

Message from the Chair

“Who are the people in your neighborhood?”—Sesame Street

I am honored to be Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section this year, building off the great work our immediate Past Chair, **Jeff Laner**, started with the rollout of our Communities Section. Having access to a network of others with similar experiences and expertise is an amazing resource. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to sign up for Communities and begin to get to know your Corporate Counsel “neighborhood” and make new connections.

The Corporate Counsel Section is here for you. We take great care to create programming, design resources, and host events aimed at meeting your needs. As an upstate New Yorker (based in Albany), I am particularly interested in helping to create new opportunities to break down geographic barriers, expand connections across the entire state, and make your membership to our Section more valuable.

- We sponsored the **2017 Young Lawyers Trial Academy** in April and offered a scholarship for the weeklong program.
- We will host a membership appreciation event in New York City in May/June. We are interested in hosting additional **membership appreciation events and outings** in other locations if there is an interest!
- Our **Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship program** will be in full gear in late May with anticipated placements at Chubb, Salesforce, ConEdison, Alliance Bernstein, PepsiCo, Inc., and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. This program is a crowning jewel of our Section and provides law students with the unique opportunity to learn what it is like to be “in-house” for a summer. The culmination of the program is a heartwarming



and inspirational reception celebrating the interns and their host companies in August.

- Planning for our **Corporate Counsel Institute** in late Fall is also underway. This program brings distinguished speakers and highlights important topics that are of importance to all of us in our varied roles.

We recognize that our Section is a beautiful patchwork of practitioners with varied experiences and subject matter expertise. Have you thought about sharing your knowledge with others? Whether you work for a small not-for-profit, a midsized boutique, a global corporation, or something in between, you have

unique knowledge that others would benefit from! Please consider sharing that knowledge by contributing to Communities, writing or suggesting articles for *Inside*, leading a webinar on a “hot topic,” hosting a coffee klatsch or happy hour, contributing as a panelist or speaker at our Corporate Counsel Institute, or joining one of our Section Committees.

I would like to thank **Elizabeth J. Champnoi** and **Jessica Thaler-Parker** for the immense work that goes into pulling together each fabulous edition of *Inside*. Sadly, this will be the last issue that **Jessica** will co-edit. Many thanks and gratitude to **Jessica** for all of her hard work over the past issues and we look forward to her future contributions as co-chair of our membership committee.

If you have any ideas on how we could make your membership more valuable, or if you would like to get more involved in the Section, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jbehe@nystec.com.

Very truly yours,
Jana Springer Behe

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