

# LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Quarles & Brady LLP and Thrivent Financial*

Monday, December 12, 2016

12:00 pm CT

Quarles & Brady LLP

Chicago, IL

## **Speakers:**

N. Cornell Boggs, III, Director, Thrivent Financial, and Former Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Dow Corning Corporation  
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 member of the Board of Directors for Thrivent Financial, a Fortune 500 financial services organization. Boggs serves on the Human Resources and Governance Committee, as well as the Thrivent Holdings Operating Unit Committee of the board. Boggs most recently further served as Dow Corning Corporation's last senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary, a role he held from 2012-2016. In this role, Boggs was responsible for leading the company's global legal, corporate security, and government relations functions. Prior to joining Dow Corning, Boggs served as chief responsibility and ethics officer for MillerCoors, LLC.

Boggs served as chief legal officer and group vice president, public affairs, for Coors Brewing Company; and vice president and general counsel for Tyco Plastics and Adhesives, an operating division of Tyco International Ltd. He also worked in the corporate legal departments of Monsanto Company, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., and Intel Corporation.

He began his career as a judicial clerk for the Court of Appeals of Indiana, followed by an appointment in the Attorney General's Honor Program, where he served as a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice.

Boggs is a graduate of Valparaiso University and Valparaiso University School of Law. He serves on the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University, where he is Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee. Past board memberships include the Association of Corporate Counsel and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, as well as the ABA Standards Review Committee for law school accreditation.



**KIMBERLY JOHNSON** presides over the firm’s executive committee and is Firm Chair of Quarles & Brady. As an attorney, she has been practicing trusts & estates law for more than 30 years. She built her practice from the ground up by building personal and professional relationships across Southern Florida until she accumulated not only an impressive client base but a network of referral sources that direct new clients to her due to her stellar work and reputation.

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 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 WGCU 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.