



2025 IADC LEADERSHIP FORUM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

12:15 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

THE TIP OFF: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Amy M. Stewart, *Program Chair, Stewart Law Group, Dallas, TX USA*

Donna Lamontagne, *IADC President, Lamontagne, Spaulding & Hayes, LLP, Cranston, RI USA*

12:25 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat with Lanesha Minnix

Presenter: Lanesha Minnix, *Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Walgreens, Chicago, IL USA*

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

TIME OUT: REFRESHMENT BREAK

1:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. **(60 General Minutes)**

Career Growth Through Challenges and Obstacles

This practical program will provide stories from IADC members about how they have overcome obstacles in their practice, for example, dealing with demanding clients, difficult opposing counsel, business leaders within their corporations, or transitioning into a second career. In sum, if you have the proper mindset, obstacles can be opportunities to thrive in your profession.

Moderator: Thomas W. "Trea" Southerland, III, *Federal Express Corporation, Memphis, TN USA*

Presenters: Veronica M. Lei, *Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN USA*; Michele Smith, *MehaffyWeber, Houston, TX USA*; Andrew Wallace, *NTE Mobility Partners LLC, Dallas, TX USA*

2:10 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

TIME OUT: REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. **(60 General Minutes)**

Creating a Win-Win Partnership Between Inside and Outside Counsel

Whether in-house counsel is new to the job or just new to the company, outside counsel can often assist that transition based on his or her own institutional knowledge of the client. By providing useful information about the company's products or business, litigation history, governing regulations, or internal resources, mentoring newer in-house counsel strengthens personal and client relationships. This program will present practical information and tips that outside counsel can provide to new in-house counsel, including a workshop to suggest best practices for real-world scenarios.

Moderator: Christopher C. Lam, *Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Charlotte, NC USA*

Presenters: Elizabeth Sorenson Brotten, *Foley & Mansfield, PLLP, Minneapolis, MN USA*; Nicole M. Brunson, *A.O. Smith Corporation, Milwaukee, WI USA*; Charles Price, *Eaton, Cleveland, OH USA*

3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TIME OUT: REFRESHMENT BREAK



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3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. (55 General Minutes)

Harnessing AI and Technology in the Legal Profession: Enhancing Efficiency, Practical Solutions, and Collaboration

Join a distinguished panel of attorneys for a lively discussion on the use of AI and technology in legal practice and a real-time demonstration of several tools. Gain insights into practical solutions for responsibly utilizing AI and other technology tools to enhance efficiency, positively influence litigation and dispute resolution, and navigate ethical and compliance challenges. This session is essential for legal professionals seeking to judiciously integrate technology.

Presenters: **Xiao Chang**, *Cisco Systems, Inc., Dallas-Fort Worth, TX USA*; **Jennifer L. Greenblatt**, *Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP, Chicago, IL/Dallas, TX USA*; **Aldos L. Vance**, *Vance Dispute Resolution, PC, Vestavia, AL USA*

4:25 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Leading with Strengths: Unlocking Your Full Potential

This guided program will be led by Executive Coach Scott Minnix who has a wealth of experience assisting attorneys in determining their career path. Using the attendees' Gallup Clifton Strength Finders Test scores in smaller breakout groups, Scott will coach us up on how we should lean into our strengths instead of always working on our weaknesses.

Presenter: **Scott Minnix**, *The SDM III Group, Chicago, IL USA*

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION