!	
2:20 P.M. – 3:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Defending Against the Mega-Verdict: A Mock Trial & Pre-Trial Intervention Simulation	
2:20 P.M. – 3:20 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Mental Health, Self-Awareness, and Building Cultures Where Attorneys Thrive	



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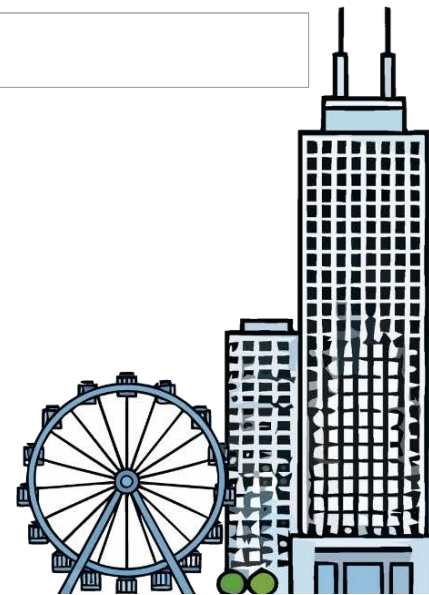
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3:35 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Mastering Employment Mediation: Strategies for Success at Any Stage of Your Case	
3:35 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Twist & Shout: A Busy Benefits/Executive Compensation Counsel's Day Off in the Windy City	
3:35 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.	CLE SESSION: Lawyering to Build Economic Power: Strategic Legal Counsel for Growth and Impact in Today's Environment	
3:35 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.	CLE SESSION: UDRP Strategy in Practice: A Guide to Domain Name Disputes	
4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Intellectual Property Practice Area Committee Meeting	
4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Compliance and Investigations Practice Area Committee Meeting	
4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Trials Practice Area Committee Meeting	
4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	PAC-SPECIFIC MEETING: Financial Services Litigation Practice Area Committee Meeting	
7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	NETWORKING EVENT: NAMWOLF Awards Dinner and 25th Anniversary Celebration  Sponsored by: 	

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	NETWORKING EVENT: Breaking Bread & Breaking Barriers Student Breakfast	
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