

LCLD Fellows Coast-to-Coast Leadership Event: Boston, MA General Electric Company + Holland & Knight LLP

Friday, November 17, 2017

12:30 - 2:30 pm ET

General Electric Company

33-41 Farnsworth Street

Boston, MA 02210

Hosts:

Alex Dimitrief, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, General Electric Company; LCLD Member
Steven Wright, Executive Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, Boston Office

Agenda:

12:30 - 1:00 pm Fellows Networking

1:00 - 2:30 pm Introductions & Discussion



ALEX DIMITRIEF was named Senior Vice President & General Counsel of GE on November 1, 2015. He oversees a global team of professionals who are responsible for GE's legal matters, compliance, governmental affairs, and environmental health and safety in the 180+ countries where GE does business. Dimitrief serves on GE's Corporate Executive Council and chairs GE's Policy Compliance Review Board.

Dimitrief joined GE in February 2007 as vice president for Litigation & Legal Policy.

He was responsible for litigation and enforcement proceedings against GE and its business segments around the globe.

Dimitrief was promoted to vice president and general counsel of GE Energy in November 2011. He oversaw the Legal and Compliance functions for GE's Power & Water, Oil & Gas, and Energy Management businesses, which employ more than 100,000 people and produce products ranging from gas turbines, compressors, and pipeline and drilling solutions to grid management, power conversion, and flow technologies.

Dimitrief was named senior vice president and general counsel of GE Capital in November 2012. At that time, GE Capital provided financial products and services to businesses and consumers globally, employed more than 47,000 people in 50+ countries, and held over \$500 billion in assets. Dimitrief played an integral role in GE's transformation and reorganization of its financial services businesses in 2015.

Dimitrief came to GE from Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he had been a trial lawyer in the firm's Chicago and New York offices since 1986. His practice spanned numerous industries and subject areas, including securities class actions and regulation, complex commercial disputes, intellectual property, mass tort and product liability claims, environmental matters, and bankruptcy litigation.

Dimitrief was a White House Fellow in the Reagan Administration's Office of Political and Intergovernmental Affairs and an Honors Intern at the Department of Justice. He graduated from Yale College with a B.A. in economics & political science and earned his J.D. at Harvard Law School, where he was the managing editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

Dimitrief and his wife Jill have three children and actively support numerous charitable organizations. He presently serves on the boards of Ronald McDonald House Charities and the New England Council.



STEVEN WRIGHT is the Executive Partner managing Holland & Knight's Boston office and a member of the firm's Director's Committee. In his practice, Wright serves as lead counsel and strategic advisor for several Fortune 500 companies, where he represents senior in-house counsel and corporate executives in complex commercial, corporate, intellectual property, litigation, investigation, and regulatory matters.

Wright served as deputy counsel to the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York where he resolved legal and policy issues for the mayor and his executive cabinet. He was also general counsel to New York City's Public Advocate, which is responsible for auditing the city budget, and serves as a "watch dog" over policies and the operations of New York City government.

Wright was deputy chief of the Civil Litigation Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Attorney General and chief of its Trial Division. In addition to managing its legal staff, he provided strategic representation to Massachusetts state agencies on litigation, regulatory and compliance matters, and successfully tried several cases to verdict.

He served as faculty of Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop and as a lecturer at Northeastern University. Wright has lectured at educational seminars for the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Massachusetts Bar Association, National Bar Association, Charting Your Own Course Foundation, and the Massachusetts Federal District Court Committee on Judicial Education. He was also a law clerk for the Massachusetts Superior Court Justices.

He is a Director of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Executive Committee. Wright was a member of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Professional Ethics.

He is named in *Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation, and a *Super Lawyer* for Business and Corporate. He is a member of the Massachusetts Business Court Advisory Committee and the Boston Federal Reserve's external Diversity Committee. He was also named one of the 50 Most Influential Bostonians by the *Boston Business Journal*.

He graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. in business administration and earned his J.D. at Boston College Law School.

Additional Hosts: Chicago, IL

Tom LaFrance, General Counsel, GE Transportation
Terrance Truax, Managing Partner, Jenner & Block; LCLD Member



TOM LaFRANCE is the General Counsel for GE Transportation. In this role, he leads a global team providing legal, compliance, regulatory, government, and enterprise risk advice to the business and serves on the senior executive staff of the business.

He previously served as vice president and general counsel for United Technologies Corporation's Global Security Products business, where he was responsible for leading a global legal team while integrating the GE Security business into UTC. Prior to this role, he served as senior executive, general counsel for GE Security, as well as senior counsel of Litigation and Compliance for GE Industrial Systems, and subsequently senior counsel of Litigation and Compliance for GE Infrastructure.

Prior to GE, he was in private practice in Boston for 12 years, where he was a partner in the litigation department at Goodwin Procter and specialized in intellectual property, trade regulation, product liability, environmental, and commercial matters. He was appointed as a special assistant attorney general of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in connection with certain election law and redistricting matters.

LaFrance graduated from Boston College with a bachelor's degree in economics, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University.



TERRENCE TRUAX is the Managing Partner of Jenner & Block. As a litigator, Truax's practice encompasses complex intellectual property, antitrust, and commercial litigation matters. In those fields, he has counseled blue chip and emerging companies on some of the most significant matters in the United States, Asia, and Europe. Before being elected managing partner in May 2014, Truax served as co-chair of the firm's Patent Litigation and Counseling Practice.

In addition to his duties at Jenner & Block, Truax is active in the Chicago community. He serves as a trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and chairs the board of Breakthrough Urban Ministries, a nonprofit that provides overnight housing, jobs assistance, youth development, and fresh food programming. Truax is a past board member of the Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, and has previously served for many years as a director and Advisory Board member of Cabrini Green Legal Aid.

Additional Hosts: San Ramon, CA

Katherine Butler, General Counsel, GE Digital
Andrew Giacomini, Managing Partner, Hanson Bridgett LLP; LCLD Board Member



KATHERINE BUTLER brings more than twenty years of experience in the computer software, hardware, and services sectors. She currently is the General Counsel at GE Digital located in San Ramon, California.

Prior to rejoining General Electric, Butler was the senior vice president and chief administrative officer of NComputing, a Silicon Valley start-up offering a disruptive end-to-end hardware and software virtualization solution.

Before relocating to Silicon Valley, she was Software AG Inc.'s senior vice president and general counsel. At both NComputing and Software AG, she managed the Legal department and also led the Government Affairs, Finance, and Human Resources functions. Prior to joining Software AG, Butler served as senior counsel with General Electric Company's computing and information services business unit. Butler earned an L.L.M. from Boston University, a J.D. from Suffolk University, and a B.A. from Smith College.



ANDREW GIACOMINI has been Hanson Bridgett's Managing Partner for more than 15 years. Under his leadership, Hanson Bridgett has become one of the top 10 firms in Northern California, recently expanding with a Los Angeles office in the heart of downtown. Giacomini leads by example, fostering an inclusive space, enabling others to be innovative, and encouraging people to exercise their creativity for the greater good of their clients and their community. Through innovative practice management, rethinking and redesigning office space, actively hiring diverse employees, and community service efforts, Giacomini has shaped Hanson Bridgett into a robust firm of attorneys and business professionals who consistently meet the needs of the legal community and society.

Giacomini is a market leading, first chair trial lawyer, with particular expertise in construction. He has continued as lead trial counsel on large, complex matters, while leading the firm founded 60 years ago, into one of the 50 Best Places to Work in the Greater Bay Area, 10 years in a row.

Giacomini believes in giving back and has had the privilege of serving in leadership positions on several nonprofit boards in Marin and beyond. He has enjoyed working with others in the community on many important grassroots projects and causes. One of these projects in particular, is the Marin Community Foundation board. This foundation is dedicated to creating equal opportunity for every resident of Marin focusing on: education, health, economic opportunity, and environment.

Giacomini is a board member of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, the Buck Family Fund of the Marin Community Foundation, and the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. He is a past president of Legal Aid of Marin and a member of the Executive Committee for the North Bay Leadership Council. Giacomini is also holds positions in the Bay Area Council including Secretary of the Executive Committee, member of the Government Relations Committee, and Co-Chair of the China Committee.