

# LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *BASF Corporation & DLA Piper*

Thursday, September 7, 2017

12:00 pm ET

DLA Piper

New York, NY

## Speakers:

Matthew Lepore, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Compliance Officer, BASF Corporation  
Stasia Kelly, Co-Managing Partner (Americas), DLA Piper; Secretary, LCLD Board of Directors

## Agenda:

12:00 - 12:30 pm	Fellows Networking
12:30 - 12:45 pm	Introductions
12:45 - 2:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A



**MATTHEW LEPORE** was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Compliance Officer, BASF Corporation, in January 2014.

In this position, Lepore has overall responsibility for BASF's legal and governmental affairs in the North American business region. Additionally, he serves as BASF Corporation's Chief Compliance Officer and chairs the company's Compliance Oversight Committee. Lepore also serves as a member of the North American Executive Committee, as well as on the BASF Global Leadership Team, ZR (Legal, Taxes, Insurance, and Intellectual Property).

Prior to joining BASF, Lepore served as corporate secretary and chief governance counsel at Pfizer, Inc., New York, NY. In this role, he worked with Pfizer's Board of Directors and led the company's Corporate Governance Department, overseeing corporate disclosure, shareholder services/engagement, corporate policies and procedures, and Pfizer's many subsidiaries. Lepore also served in other important capacities as a member of the Legal Division's Executive Team.

Prior to his position with Pfizer, Lepore was a partner with DLA Piper US, LLP in Washington, D.C., and he also has served as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, representing the Executive Branch of Government in a variety of constitutional challenges to executive decision making.



**STASIA KELLY** has extensive experience as both outside counsel and as a general counsel and brings these perspectives to her practice, working closely with boards of directors, general counsel, and in-house legal teams, helping clients design and implement effective governance and compliance programs. Kelly also advises boards and executives on crisis management.

Kelly is the Co-Managing Partner (Americas) of DLA Piper and co-chairs the Global Governance and Compliance practice. She is also a member of the firm's Global Board and Executive Committee.

Firmly committed to helping advance women at DLA Piper, Kelly is a mentor to a number of the women lawyers and is on the leadership committee of the firm's Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW), which is committed to the hiring, development, and advancement of women lawyers.

Kelly sits on the Board of Directors of two public companies. At Owens-Illinois, the world's largest manufacturer of glass packaging, she chairs the Risk Committee and is a member of the Governance and Nominating Committee. At Huntington-Ingalls Industries, which designs, builds, and maintains nuclear and non-nuclear ships for the US Navy and Coast Guard, Kelly chairs the Governance and Policy Committee.

Kelly has been honored with many awards that underscore her contributions to the legal profession. In 2014, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession honored Kelly with the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award for her many career successes and her extensive involvement in assisting other women to succeed in the field of law. Also in 2014, the *National Law Journal* named Kelly to its list of "Trailblazers & Pioneers," recognizing the top 50 legal professionals in the areas of governance, risk, and compliance. The NLJ particularly cited Kelly's 15-year career as a general counsel, during which she developed governance and compliance teams for four leading public companies, and noted her leading role in launching DLA Piper's Global Governance and Compliance practice.

And *Lawdragon* magazine named Kelly to its 2014 *Lawdragon* 500, noting that "with 15 years under her belt as a general counsel for four different public companies, Kelly now chairs DLA Piper's esteemed governance practice, while also co-running the megafirm's US operations."

Each year, *Inside Counsel* presents the Anastasia D. Kelly Transformative Leadership Award to a general counsel who has sustained a commitment to accelerate the ascendancy of women lawyers to senior leadership roles in the law department and beyond. In 2015, Kelly was named one of the Washington, D.C. *Super Lawyers*.

Kelly is a frequent speaker at conferences and events around the world and has previously co-taught "The Role of the Modern General Counsel" course at Stanford Law School. Kelly sits on the board of the Washington Lawyers Committee, the George Washington University Cardiovascular Institute, and the George Washington University Law School's Center for Business and Finance Law Board. She is past chair of Equal Justice Works and has been a director of Trinity University in Washington, D.C.

She is a member of the Texas and Washington, D.C. bar associations and is a member of the Fellows of the ABA Foundation.

Kelly received her undergraduate degree in English, *cum laude*, from Trinity University and her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from George Washington University Law School, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and the *George Washington University Law Review*.

Kelly is a member of DLA Piper's North American Pro Bono Committee.