

## **An Afternoon with the Corporate Law Society**

# **“Inside the Minds” of Inside Counsel**

### **Thursday September 24th**

Programs will include a discussion with general counsels and chief legal officers representing diverse corporate clients, and a panel designed to educate our students about the many corporate career paths ahead.

#### **Keisha Audain-Pressley L'00**

**Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO), New York, NY**

Keisha Audain-Pressley is an executive vice president and leader in Pacific Investment Management Company's (PIMCO) Legal and Compliance department. She serves as the Chief Compliance Officer for the U.S. Registered Funds. Audain-Pressley is also a member of the leadership team for the investment advisory compliance program.

Prior to joining PIMCO in 2011, she was a senior vice president and senior compliance officer at Neuberger Berman Management. Previously, Audain-Pressley was a chief compliance officer in Lehman Brothers' investment management division. In her prior roles, she was responsible for the compliance program of registered investment advisers that offered alternative investment products and served as a senior compliance officer for a registered investment adviser of open-end mutual funds.

She has 19 years of industry experience and holds her J.D. from the College of Law and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. She also received an undergraduate degree from Syracuse University.

Audain-Pressley is a member of the College of Law's Board of Advisors.

#### **Amanda Hiffa Dondero L'11**

**Corporate Counsel, Change Healthcare, Atlanta, GA**

Amanda Hiffa Dondero is corporate counsel for Change Healthcare in Atlanta, Georgia. Dondero previously worked in private practice at the law firms of Paul Hastings LLP, where she practiced corporate law, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other complex business transactions, and Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton LLP, where she provided corporate counsel to healthcare, technology and start-up clients.

Dondero graduated from Syracuse University College of Law in 2011. She was the vice president of her class and an executive editor of the Law Review.

Dondero also serves on the board of directors of the non-profit organization, Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network, and participates in the Big Brother Big Sister Program of Metro Atlanta.

#### **Michael Dufault L'95**

**Senior Vice President, Group General Counsel & Group Compliance Officer, Jet Aviation Management AG, Basel, Switzerland**

Michael Dufault joined Jet Aviation's leadership team as Senior VP, Group General Counsel & Group Compliance Officer in 2017. He initially joined Jet Aviation in 2012 and served as Deputy General Counsel for the lines of businesses in America. Prior to that, Dufault served as Assistant General Counsel in the General Dynamics Corporate Headquarters law department. Before General Dynamics, he was a trial and appellate attorney in the United States Department of Justice for eight years, where he began his career in the Attorney General's Honors Program.

Dufault graduated from the College of Law in 1995.

#### **Jeffrey Gutierrez L'77**

**Vice President & Assistant General Counsel, Semtech, Zurich, Switzerland**

Jeffrey Gutierrez serves as the vice president and assistant general counsel for Semtech (International), the Swiss subsidiary of Semtech Corporation, a NASDAQ-listed (SMTC) supplier of analogue and mixed-signal semiconductors (collectively, "Semtech").

After almost a decade in private practice in the US, Gutierrez joined Semtech's Swiss operations in 2006 as corporate counsel-international operations to set up the first legal department in Europe for the Semtech Group. In this role he was responsible for all legal matters for Semtech's entities in Europe and Asia, which included ensuring compliance with corporate governance requirements in each jurisdiction, and negotiating and executing commercial and licensing agreements worldwide. This role saw him serve as company secretary and managing director in several European entities of Semtech, and he dually served as supervisor in two entities in China, overseeing and directing the legal aspect

or setting up entities in China and Hong Kong. He later assumed the position as senior corporate attorney and in March 2015 assumed his current role as Vice president and assistant general counsel.

In early 2015, he played an instrumental role in setting up the legal framework of the LoRa Alliance, a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the interoperability and standardisation of low-power wide area network (LPWAN) technologies to drive implementation of the Internet of Things (IoT). Since 2015, he has dedicated a significant amount of his time handling IP legal matters involving the IoT, GDPR compliance for companies and products, hardware and cloud computing contracting related to the LoRa radio frequency LPWAN technology of Semtech, and legal issues involving standard setting alliances.

Gutierrez graduated from the College of Law in 1997.

### **Marnin L. Michaels L'96**

#### **Senior Partner, Baker McKenzie, Zurich, Switzerland**

Marnin L. Michaels is a senior partner at Baker McKenzie. Michaels has been practicing more than 20 years in the areas of tax and international private banking. He handles insurance matters relating to tax investigations and wealth management, as well as counsels clients on issues relating to US withholding tax, qualified intermediary rule and FATCA. He also advises on issues related to potential tax evasion and cross-border regulatory issues, as well as money laundering avoidance legislation.

Michaels was a member of the Firm's Steering Committee and he led the US Department of Justice Initiative for Swiss Banks. In the end, the Firm acted for 45 banks and the project won the American Lawyer Magazine's Litigation Firm of the Year award in 2015. Widely regarded as one of the world's leading wealth management lawyers, he is on the Firm's European tax steering committee and co-chairs its European wealth management committee.

In addition to writing extensively for many publications, Michaels also authored two legal treatises: International Taxation and Withholding and International Estate Planning, which were both published by Thomson Reuters. He also lectures in several LLM and MBA programs on various tax issues, including for the College of Law.

Michaels serves on the College of Law Board of Advisors. He graduated from the College in 1996.

### **Kirk E. Miller L'76**

#### **Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, San Francisco, CA**

Kirk E. Miller is an Administrative Law Judge in the General Jurisdiction Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings. He has held this position since 2010.

Prior to joining OAH, Judge Miller held a variety of positions in both the private and public sectors. In 2007, he was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Deputy Secretary and General Counsel of the California Natural Resources Agency. In this capacity he was the state's chief spokesperson in negotiations to remove four hydroelectric dams to restore salmon habitat on the Klamath River. The agreement, involving over 30 parties, is the largest dam removal agreement ever reached. He also had responsibility for the supervision of 140 lawyers throughout the Natural Resources Agency. In 2011, Judge Miller was appointed General Counsel to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, a constitutional body with responsibility for drawing the state's legislative and congressional districts.

Prior to beginning government service, Judge Miller was Vice President and General Counsel of American Medical International, Inc., a publicly traded hospital management company, and later Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Inc. Kaiser is the country's largest not for profit corporation.

He graduated from the College of Law in 1976.

### **Joshua F. Patterson L'00**

#### **Vice President, General Counsel, Akcea Therapeutics Inc., Boston, MA**

Joshua F. Patterson is General Counsel at Akcea Therapeutics Inc. Joshua Patterson has served as in-house counsel in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry for more than 19 years. Mr. Patterson is responsible for all legal matters for Akcea and its global subsidiaries, including strategic licensing transactions. He also provides strategic counsel to the Executive Management Team and the Board of Directors, as well as counsel on risk mitigation strategies.

Before Akcea, Mr. Patterson was Deputy General Counsel of Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc., where he led the transactions group to advance Ionis' 34-drug pipeline and specialized in intellectual property licensing. Patterson began his career at Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc., where he was responsible for general corporate transactional matters, with a focus in clinical trials, patient privacy, and FDA regulatory practice.

He graduated from the College of Law in 2000.