



2025 FALL CONFERENCE
Middle Atlantic Chapter
Society for Corporate Governance

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025

Location:

The Offices of Morrison & Foerster LLP
2100 L Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20037

Noon - 12:50 p.m. **Registration & Networking Lunch**

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome & Update on Society Programming**
Shannon VanVleet Patterson, Counsel, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP
Paul Washington, President and CEO, Society for Corporate Governance

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. **Lightning Round: Hot Topics for Corporate Secretaries**
Henrique Canarim, VP, Senior Assistant General Counsel, and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Leidos
Lubna Malik, Executive Lead Counsel, Securities, Finance & Governance, General Motors
Jacob Bernstein, Deputy General Counsel & Secretary, Booz Allen Hamilton

- Board materials
- Director search practices
- Board oversight of geopolitical risks
- Board evaluations: pros/cons of engaging a third-party facilitator
- Sustainability reporting amidst conflicting policy mandates
- DEI-related disclosure trends
- Removing ESG metrics in compensation design
- The end of quarterly reporting?
- Changes to investor engagement after Schedule 13D/G guidance
- Retail voting programs

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Transforming Legal Governance: AI Adoption in Corporate Legal Departments**

Kira Ciccarelli, Senior Manager of Research & Programs, Diligent Institute
Jennifer Thomas, Director, Associate General Counsel, Employment, Privacy & Cybersecurity, Booz Allen Hamilton
Jeffrey Iredell, Director, CT Corporation System

- AI's evolution in Corporate Legal Departments

- Strategic Adoption of AI in Legal Departments
- AI in Entity Management
- Board Management and AI: Enhancing Oversight
- Questions and Discussion

3:15 – **Networking Break**
3:30 p.m.

3:30 – **Planning for the 2026 Proxy Season (and Beyond)**
4:30 p.m.

Arden T. Phillips, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Constellation Energy

Meighan McGowan, Head of Business Development, Georgeson

Ryan Adams, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

- Voting trends at 2025 annual shareholder meetings
- Changes to investor engagement
- SEC rulemaking priorities, including:
 - Shareholder proposal modernization
 - Execution compensation disclosure
 - Other “rationalization” of disclosure practices
- Trends in hedge fund activism
- Looking ahead to 2026 AGMs

5:00 – **Complementary Happy Hour**
6:00 p.m. (*The offices of Morrison & Foerster LLP*)

6:00 p.m. – **Optional Dinner**
8:00 p.m. (*Ristorante i Ricchi, 1220 19th Street NW*)

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