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LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Comcast and Stradley Ronon*

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Speakers:

Doug Gaston, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Comcast Cable

Jeff Lutsky, Managing Partner, Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP



DOUGLAS GASTON serves as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Comcast Cable, where he directs a team of attorneys and legal professionals who provide day to day support to the company's operating departments at headquarters and in each of the three divisions. The Cable Law Department provides legal support across a wide range of subjects including, among others, commercial contracts, content acquisition, customer service, litigation, marketing and advertising, patent prosecution, and privacy.

Gaston joined Comcast in 1996 and served in a number of positions of increasing responsibility prior to assuming his current role in 2004. Before joining Comcast, Gaston was an associate in the Business and Finance Department at Morgan Lewis where he worked on mergers and acquisitions, municipal finance, and other corporate transactions. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Jan E. DuBois, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Gaston holds a J.D. from Villanova University Law School, where he served as a staff member on the *Villanova Law Review*. Prior to law school, Gaston worked at what was then Suburban Cable Television in Delaware County, PA, where he was responsible for local origination programming and production. Gaston held a similar position for Harron Cable in Malvern prior to joining WPHL-TV, Philadelphia, as a producer/director.

Gaston is also an adjunct professor of law at Villanova University School of Law and is a member of the school's Board of Consultors. Gaston serves on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, an organization committed to fostering participation of a more diverse group of lawyers in the greater Philadelphia region. He holds a B.A. in Radio, Television, and Film from Temple University. In 2008, he was inducted into the Temple University School of Communications Hall of Fame.



JEFFREY A. LUTSKY has served as Stradley Ronon's Managing Partner since January 2005. In this role, he leads the firm's Strategic Planning Committee and is responsible for articulating and implementing the strategic vision and direction of the firm. Lutsky's principal areas of focus include client service initiatives, supervision of department chairs and practice group leaders, oversight of the firm's regional offices, recruitment of lateral partners and attorney groups, the development of Stradley lawyers and professional staff, technology planning, and diversity initiatives.

Lutsky has substantial trial experience and his practice emphasizes representation of firm clients in significant litigation matters, as opposed to a specific substantive area or industry.

He has litigated a wide range of complex commercial, criminal, and products liability cases. He routinely represents corporate, institutional, and insurance company clients in merger and acquisition disputes; health care disputes; employment disputes; ERISA claims; shareholder, partnership, and derivative claims; class actions; products liability and wrongful death cases; and business torts. He also regularly represents clients, especially in regulated industries, who are targets, subjects, or witnesses in federal grand jury proceedings.

Lutsky has received recognition from several leading trial societies and peer review organizations. He is a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), an honorary society for trial lawyers. LCA Fellows comprise less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers, and are selected based on superior ethical reputation and excellent achievement at the trial and appellate levels. Lutsky is also a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, which admits membership to top jury trial lawyers by invitation only. *Chambers USA* has named Lutsky as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He is also named in the 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011 editions of the *The Best Lawyers in America*. From its inception in 2004 through the present, Lutsky has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by a vote of his peers. He was also recognized as a preeminent AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

Lutsky has tried to judgment, verdict, or award more than 70 trials and arbitrations.

Lutsky was selected by the Philadelphia Commerce Program to serve as a special master in a billion-dollar controversy brought by a trustee in bankruptcy on behalf of thousands of creditors of a bankrupt mortgage-lending firm against its former officers and directors, several Wall Street financial institutions that underwrote its loans and securitizations, and its former accountants and lawyers. Lutsky has acted as a master in other matters in the Commerce Program and also regularly serves as Judge Pro Temp.

In community activities, Lutsky is a member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and is Chair-Elect and a Board member of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA. In 2011 he was honored with the Association's "Volunteer of the Year" award, which recognized Lutsky for his generosity of spirit, hard work, and compassion for others. Lutsky is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Arts & Business Council.

Bar Admissions:

Pennsylvania
Massachusetts

Education:

J.D., Villanova University School of Law, 1982
B.A., University of Massachusetts, 1979

Additional Memberships:

Past Adjunct Faculty, Villanova School of Law
Member, American Inn of Court, Villanova Chapter
Business Litigation Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association
Fellow, American Bar Foundation
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
The Historical Societies of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and of the Federal Circuit
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity