

64th Annual

Corporate Counsel Institute

June 2-3, 2025 / Chicago

All times listed in Central Time

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:45–8:45 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45–9 a.m. | Welcome and Overview*

Hari Osofsky, Dean and Myra and James Bradwell Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago

Cristen Kogl, Institute Chair, Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Zebra Technologies

9–10 a.m. | Steady On: Strengthening the Board-GC Relationship and Maintaining Effective Board Governance through Times of Change*

MODERATOR

Rick Kulevich, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, CDW, Vernon Hills, IL

PANELISTS

Carey Bartell, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Conagra Brands, Inc., Chicago

Hugo Dubovoy, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Regal Rexnord Corporation, Rosemont, IL

Richard Lenny, Non-Executive Chairman, Conagra Brands, Inc., Naples, FL

Frank Modruson, Board Member of Zebra Technologies Corporation, Chicago

10:05–11:05 a.m. | The Many Hats of the In-House Lawyer*

MODERATOR

Noelle Perkins, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Cushman & Wakefield, Chicago

PANELISTS

Victoria Donati, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Crate & Barrel Holdings, Inc., Northbrook, IL

Nicholas Giampietro, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Reyes Holdings, LLC, Rosemont, IL

Mel Williams, Former Chief Legal Officer, Chicago Trading Company, Chicago

11:05–11:15 a.m. | Break

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

M&A Issues for Private Companies

MODERATOR

Matthew Richards, Ropes & Gray LLP, Chicago

PANELISTS

Carly Anderson, Chief Legal Officer, JSSI, Chicago

Christopher Athas, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Amsted Industries, Chicago

M&A Issues for Public Companies

MODERATOR

Nick Chulos, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary, Old National Bancorp, Chicago

PANELISTS

James Barresi, Squire Patton Boggs, Cincinnati

Mark Menting, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York City

Terry Treemarcki, Director, Houlihan Lokey, Chicago

* Session will be available on demand for 30 days following the live Institute

12:15–1:25 p.m. | **Lunch**

1:25–2:25 p.m. | **Supreme Court: Recent Rulings and Implications for In-House Counsel***

MODERATOR

Jonathan Marcus, Senior Managing Director and General Counsel, CME Group Inc., Chicago

PANELISTS

Gary Feinerman, Latham & Watkins LLP, Chicago

Elaine Goldenberg, Munger Tolles & Olson LLP, Washington, DC

Annie Kastanek, Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago

James Speta, Elizabeth Froehling Horner Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago

2:30–3:30 p.m. | **Regulatory State 2025: A Year of Upheaval***

MODERATOR

Anil Gollahalli, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, Big Ten Conference, Rosemont, IL

PANELISTS

Jesse Panuccio, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, Washington, DC

Kwame Raoul, Attorney General for the State of Illinois, Chicago

Additional panelist to be announced.

3:30–4 p.m. | **Networking Break**

4–5 p.m. | **Employment Law: Court Rulings, Policy Changes, and Recent Trends***

MODERATOR

Mary Cate Gordon, Vice President, Labor & Employment, Exelon Corporation, Chicago

PANELISTS

Donald English Jr., Jackson Lewis P.C., Baltimore

John Ring, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Washington, DC

Ami Wynne, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Chicago

5:05–6:05 p.m. | **Ethical Issues for In-House Attorneys***

Session will be submitted for Illinois Professional Responsibility (Legal Ethics) Credit, and for similar credit in other states as applicable.

PRESENTER

James Billings-Kang, Cozen O'Connor, Washington, DC

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:15–10:15 a.m. | **Well-Being & Mental Health for Attorneys**

Session will be submitted for Illinois Professional Responsibility (Mental Health and Substance Abuse) Credit, and for similar credit in other states as applicable.

PRESENTER

Christy Mihina, Founder, Verge Coaching & Consulting, Buffalo Grove, IL

10:20–11:20 a.m. | **AI & the In-House Legal Department**

MODERATOR

Christina Roupas, Cooley LLP, Chicago

PANELISTS

Aaron Gin, McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP, Chicago

Jonathan Yellin, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Charles River Associates, Boston

Additional panelist to be announced.

11:20–11:35 a.m. | **Break**

11:35 a.m.–12:35 p.m. | **BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Public Companies vs. Private Companies**

Current Trends & Best Practices for Private Company Lawyers

MODERATOR

Robert Hayward, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago

PANELISTS

Barbara Grayson, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, Chicago

Additional panelist to be announced.

Shareholder Activism for Public Company Lawyers

MODERATOR

Beth Berg, Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago

PANELISTS

Cristiano Guerra, Strategic Governance Advisors, Washington, DC

Alfredo Porretti, Managing Director and Head of Shareholder Engagement and M&A Capital Markets for North America, J.P. Morgan, New York City

Dan Scorpio, Managing Director, Head of M&A and Activism, H/Advisors Abernathy, Chicago

12:35–12:55 p.m. | **Boxed Lunch Break**

12:55–1:55 p.m. | **Compliance, ERM, and IRM: Risk Management Trends in 2025**

MODERATOR

Nicholas Eichenseer, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Ethics and Compliance, W.W. Grainger, Inc., Chicago

PANELISTS

Marisa Darden, Benesch, Cleveland

Marsha McClellan, Associate General Counsel, BMO Financial Group, Chicago

Mariana Menin, Senior Manager, Compliance, Eaton Corporation, Beachwood, OH

2–3 p.m. | **Managing Geopolitical Issues**

MODERATOR

Kristy Waterman, Executive Vice President Chief Human Resources Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, TreeHouse Foods, Inc., Oak Brook, IL

PANELISTS

Kerry Contini, Baker & McKenzie LLP, Washington, DC

Tanya Jaeger de Foras, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer, Ingredion, Westchester, IL

Alexander Kazan, Partner and Geopolitical Co-Lead, Brunswick Group, New York City

Alan Tse, Global Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Jones Lang LaSalle Inc., Chicago

3 p.m. | **Institute Concludes**

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Agenda as of 4.18.2025

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