

# 2022 CORPORATE COUNSEL TRAINING ACADEMY SPEAKERS



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Prior to Continental, Ms. Egner practiced civil litigation at Thornton, Davis & Fein, P.A. n/k/a Clyde & Co. in Miami, Florida. She defended clients in product liability cases, including tire defects, pharmaceuticals, construction defects, and aviation matters. Prior to, she represented injured plaintiffs at Feldman & Getz in personal injury, medical malpractice, and securities arbitration and litigation cases.

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The *Legal 500* ranked him as one of the top 100 rising stars amongst the nation's corporate counsel. Mr. Vance graduated from the City of Birmingham's Project Corporate Leadership in 2013. He is also a 2006 graduate of the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum. From 2010-2017, he served as a member of the Alabama State Bar's Board of Bar Examiners and is active in both state and local bar organizations. In 2010, the *Birmingham Business Journal* designated him as one of Birmingham's Top 40 Under 40.

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