

# LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Baker & McKenzie and Morton Salt*

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12:00 pm ET

Baker & McKenzie LLP

Chicago, IL

## Speakers:

Michael S. Smith, Managing Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP Chicago Office  
Chad E. Walker, Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Morton Salt, Inc.

## Agenda:

12:00 - 12:30 pm	Fellows Networking
12:30 - 12:45 pm	Introductions
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Discussion and Q&A



**MICHAEL SMITH** practices primarily in the areas of finance, real estate, and infrastructure. He serves as the managing partner of Baker McKenzie's Chicago office and as the North America member of the Global Real Estate Steering Committee. Smith has an AV Peer Review Rating – the highest rating evidencing height of professional excellence – by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell and is recommended by the 2016 edition of *Legal 500* in both the areas of Infrastructure and Real Estate.

Smith's practice concentrates on real assets in domestic and international transactions. He regularly advises clients on all aspects of commercial real estate development, leasing, construction, property management, acquisitions, dispositions, and structured finance. Particular areas of focus include public private partnerships for social and transportation infrastructure and global corporate real estate services.

Smith also serves as the General Counsel for USO of Illinois, Inc., and is admitted to practice in Illinois. He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law and was a member of the Order of the Coif. He earned his B.A. in economics and political science, *cum laude*, from Boston College.



**CHAD WALKER** joined Morton Salt, Inc., in May 2015 as Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary. In this role, he serves as chief legal counsel responsible for leading Morton Salt's Legal function across all businesses and operations in the U.S., Canada, and the Bahamas. He also serves as Chief Compliance Officer for Morton Salt, Inc. In addition to all of Morton's legal matters and compliance function, Walker is also responsible for corporate office services, government relations,

and real estate.

Walker joined Morton Salt from McDonald's Corporation, where he most recently served as assistant U.S. general counsel. In this role, he oversaw the negotiation of leases and the acquisition of real estate for the construction and rebuilding of new McDonald's restaurants across the U.S. He also served as primary counsel to regional leadership for all legal matters relating to franchising, operations, real estate development, compliance, contracts, and many other areas that impact the McDonald's business.

His career with McDonald's Corporation spanned nearly a decade and included various roles of increasing responsibility across the Legal function from 2006-2015. Prior to joining McDonald's Corporation, he was deputy general counsel for the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services from 2003-2006. Walker's professional career began as a corporate attorney with the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr and subsequently Michael Best & Friedrich.

Walker holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville, where he was a member of the Cardinals football team.

Over the years, Walker has been actively involved in the community as a mentor and board member in various civic, cultural, and non-profit organizations. In 2008, he was selected as a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and was also selected as a Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow in 2012.