

LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Abercrombie & Fitch and Littler Mendelson, P.C.*

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 | 12:00 pm ET

Hosted at Abercrombie & Fitch Co., 4501 Fitch Path, New Albany, OH

Speakers:

Robert “Bob” Bostrom, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

Thomas “Tom” Bender, Co-President & Co-Managing Director, Littler Mendelson, P.C.

Agenda:

- 12:00 - 12:30 pm Fellows Networking
- 12:30 - 12:45 pm Introductions
- 12:45 - 2:00 pm Discussion and Q&A
- 2:00 pm Tour of Abercrombie & Fitch Campus (Optional)



TOM BENDER is Littler’s Co-President and Co-Managing Director, responsible for the overall strategic direction of the firm’s U.S. and global offices. He handles the day-to-day administration and management of the firm. Since his election in 2012, Littler has grown to more than 1,300 attorneys and expanded its global operations with offices in 17 countries spanning three continents. Bender also serves on Littler’s Board of Directors and on the Littler Global board. He has been an instrumental

part of firm management for nearly 20 years. Under his leadership, the firm has continued to be recognized as a leader in innovation earning a top ten spot on the *Financial Times’* 2017 North America Innovative Lawyers Report. He has also been instrumental in advancing the firm’s diversity and inclusion efforts with Littler continuing to receive significant recognition by the media, legal industry, and clients. He was a founding member of its Philadelphia office where he held the position of office managing shareholder for nine years.

A Chambers-ranked attorney, Bender has more than three decades of experience representing clients in labor relations matters. Prior to his election as Co-President and Co-Managing Director, Bender’s practice focused on collective bargaining negotiations, arbitrations, organizing drives, and unfair labor practice proceedings. He has also represented clients in ERISA and other benefit plan litigation arising from collectively bargained pension and health and welfare plans. Bender has handled a wide variety of claims before the National Labor Relations Board, and federal and state courts, with particular expertise in The National Labor Relations Act, The Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and the Labor Management Relations Act. He has represented clients in a broad range of industries including transportation, truck manufacturing, health care, energy, waste management, and hospitality.

Bender regularly provides commentary in the business and legal media on firm management and legal industry issues and trends.



BOB BOSTROM is Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Abercrombie & Fitch. Bostrom has global oversight and management responsibility for all legal, compliance, ethics, regulatory, and corporate governance matters, and the corporate secretary function. Abercrombie & Fitch Co. is a global specialty retailer of high-quality, casual apparel for men, women, and kids under the Abercrombie & Fitch, abercrombie, and Hollister Co. brands. The company operates stores in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The company also operates e-commerce websites.

Bostrom is also a member of the Board of Directors of NeuLion, Inc. (TSX:NLN) a technology product service provider that specializes in the digital video broadcasting, distribution, and monetization of live and on-demand content to Internet-enabled devices, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

He served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Freddie Mac from February 2006 to July 2011, before, during, and after the Conservatorship. He had oversight and management responsibility for all legal and regulatory strategies, services, resources, and corporate governance matters. Bostrom oversaw Freddie Mac's response to multiple inquiries and investigations initiated by Congressional committees, the SEC, and other Federal regulators, as well as to multiple securities class and derivative actions. Bostrom played a pivotal role during the financial crisis and recovery directing Freddie Mac's legal strategy through the Conservatorship, investigations, enforcement actions, and litigation.

Bostrom joined Abercrombie & Fitch from Greenberg Traurig where he was co-chairman of the Financial Regulatory and Compliance Group and previously was with SNR Denton where he was co-head of the Global Financial Institutions and Funds Sector.

Bostrom was selected by *The National Law Journal* as among Washington's most influential in-house counsel in 2011, was the recipient of the 2016 New York Stock Exchange Governance Series Distinguished General Counsel Award, and the recipient of the General Counsel of the Year Award by the International Law Office and the Association of Corporate Counsel in 2015. Freddie Mac was recognized by *Corporate Counsel* magazine, as among the Best Legal Departments in 2011, and received the MCCA Employer of Choice Award in 2008. He is also a Fellow in The American College of Governance Counsel, Member of the Georgetown Corporate Counsel Institute Advisory Board, a 2017 NACD Board Leadership Fellow, and a Vice-Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee of the ABA Business Law Section.

Prior to his work with Freddie Mac, Bostrom served as the managing partner of the New York office of Winston & Strawn LLP, where he was a member of the Firm's Executive Committee and head of its Financial Institutions Group.

Prior to that, Bostrom served as executive vice president of Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance, and general counsel of National Westminster Bancorp from 1992 to 1996. In his role at NatWest, he was the executive officer responsible for corporate governance, legal, regulatory, and compliance affairs, including regulatory examinations and supervisory relationships. He was a member of the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, the Management Committee, and the Risk Policy Committee. Bostrom served on the Board of Directors of NatWest Bank (Delaware) and Coutts International. He was also a member of the NatWest Plc Global Compliance Committee.