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Strategic Advisor
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*Topic: "The November 2014 Election Fallout:
Implications and Analysis"*

Barry Jackson served as Chief of Staff for Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-West Chester) from 2010 to June 2012 and was Speaker Boehner's first Chief of Staff from 1991 thru 2001. During that time, Barry was also Executive Director of the House Republican Conference during Speaker Boehner's tenure as Chairman from 1995 until 1999. Barry served from 2001 to 2009 in the White House of President George W. Bush as the first director of the newly created Office of Strategic Initiatives. Barry completed his service to the White House as Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs. In this role, he managed the White House offices of Political Affairs, Public Liaison, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Strategic Initiatives. Born in Washington, DC and raised in Ohio, Barry graduated from the University of Iowa's School of Journalism and Mass Communications.



Mary Massaron

LCJ Vice President, Partner, Plunkett Cooney P.C.
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Moderator: Deconstructing the Class Action

Mary Massaron is a former law clerk to Associate Justice Patricia J. Boyle of the Michigan Supreme Court and has handled or supervised the handling of over 400 appeals resulting in approximately 50 published opinions. She is a Past President of DRI, Chair of the LCJ Class Action Committee and is also a member of the American Law Institute. Ms. Massaron has been inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, chaired the Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan and is a past chair of the DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee. She co-chairs the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation, an organization of Michigan appellate judges and lawyers. She served as chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs, the five-member committee that oversees preparation of ABA briefs for filing in the United States Supreme Court and other courts, and she chaired the ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers, a division of the Appellate Judges Conference.



Frank L. Steeves

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
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General Counsel Roundtable Panel

Frank L. Steeves is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Emerson Electric Co. He is responsible for Emerson's 275 person law department, and for all legal matters arising from Emerson's 130,000 employees and its operations in 150 countries. He also is responsible for Emerson's Global Security program and is Chair of the Company's Ethics Committee.

Frank is a graduate of Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee. He joined Emerson in March of 2007 from the Milwaukee law firm of von Briesen and Roper, where he was Chairman of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. While in private practice before joining Emerson, he was a trial and appellate attorney representing Emerson and many other United States manufacturers on a range of legal issues.



Michael H. Ullmann

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Michael H. Ullmann is Vice President and General Counsel of Johnson & Johnson and a member of the Executive Committee and Management Committee. Prior to his assuming his current position in January 2012, he served as General Counsel of Johnson & Johnson's Worldwide Medical Devices & Diagnostics Group for six years. Mike joined Johnson & Johnson as a mergers and acquisitions attorney in 1989. He served as Corporate Secretary of Johnson & Johnson from 1999 to 2006. During that time he also held various management positions in the Law Department. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson, Mike practiced law in New York City. He graduated magna cum laude from Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences, and earned his law degree from Columbia University School of Law.



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Speaker Biographies



The Honorable Robert M. Dow Jr.

Northern District of Illinois, Member, U.S. Judicial Conference, Chair of the Rule 23 Subcommittee

Topic: "Setting the Agenda: Possible Topics for Rule 23 Reform"

Robert M. Dow, Jr. has served as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois since December 2007. He serves on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules and as the Chair of its Rule 23 Subcommittee. He previously served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Dow was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Mayer Brown LLP and a law clerk to the Honorable Joel M. Flaum of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Judge Dow received his B.A. summa cum laude in History and Political Science from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He attended the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and earned Masters and Doctorate degrees in International Relations. He received his law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School.



Page C. Faulk

Vice President, Legal Reform Initiatives
U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR)

Topic: "Third Party Litigation Financing: A Proposed Amendment to the FRCP"

Page C. Faulk is currently vice president, legal reform initiatives for the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR). In this capacity, she provides strategy, advocacy, and policy guidance on key state, federal, and international issues, including managing ILR's state attorneys general and transnational litigation programs. Ms. Faulk joined ILR from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, where she served in various roles, most notably as general counsel. Her accomplishments included promulgation of the agency's first major rule and implementation of the largest ever consumer product recall. She also spent several years on Capitol Hill, where she served as a senior adviser to U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. She also practiced law with the firm of Ungaretti & Harris. She received her Juris Doctor from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law.



Craig M. Halseth

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Ford Motor Company
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Topic: "No Issue Classes"

Craig Halseth has served as Litigation Counsel for Ford Motor Company since 2004. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1996, and a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School in 1999. Mr. Halseth started his career litigating antitrust class actions at Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn in Detroit, Michigan. Since joining Ford, he has handled class actions, commercial, dealer, warranty, mass tort, and other complex litigation. Mr. Halseth is currently responsible for handling class action litigation in the United States, while assisting in the management of class actions globally.



Molly Craig

LCJ Board Member, Partner, Hood Law Firm
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Moderator: General Counsel Roundtable Panel

Molly H. Craig is a partner at Hood Law Firm, LLC in Charleston, South Carolina where she and her firm of twenty-five lawyers focus exclusively on litigation. Ms. Craig's trial practice is primarily focused on products liability, professional liability, pharmaceutical/medical device, medical negligence/malpractice, and employment litigation. Ms. Craig is the Immediate Past-President of the International Association of Defense Counsel, Past President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, current Board member of DRI and of LCJ. She is also a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, and the Attorneys Committee for the National Center of State Courts. Ms. Craig has been recognized for inclusion in Chambers USA, listed in Best Lawyers in America and selected as one of South Carolina's Top 25 Super Lawyers.



Michael D. Fricklas

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Viacom

General Counsel Roundtable Panel

Michael D. Fricklas has served in senior management of Viacom's legal department since 1993; since 1998 he has been General Counsel and Secretary, Viacom's most senior legal position. Mr. Fricklas is responsible for the legal affairs of Viacom, home to the world's premier entertainment brands across television, motion pictures, online and on mobile platforms. Viacom's iconic brands include MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, BET, Comedy Central, Spike, TV Land, CMT, Paramount Pictures and many others. At Viacom, Mr. Fricklas plays an integral role in guiding complex transactions and resolving disputes, in coordinating the company's legal and business affairs activities, in corporate governance and in leading Viacom's Law Department. Mr. Fricklas received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Colorado's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 1981 and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Boston University School of Law in 1984.



Professor Laura J. Hines

Professor of Law
University of Kansas

Topic: "Reconsidering the Issue Class Action"

Laura Hines teaches civil procedure, complex litigation, and remedies at the University of Kansas School of Law. Professor Hines has consulted and testified as an expert witness in several class actions. Her scholarship examines the intersection of civil procedure and tort law, with a focus on aggregate litigation. Her articles have appeared in the George Washington Law Review, the Emory Law Journal, the Wake Forest Law Review, the Indiana Law Journal, and other leading publications.