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Thursday Morning, May 15, 2025

Presiding Officer:

Chantel Jordan, Golden Laurel Advisors / ACC Houston - Houston, TX

	This agenda is still in development. Updates to topics and speakers will be posted as available.
7:30 am In Houston Only	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 1.00 hr	Privacy Law Update Ashley Fischer, Tiff's Treats - Austin, TX Elizabeth Rogers, Winstead PC - Austin, TX
9:30 am 0.75 hr	Annual Employment Law Update Hear the latest labor and employment developments over the last year, focusing on the most significant changes under the current administration. Gary D. Eisenstat, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. - Dallas, TX
10:15 am	15-Minute Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr	Where Are We Now with Non-Competes? As more states move to restrict the enforceability of non-competes, employers are taking increasingly nuanced approaches to protecting sensitive information and goodwill. This session provides an overview of various state and local restrictions on post-employment non-competition agreements and alternatives to traditional restrictive covenants. Jason Boulette, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P. - Austin, TX Michael D. Marin, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P. - Austin, TX
11:15 am 0.75 hr	Contract Drafting Tips and Tricks in Anticipation of the Aftermath Discuss drafting tips on commonly used contract clauses as well the litigator's perspective when they become the subject of litigation. Gus Bourgeois, BoyarMiller - Houston, TX Chris Hanslik, BoyarMiller - Houston, TX Nicole Moss, Geophysical Technology, Inc. / ACC Houston - Houston, TX
12:00 pm In Houston Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Houston)

Thursday Afternoon, May 15, 2025

Presiding Officer:

Gary D. Eisenstat, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. - Dallas, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm 0.75 hr	The Texas Business Court: Insights and Impacts after the First Nine Months Explore the operations and outcomes of the Texas Business Court since its inception in September 2024. Judge Sofia Adrogué, one of the inaugural Houston judges, and commercial litigator Michael Morfey share insights and updates on the Court's handling of complex commercial disputes and its influence on the business legal landscape in Texas. Hon. Sofia Adrogué, Texas Business Court Eleventh Division - Houston, TX Michael D. Morfey, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP - Houston, TX
1:05 pm	10-Minute Break
1:15 pm 1.00 hr	What to Anticipate in the New Administration Moderator: Mark Curriden, The Texas Lawbook - Addison, TX Panelists: Austin T. Lee, Bracewell LLP - Houston, TX Scott H. Segal, Bracewell LLP - Washington, DC
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	Preparing for an M&A Sale Transaction This panel of legal and financial advisors cover key topics in preparing for an M&A sale transaction including engaging a financial advisor, trends in deal terms and recent Delaware case law. Matthew Ochsner, Piper Sandler & Co. - Austin, TX J. Robert Suffoletta, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C. - Austin, TX Derek L. Willis, Oxy Low Carbon Ventures - Houston, TX
3:00 pm	15-Minute Break
3:15 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Handling Internal Investigations: Landmines and Best Practices
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	Multijurisdictional Practice, Part 1: Hot Button Compliance Issues and Practical Tips When You Have Business in Multiple States Shafeeqa W. Giarratani, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. - Austin, TX

<p>5:00 pm 0.75 hr ethics</p>	<p>Multijurisdictional Practice, Part 2: Ethical Landmines to Avoid</p> <p>None of what we do is confined to one state. All of us have transactions, negotiations, and even litigation that either occur outside of Texas or that involve the laws of other states. And we often travel to other states to do business or are engaged in interstate phone calls and teleconferences. But that’s okay, right? And if we’re licensed to practice in one state, we can essentially do that kind of practice anywhere, right? Wait,—are you sure that the answers to these questions are as clear cut as they seem? This fast-paced, multi-media presentation challenges your thinking, raises issues to ponder, and gives you something to smile about.</p> <p>Michael H. Rubin, McGlinchey Stafford PLLC - Baton Rouge, LA</p>
<p>5:45 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

Friday Morning, May 16, 2025

<p>8:00 am In Houston Only</p>	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
<p>8:30 am 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p>Navigating AI Implementation: Governance Across Your Organization and the Ethical Use of AI in Your Legal Department</p> <p>Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming business operations, reshaping how lawyers deliver legal services, and redefining the functioning of courts. It presents unmatched opportunities to streamline workflows, improve decision-making, and open new doors for growth and efficiency. However, the adoption of AI also introduces unique challenges, especially in addressing the complex ethical and legal issues that arise.</p> <p>Jonathon K. Hance, Bracewell LLP - Houston, TX</p>
<p>9:30 am 0.75 hr</p>	<p>Cybersecurity Litigation and Enforcement Trends</p> <p>Data breaches continue to plague businesses and other organizations. Further, those incidents are often followed by litigation and regulatory investigations. This program outlines the most common claims and other latest developments, and the program will offer practical suggestions for how to prepare and lessen risk.</p> <p>Joseph W. Swanson, Foley & Lardner LLP - Tampa, FL</p>
<p>10:15 am</p>	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
<p>10:30 am 0.75 hr</p>	<p>IP Protection and Ownership</p> <p>This program explores considerations for protecting your intellectual property assets, from ownership and licensing to monetization and enforcement.</p> <p>Natalie Alfaro Gonzales, Yetter Coleman LLP - Houston, TX Brianna Hinojosa-Smith, Yum! Brands - Coppell, TX</p>

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0.75 hr ethics

More Lessons from GCs Behaving Badly (Allegedly)

It is always better to learn from someone else's mistakes. Examine examples of in-house counsel allegedly (or admittedly) behaving badly—from alleged assaults and slurs to embezzlement—and what in-house counsel can learn from those situations. Also, discuss examples of in-house counsel allegedly being punished for doing the right thing.

12:00 pm

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