



2016 Chicago Coalition Events

Date	Event	Speakers
1/21	Transitioning at Work: A Guide to Transgender Employees <i>This seminar will provide an overview of key legal developments, EEOC guidance and suggestions for how employers can effectively work with employees who seek to transition gender in the workplace. The discussion will cover development and implementation of effective transition action plans and how to deal with unique situations that may arise relating to an employee's gender transition.</i>	Nonnie Shivers, Ogletree Deakins, Phoenix, AZ; Kelly Hughes, Ogletree Deakins, Charlotte, NC
2/4	Speed Networking Event	
2/16	Annual Law Student Event and Networking Reception	Carolyn Blessing, Locke Lord LLP; Jami Gekas, Foley & Lardner LLP; Christina Landgraf, United Airlines, Inc; Jennifer Rakstad, Mayer Brown
3/3	Associates Committee Spring Wine Tasting & Networking Event	
3/16	In-House to Power-House (Session 1): Behavioral and Emotional Intelligence for In-House Success <i>Behavioral and Emotional intelligence are skills and abilities that enable us to use the power of behaviors and emotion (our own and others) to inform our thinking, decision-making and actions. To succeed in-house, lawyers must build confidence and trust through human connections, and actively demonstrate soft skills, such as leadership, management, communication, team-work, collaboration, flexibility, and innovation, that are highly valued by our business partners.</i>	Clyde C. Lowstuter, President & CEO, Robertson Lowstuter, Inc.
3/24	Advice from a Career in Litigation Webinar	Nancy G. Ross, Partner, Mayer Brown
4/4	Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Event	
4/12	Step Up Power Breakfast <i>Co-sponsored by the Step Up Power Breakfast.</i>	Kelly McNamara Corley (keynote speaker); Rebecca Bacon moderator
4/19	Effective Networking: Developing Strategic Partnerships <i>Being effective in developing strong strategic partnerships can mean the difference between success and failure with your marketing activities. The good news ... developing strong relationships is a learned skill that will create sustainable results in building ones practice.</i>	Steve Fretzin, author and contributing writer for The National Law Review & Daily Law Bulletin
5/12	In-House Counsel Spring Networking Event	
6/2	New Member Breakfast	
6/16	Annual Managing Partner & General Counsel Forum	Susan Levy, General Counsel of Northern Trust; Andrea Kramer, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery and Al Harris, Partner, Nixon Peabody
6/29	Advice from the C-Suite Webinar	Jennifer Sherman, President and CEO of Federal Signal Corporation, and Lisa Pattis, President and Chair of the Executive Committee of Next Chapter Holdings.

6/30	Fourth Annual Judges Panel Luncheon	Judge Joy V. Cunningham, Illinois Appellate Court, First District; Judge Sara Ellis, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Judge Pamela Harris, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Mary Seminara-Schostok, Illinois Appellate Court, Second District
7/12	In-House to Power-House (Session 2): Developing Your Personal Brand 2.0 Panel <i>presentation that will focus on developing your personal brand and bringing passion to your everyday work life.</i>	Carolyn Gold Aberman, Legal Recruiting Director, Plante Moran Staffing; Julie Browning, Former General Counsel, Ace Hardware and Denise Beihoffer, First Vice President-Legal, Equity Residential. Moderated by Susan Hallsby and Cindy Abbott.
9/20	My First Big Break <i>First Chair Trial? First Big Deal? First Big Break on the Road to General Counsel? Our esteemed panelists will share how they got their first big break; the hurdles they faced and overcame; the obstacles women still face; and their thoughts on increasing women in lead roles in the courtroom, deals, and in-house.</i>	Georgia Vlamis, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, FreightCar America; Stephanie Scharf, Founding Partner, Scharf Banks Marmor; Marcia Owens, Partner, Hamilton Thies & Lorch LLP and Eileen King Bower, Chicago Office Managing Partner, Troutman Sanders
9/22	Mentoring Breakfast - Climbing the Jungle Gym: Different Paths to Career Success <i>Our experienced panelists will discuss their differing journeys to a successful legal career. Whether you are on the track to become partner, interested in an in-house or government position, or thinking of changing routes mid-career, this panel will emphasize a "jungle gym" career climbing approach as opposed to the traditional "fixed ladder" approach.</i>	Jen Gallinson, Director of Attorney Recruitment & Development, Much Shelist; Jennifer Mikulina, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery; Sandy Minea, Director of Career Services & Recruitment Programs, Chicago-Kent College of Law; Natalie Perry, Partner, Ice Miller LLP and Sonya Rosenberg, Partner, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP
9/28	In-House to Power-House (Session 3): <i>No lawyer can achieve success all by herself. Knowing how to build and maintain relationships is a key part of every lawyer's success. In this session, the panel will share experiences and insights into building and maintaining the long lasting relationships that have advanced their careers in-house.</i>	Jacquelyne Belcastro, Vice President & General Counsel at Sapa Extrusion North America and Steve Fretzin, Contributing writer for the National Law Review & Daily Law Bulletin. Kathryn M. Hartrick, moderator.
10/6	Cole Haan Shopping & Networking Event	
10/25	Social Media Workshop <i>Join us for a discussion and workshop on how to successfully incorporate social media into your personal marketing plan. Our panel will illustrate how to effectively use various social media platforms, as well as provide an overview of the potential pitfalls of attorney advertising and explain why we need to apply boilerplate language on our social media profiles.</i>	Pia N. Thompson, Chief Legal Officer at Transworld Systems Inc and Dawn M. Canty, Partner and Deputy General Counsel at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
10/26	Webinar: In-House, Outside Counsel, and Public Interest: Advice from Women Who Have Tried it All	Tammy D. McCutchen, Principal of Litter, and Monica Lowe, Associate Chief Labor Counsel of the City of Chicago Law Department.
11/10	Associates Speed Networking: Finding the Perfect Match for Your Career	
11/15	Seventh Annual Leadership Forum <i>Join more than 200 women attorneys, from across the Chicago area, to honor this year's leadership award winners, as well as become inspired by our speaker.</i>	Brigadier General Maritza S. Ryan, U.S. Army, Brigadier General (Ret).
12/1	Annual Meeting	