

LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *The Coca-Cola Company and Littler Mendelson, P.C.*

Monday, November 3, 2014, 11:00 am EST
Hosted by The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA

Speakers:

Bernhard Goepelt, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Legal Counsel,
The Coca-Cola Company

Thomas Bender, Co-President and Co-Managing Director, Littler Mendelson, P.C.

Agenda:

11:00 - 11:30 am	Fellows Networking
11:30 - 11:45 am	Introductions
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A



BERNHARD GOEPELT, 52, is Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Legal Counsel of The Coca-Cola Company. He joined the company in 1992 as Legal Counsel for the German Division.

In 1997, Goepelt was appointed Legal Counsel for the Middle and Far East Group and in 1999 he was appointed Division Counsel, Southeast and West Asia Division, based in Thailand. In 2003, Goepelt was appointed Group Counsel for the Central Europe, Eurasia, and Middle East Group. In 2005, he assumed the position of General Counsel for Japan and China and in 2007, Goepelt was appointed General Counsel, Pacific Group. In April 2010, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to become Associate General Counsel, Global Marketing, Commercial Leadership & Strategy. In September 2010, Goepelt took on the additional responsibility of General Counsel for the Pacific Group. In addition to his functional responsibilities, he also managed the administration of the Legal Division.

Goepelt was elected Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief Legal Counsel of the company in December 2011.



THOMAS BENDER is currently Littler's Co-President and Co-Managing Director, responsible for the overall strategic direction of the firm's U.S. and global offices. Additionally, he handles the day-to-day administration and management of the firm. Since his election in 2012, Littler has grown to more than 1,000 attorneys and expanded its global operations throughout Central and Latin America. 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 more than 13 years. 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 has provided commentary in the business and legal media on firm management and legal industry issues and trends.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Member, Philadelphia Bar Association
- Member, Board of Directors - YMCA of Philadelphia and Vicinity (Board Chair), 2010-2012

Recognition

- Named, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2013-2015
- Named, America's Leading Lawyers for Business - *Chambers USA*, 2012-2014
- Awarded, Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rating

Education

- J.D., Catholic University of America, 1977
- B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1970

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia