

Message from the Chair

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

I am honored to be Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section and so pleased to introduce another amazing issue of *Inside*. Over the past few months, we have been very busy!

Creating Opportunities: In August, we recognized our Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship program host companies and interns at a wonderful reception overlooking Times Square at the offices of Pryor Cashman. The Corporate Counsel Section's Kenneth G. Standard Internship Program focuses on identifying and supporting in-house internship opportunities for law students from a diverse range of backgrounds. This is the twelfth year of the program. This year we had a summer class of 10 interns working with in-house counsel offices. Since 2006, the program has proudly placed over 60 interns, one student from every law school in New York State.

Additionally, in this issue you will learn about Sid Bahl's experience as the 2017 Corporate Counsel Section Trial Academy Scholarship recipient. The Corporate Counsel Section was proud to be a sponsor of the Young Lawyers Section's 8th Annual Trial Academy. The Trial Academy is a five-day trial techniques program. Geared toward new and young attorneys, participants take part in sessions that will advance and improve their courtroom skills. With an emphasis on direct participation, the Trial Academy is a great learning experience for all involved. We value our partnership with the Young Lawyers Section and look forward to sharing in new opportunities to work together in the future.

Giving Back: If you are anything like me, trying to navigate the sea of pro bono opportunities to find something non-litigation related has been a daunting task over the years. I have struggled with how to find and contribute to pro bono efforts in a meaningful way, especially given concerns about malpractice insurance. Thankfully, **Barbara Levi**, Chair of our Pro Bono Committee, has also been concerned with this problem as well. In this issue, we are pleased to introduce you to Pro Bono Partnership! Pro Bono Partnership helps to match in-house counsel, with our unique skill sets, to needed pro bono assistance



with a variety of not for profits in areas like contract review, corporate formation, policy development, and other non-litigation-based projects.

What Matters to You

We know that some of you want to learn more about what the life of an in-house lawyer is like! Accomplished attorney **Greg Hoffman**, past Corporate Counsel Section Chair and current Vice President, Associate General Counsel at Salesforce, shared his valuable time with us for a segment in this issue.

In November, we will host our biennial Corporate Counsel Institute (CCI). The CCI brings together a distinguished

faculty to address the wide array of issues important to in-house and corporate counsel. Information security concerns and governance concerns remain top issues facing corporations and corporate counsel. Please join us this year to learn from the best and network with your counterparts.

We developed this issue, and all of our substantive programming, to provide you with tools and knowledge to help you be more efficient and effective in your respective roles, but we cannot do it alone. Please consider getting involved in our section. Whether you just have an idea, want to learn more about a particular issue, are interesting in writing an article, or would like to learn more about joining one of our Section Committees—we need your help and involvement to make the Corporate Counsel Section work for you.

Finally, I would like to thank **Elizabeth Champnoi** for the immense work that goes into pulling together each fabulous edition of this amazing publication. I hope you will enjoy this issue as much as I have.

If you have any ideas or would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jbehe@nystec.com.

Very truly yours,
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