

LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Quarles & Brady LLP and BakerGilmore*

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12:00 pm ET

Quarles & Brady LLP

Washington, D.C.

Speakers:

Cornell Boggs, Senior Advisor, BakerGilmore; Former EVP and General Counsel, Toys “R” Us;
Former LCLD Board Member

Kimberly Leach Johnson, Partner and Firm Chair, Quarles & Brady LLP

Agenda:

12:00 - 12:30 pm	Fellows Networking
12:30 - 12:45 pm	Introductions
12:45 - 2:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A



CORNELL BOGGS is a Senior Advisor at BakerGilmore. As a recipient of the prestigious 2017 Burton Award, Boggs is a recognized “Legend in Law.” In association with The Library of Congress, and co-sponsored by the American Bar Association, this honor is bestowed on those general counsel who are considered to be the best in the legal profession and have “a demonstrated track record of addressing complex matters.” Not only does this distinction make Boggs part of an elite circle of nationally recognized legal leaders, but it defines the level of excellence he offers to his clients.

An accomplished general counsel and corporate secretary experienced in all aspects of corporate law, Boggs has also held positions as Chief Responsibility and Ethics Officer, and Chief Legal Officer/ Group Vice President, Public Affairs for global corporations. Most recently serving as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Toys “R” Us, he managed the global legal function. Prior to that role, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Dow Corning Corporation, the world’s largest silicone product producer, he led Global Legal, Government Affairs, and Corporate Security, and served as Chief Compliance Officer, while reporting to the Chief Executive Officer. He also has experience in a variety of industries including Miller Coors LLC/Coors Brewing Company; Tyco Plastics & Adhesives, a \$1.74B division of the diversified global company Tyco International Ltd; Intel Corporation; and, early in his career, the Anheuser-Busch and Monsanto Companies.

With his deep corporate background, Boggs is valued by executive management and boards of directors for his astute business insight, vision, global experience, leadership, and commitment to accountability. These skills allow him to assist legal departments in achieving their goals during times of transformation, while helping them formulate plans to optimize their organizations and increase corporate revenue.

A graduate of Valparaiso University and Valparaiso University Law School, Boggs currently serves on the Board of Directors of his alma mater, where he is Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. He is also on the Board of Thrivent Financial, and previously served on the boards of the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Active in many organizations, he served as an Accreditation Site Review team member for the University of San Diego School of Law, Baylor University Law School, and the University of Notre Dame. He is also a Member of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC). Previously he was a member of the American Bar Association's Standards Review Committee for the Accreditation of U.S. Law Schools.

Boggs was named one of the "Most Influential People in Valparaiso University's 150-year History" in 2009. *Savoy* magazine cited him as one of the "Top 100 Influential Blacks in Corporate America" in 2014, and as one of the "Most Influential Black Lawyers in America" in 2015.



KIMBERLY JOHNSON is Firm Chair of Quarles & Brady and presides over the firm's executive committee. As an attorney, she has been practicing trusts & estates law for more than 30 years. She built her practice from the ground up by developing personal and professional relationships. Her stellar work and reputation have earned her an impressive client base and a robust network of referral sources.

From post-mortem tax-mitigation techniques, comprehensive estate planning, which includes understanding the client's wishes and explaining and reducing the tax impact, to carrying out the estate plan after a client's death, Johnson guides her clients and their families through the processes of defining final wishes and seeing them through with confidence, confidentiality, and competence.

Johnson's clients include individuals and institutions alike. Her command of the tax code, coupled with her comprehensive knowledge of both the laws and the personal considerations that affect the transfer of wealth, make her a reliable source of advice and legal representation for high-net-worth persons and families, including those owning private companies.

It takes a long time and a lot of clients to achieve Johnson's level of experience, but the real secret of her success is something much simpler and perhaps rarer: She genuinely cares, and it genuinely shows. She's not just preparing wills, tax returns, and trust documents, she's taking personal care of people who are trying to do what's best for their families and organizations.

Johnson took the helm as Quarles & Brady's Firm Chair in 2013, but unlike most large law firm chairpersons, she declined to give up her practice or her clients — she cares too much to let them go.

Johnson currently serves on the Best Lawyers® Advisory Board, the Anderson University (Indiana) Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation and the Boggy Creek Camp for Seriously Ill Children. She is also the Chair of the Florida Bar Tax Section Committee. Johnson is also a member of the Collier County Bar Association, the American Bar Association Taxation Section, and the Quarles & Brady Diversity Committee. Additionally, she is an Emeritus Trustee of the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Law Center Association.

Johnson has also received numerous professional recognitions. She was named one of the "2017 Women of Initiative" by the Women's Foundation of Collier County. She also received the FCSW Florida

Achievement Award from the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (2015) and was named one of the “Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyers” for 2011, 2012, and 2013. She is also Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Additionally, Johnson was awarded “Lawyer of the Year” by the Collier County Women’s Bar Association for 2011; named to the *Miami Herald* South Florida’s Top Lawyers for 2010, 2011, and 2016; and named to the *Gulfshore Life* Southwest Florida’s Top Lawyers for 2012. Johnson has also been selected for inclusion in the 2007–2016 Florida Super Lawyers® lists (Estate Planning & Probate) and was named a FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager from 2007–2011. In 2014, she was named to WGPU Public Media’s MAKERS: Women Who Make Southwest Florida list, and from 2010–2015, she was named one of *Florida Trend*’s “Florida Legal Elite.” She has also been listed in The Best Lawyers in America® since 2008 for Trusts and Estates.

Johnson earned her LL.M. degree from University of Miami, J.D. from University of Florida Levin College of Law, and a B.S. from Anderson University.