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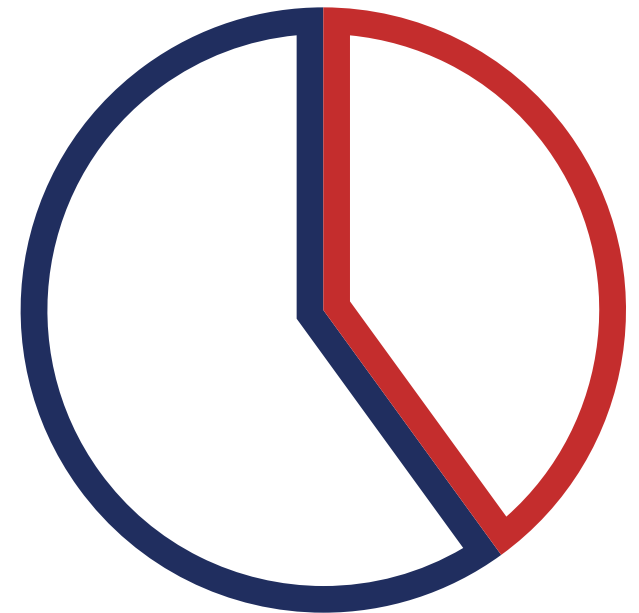
THE FORUM COMMUNITY INCLUDES OVER

**650**

GENERAL AND SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL

The Forum is a community of over 650 general counsel (60%) and senior managing counsel (40%) who represent over 350 companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. The Forum strives to be the best at discovering, benchmarking and sharing best practices, and delivering them to members in a peer-to-peer community environment. No legal department, no matter how large or well-funded, knows it all. In-house innovation comes from diverse sources. Innovators themselves provide the most direct path to those solutions. By hosting a multitude of meetings and events, we provide a platform for networking and sharing best practices. Rather than predicting what might work, our members share legal best practice discoveries. This is the power of collaboration—the power of a forum. Unlike similar organizations, Forum members partner with valued underwriters who share in the financial support and governance of our organization. This partnership helps the Forum achieve its mission of improving the professional lives of in-house leaders.

**60%**  
general counsel



**40%**  
senior managing  
counsel

*Membership as of 12/31/17*

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## ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**\*First Chapter Quarterly Event**

***March 21***

6:00 pm | Pre-Event Networking, Registration and Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

8:00 – 9:00 am | Program

*Chez Zee*

*5406 Balcones Drive, Austin 78731*

**Holiday Social**

***December 5***

*\*Additional meeting particulars forthcoming*

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## ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### \*Chapter Quarterly Events

***February 13 | May 17 | September 5 | October 24***

7:15 – 8:00 am | Registration, Networking & Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am | Program

*Northwood Country Club*

*6524 Alpha Rd, 75240*

**Holiday Social**

***November 28***

*\*Additional meeting particulars forthcoming*



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## ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### **\*Chapter Quarterly Events**

***February 28 / May 23 / August 28 / October 18***

7:15 am – 8:00 am | Registration, Networking & Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am | Program

*Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa*

*111 N Post Oak Ln, 77024*

### **Holiday Social**

***November 29***

*\*Additional meeting particulars forthcoming*

# STATEWIDE ANNUAL EVENTS

## Leadership Institute

**February 20-22 | April 10-12**

*SMU Cox School of Business - Dallas, TX*

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## 20th Annual Conference | 12th Annual Magna Stella® Awards

*Fairmont Hotel - Austin, TX*

### **Thursday, November 15**

#### **^20th Annual Conference**

Session 1

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Speaker Sessions

#### **12th Annual Magna Stella® Awards**

6:00 – 7:30pm | Reception - ballroom foyer

7:30 – 9:00pm | Dinner - Congressional Ballroom

9:00 – 10:00pm | Dessert - ballroom foyer

#### **After Stella After Party (ASAP)**

10:00pm

### **Friday, November 16**

#### **^20th Annual Conference**

Session 2

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Speaker Sessions

*^Start and end times are approximate. More details coming soon*



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While the Forum offers networking opportunities, educational programs and best practice collaboration, an often overlooked attribute is the breadth of experiences the members bring to the Forum. Members have such varied backgrounds that simply gathering together at one of the Forum's functions offers a host of opportunities to improve and expand one's thoughts about a wide range of subjects.

—*Theis Rice,*  
*SVP & Chief Legal Officer*  
*Trinity Industries, Inc.*

The focus of the Forum on the needs of senior level in-house counsel at a local level is unparalleled and is unquestionably incredibly useful in our work. The focus on best practices and problem sharing and solving involves real give and take in smaller settings that goes beyond the typical continuing education and networking for lawyers.

—*Dona H. Cornell,*  
*Vice Chancellor/VP for Legal Affairs, General Counsel*  
*University of Houston System*

The Forum is an excellent resource for senior in-house counsel. The programs and networking opportunities are exceptional and provide a reliable and cost-effective resource that helps me be more productive. I cannot find this type of input and guidance in any other venue.

—*Bryan Barksdale,*  
*General Counsel & Secretary*  
*YETI Coolers*

The Forum more than fulfills its mission to improve the professional lives of general counsel and managing counsel. The Forum has provided me many varied opportunities to get to know numerous general counsel, managing counsel, law firm partners and others involved in the legal profession. The breath of the Forum's programs and its networking with senior leaders sets it apart from other legal organizations.

—*Elizabeth Giddens,*  
*SVP, Dep. General Counsel & Corp Sec.*  
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The Forum provides the senior level in-house legal community first rate benchmarking, networking, CLE and sharing of best practices, for an extremely modest cost. The quality and value are unmatched by any other legal organization.

—*John Torres,*  
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