

November 5-6, 2026

Corporate Counsel Workshop

The Westgate Hotel | San Diego, California



Thursday, November 5

8:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration Open 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductory Remarks 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Stephanie Edgar, JD, VP, General Counsel, MACM; Vice-Chair, MPL Association Corporate Counsel Section
9:15 AM	The Legal Ops Advantage: Driving Efficiency, Insight, and Business Impact 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Speaker: Shiv Patel, Manager, Legal Operations and Projects, Coverys Learn how the legal operations function strengthens the effectiveness, efficiency, and business impact of modern in-house legal departments. The session will cover how in-house legal professionals leverage process improvement, technology, data analytics, and client engagement to streamline legal service delivery, improve decision-making, and enhance business alignment. Through practical examples, the speaker will discuss how legal operations drives efficiency, generates actionable insights, and delivers measurable business impact, empowering legal departments to evolve from reactive service providers into trusted strategic partners.
10:15 AM	Refreshment Break 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM
10:30 AM	Developments in Reinsurance 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Speaker: Brianna Nordaune, CPCU, ARe, Senior Broker, Lockton Re Brian Erensen, CPCU, ARe, VP, Treaty Underwriting, TransRe Reinsurance is a critical aspect of the medical professional liability insurance market, and general counsel have a significant role to play in the development of those contracts and relationships. In this session reinsurance professionals will share their insights on what is happening in the reinsurance market today. They will also recommend ways that general counsel can help their companies navigate the reinsurance process and help counsel understand key points for consideration when reviewing reinsurance contracts.
11:30 AM	Public Policy—The Implications for 2027 and Beyond 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Speaker: Mike Stinson, JM, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Legal Affairs, MPL Association

	In 2026, public policy has been varied, with some states pursuing legislation decidedly hostile to the MPL industry, and others actually tackling reforms necessary to ensure a balanced playing field. Federal and state elections, however, may dramatically change the policy making environment. How will this shape the public policy arena for the MPL industry in 2027 and beyond? This session will take a look back at how decisions and outcomes in 2026 legislatures unfolded, what the November elections may hold in store, and how that will impact the MPL policy debate going forward.
12:30 PM	Networking Luncheon 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
1:30 PM	The GC's Role in Effective Board Management 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Speaker: Andrew Iwach, MD, Executive Director, Glaucoma Research Foundation Andrew Firth, President, MIEC The governance and function of a board of directors can be critical to the success of a medical professional liability insurer. Managing board engagement to maximize its effectiveness is a vital aspect of that process. This session will bring together a member company CEO and board director to share their experiences in what makes a board effective, and how general counsel can best engage in the governance process to ensure optimal outcomes.
2:30 PM	Guardrails, Not Roadblocks: Ethical AI Governance for In-House Legal Teams 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM Speaker: Shawn Tuma, JD, CIPP/US, AIGP, Managing Partner, Spencer Fane LLP Christine Chasse, JD, RN, MSN, Associate, Spencer Fane LLP Artificial intelligence is rapidly being embedded into core business functions—from legal operations and compliance to HR, finance, marketing, and product development. For in-house counsel, the challenge is no longer whether AI will be used, but how to ensure it is deployed responsibly, ethically, and in alignment with legal and business risk. This program is designed to equip legal teams with a practical, governance-focused framework for overseeing the use of AI across the enterprise. The speakers will emphasize legal judgment, ethical obligations, and risk-based decision-making that in-house counsel can apply immediately.
3:45 PM	Refreshment Break 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM
4:00 PM	Topical Group Discussion 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Moderator: Stephanie Edgar, JD, VP, General Counsel, MACM This always-popular discussion will focus on a wide range of possible issues—selected by the meeting attendees themselves. Attendees will be invited to submit topics for discussion in advance but will also be able to raise additional issues during this roundtable event. Topics may include updates on critical court cases facing MPL insurers, the legal department's role in governance matters, or other issues of special interest to attendees because of their potential impact. The format will serve as a perfect springboard for some compelling discussion and debate.

6:30 PM	Dinner 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Paid guests welcome)
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8:30 AM	Breakfast 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
9:00 AM	'Why Me?' What to Do When Cyber Attacks Hit Your Company 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Speaker: Cinthia Motley, VP General Counsel, CorVel Corporation As technology continues to play an ever more significant role in the insurance world, being prepared for the inevitable cybersecurity incident is more crucial than ever. The speaker will walk attendees through a hypothetical cyber incident, allowing participants to discuss potential responses. She will then lead participants through an assessment of their responses to that incident and share insights on best practices in incident preparation and mitigation strategies, as well as post-event response. This “hands-on” learning opportunity will substantially enhance attendees’ understanding of current cyber threats and what can be done to protect their companies’ best interests both before and after an incident arises.
10:00 AM	Ethics for the In-House Counsel 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Speakers: Jon Neumann, JD, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP Our back-by-popular-demand speaker, Jon Neumann, an expert in coverage and bad faith litigation, will delve into topics such as use of AI, split files, and the role of in-house counsel in claims handling, in addition to privilege and dual-role challenges. Mr. Neumann will specifically address ethics issues as they pertain to corporate counsel for medical professional liability insurers.
11:15 AM	Wrap up and Adjourn 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM