

## LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Microsoft and Perkins Coie*

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### Speakers:

Brad Smith, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation

Fred Rivera, Managing Partner, Seattle Office, Perkins Coie



**BRAD SMITH** is Brad Smith is Microsoft's general counsel and executive vice president, Legal and Corporate Affairs. He leads the company's Legal and Corporate Affairs Group, which has approximately 1,100 employees located in 55 countries, and is responsible for the company's legal work, its intellectual property portfolio and patent licensing business, and its government affairs, public policy and corporate citizenship and philanthropic work. He also serves as Microsoft's corporate secretary and its chief compliance officer. He joined Microsoft in 1993, and before becoming general counsel in 2002 he spent three years leading the LCA team in Europe, then five years serving as the deputy general counsel responsible for LCA's teams outside the United States.

Smith has overseen numerous negotiations leading to competition law and intellectual property agreements with governments around the world and with companies across the IT sector. He has played a leading role within Microsoft and in the IT sector on intellectual property, privacy, immigration, and computer science education policy issues. As the senior executive responsible for ensuring Microsoft fulfills its corporate responsibilities, he has helped the company achieve its consistent ranking in the top 2 percent of the S&P 500 for corporate governance scores. He has played a leadership role locally and nationally on numerous charitable, diversity, business and legal initiatives. He recently was named by the National Law Journal as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the United States.

Smith grew up in Appleton, Wis., where Green Bay seemed like the bigger city next door. He attended Princeton University, where he met his wife, Kathy, and graduated summa cum laude with a concentration in international relations and economics. He earned his J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law and studied international law and economics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to joining Microsoft he was an associate then partner at the Washington, D.C.-based firm of Covington and Burling, where he is still remembered as the first attorney in the long history of the firm to insist (in 1986) on having a personal computer on his desk as a condition for accepting a job offer. He can be followed at <http://twitter.com/#BradSmi>.



**FRED RIVERA** is the Managing Partner of Perkins Coie's 290-attorney Seattle office, and co-chair of the firm's Financial Services Litigation and Investigations practice. Selected for recognition in the 2013 and 2014 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Rivera has over 20 years of experience representing and advising clients in a wide variety of issues involving mortgage banking, consumer and commercial financing, and commercial real estate disputes. Rivera has unique experience handling enforcement matters and inquiries before the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Senate, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other federal and state enforcement agencies, as well as defending class action claims

involving consumer protection enforcement, financial products sales practices, mortgage fraud, fair housing and fair lending, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. From 1993 to 1998, Rivera was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and more recently (2006 - 2008) vice president in charge of internal investigations at Fannie Mae. He is the author of the firm's *Financial Services Litigation and Investigations* blog.

### **Professional Recognition and Leadership**

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2013 - present: Commercial Litigation
- King County Bar Association, Trustee, 2010 - 2012
- Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, 2012
- Western District of Washington Federal Bar Association, Trustee, 2009 - 2011
- William L. Dwyer Inns of Court, 2008 - 2010
- Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 2006
- Latino Bar Association of Washington, President, 2002
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Regional President, 2000 - 2001

### **Community Involvement**

- The Martinez Foundation, Board Member, 2008 - present
- Gonzaga School of Law, Board of Advisors, 2011 - present
- The Rotary Boys and Girls Club, Board Member, 2004 - 2006
- South Puget Sound Fair Housing Center, Board of Directors, 1999 - 2004

### **Related Employment**

- Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C., Vice President, Internal Investigations, 2006 - 2008
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C., Senior Trial Attorney, 1993 - 1998
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Washington, Law Clerk, 1991 - 1993