

2019 LCLD Sustainable Partnership Program: Bay Area Session II

Speaker Biographies



Brian Brooks is an LCLD Member and the Chief Legal Officer at Coinbase, having joined the company in 2018. In this role, he has expanded Coinbase’s legal, compliance, and government affairs capabilities as the company makes strides in the cryptocurrency industry.

Brooks was previously general counsel at Fannie Mae, where he was also an active LCLD Member. While at Fannie Mae, he led the creation of LCLD’s Sustainable Partnership Program, a collaborative effort among LCLD Member organizations to help women and minority lawyers develop the self-sustaining practices necessary for equity partnership.

At Fannie Mae, the nation’s largest financial institution, Brooks led the company’s 200-person legal department and government relations group, and acted as a senior advisor to the CEO and Board of Directors. Prior to Fannie Mae, he led the legal department at OneWest Bank, N.A., a regional depository institution that he helped sell to CIT Group. He also played a key role in managing the bank’s senior regulatory relationships.

Brooks joined OneWest in 2011 from O’Melveny & Myers LLP, where he served as managing partner of the firm’s 150-lawyer Washington, D.C. office; chair of the firm’s 40-lawyer national Financial Services Practice Group; and a member of the firm’s three-partner executive committee. At O’Melveny, Brooks was involved in many of the most important financial services policy issues of the past decade, including representing former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other clients before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

Brooks earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School and a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard University.



Michelle Park Chiu is a 2016 LCLD Fellow and Partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in San Francisco, CA. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, representing corporate clients in matters such as civil and criminal antitrust litigation, California’s Unfair Competition Law (UCL) claims, and internal investigations. Chiu represents clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, healthcare, and international technology, in proceedings in both state and federal court, such as multidistrict litigation, class actions, as well as arbitration proceedings. Chiu maintains an active pro bono practice representing clients in immigration proceedings. She successfully defended a detained refugee in removal proceedings, resulting in the complete dismissal of all charges against him and securing lawful permanent resident status for him, as well as obtaining a U-Visa for a victim of criminal activity. Chiu also has assisted clients seeking affirmative asylum, including a successful asylum application on behalf of a client from Syria.

Chiu served as the vice chair of the San Francisco Office's Pro Bono Program from 2012-2013. She currently serves on the San Francisco Office Hiring and Business Development Committees.

Chiu is active in her legal community, and is currently the Board Secretary of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA). She also served as a member of the Embarcadero YMCA's Board of Managers. She earned her J.D. from Duke University School of Law.



Erin Collins is an intellectual property attorney at The Clorox Company. She supports the Cleaning Division and the Professional Products business unit. Her responsibilities include: patent portfolio strategy, patent drafting and prosecution management, freedom to operate opinions, intellectual property training, and assistance with technology partnerships, licensing, and IP litigation support and IP due diligence. She serves on the leadership team for the company's Professional Products business.

Prior to joining Clorox, Collins worked as a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. During her time at the USPTO, she worked in the Chemical Technology Center. After working at the USPTO, Collins spent a couple of years in the patent prosecution group with Carr & Ferrell in Palo Alto. While she was working at Carr & Ferrell, she attended law school and became a registered patent agent.

She received a J.D. from Santa Clara University, and a B.A. in chemistry and political science from Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Connecticut.

Collins participated in the LCLD Pathfinder Program and is an avid supporter for the promotion of diversity within the legal profession. Collins enjoys working on pro bono programs and community service activities, including with the SF Opera and Ballet, Family Violence Law Center, Clean Slate, and the Safe Surrender Program with East Bay Children's Law Offices.



Mark W. Danis is Vice President - Deputy General Counsel of The Clorox Company. His responsibilities include the management and oversight of global litigation, regulatory, marketing, advertising, and cyber security. He serves on the leadership teams for the company's Specialty Division and the Legal Services department.

Prior to joining Clorox, Danis practiced for 25 years as a litigator with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco. He founded the firm's San Diego office, and also practiced for four years in Tokyo, Japan. He served as a managing partner of operations, overseeing business operations across the firm's 17 offices. His trial, international arbitration, and appellate experience included matters involving patents, trade secrets, antitrust, license disputes, and other complex litigation.

He received his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and B.A. in philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley. Following law school, Danis clerked for Judge Lawrence W. Pierce on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Danis is a past editor-in-chief of *The California International Law Journal*, and has a long-term commitment to pro bono and community service activities. He currently serves on the board of the Family Violence Law Center and is a co-leader of the San Quentin prison tennis program.



Arturo González is a trial lawyer. He is Chair of Morrison & Foerster’s Commercial Litigation and Trial Practice Group and past co-chair of MoFo’s Litigation Department. He is a Fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and an associate with the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judges have praised his trial skills, with one writing that his “trial advocacy skills were superior” and another describing his trial skills as

“phenomenal.”

González was MoFo’s lead trial counsel for Uber in the high profile *Waymo v. Uber* litigation regarding the future of autonomous vehicles. In addition, he has successfully defended three other trials where plaintiffs sought more than \$1 billion in damages, including a trade secrets case on behalf of Cypress Semiconductor and winning a class action trial for Bank of America. His third billion-dollar trial victory was a defense verdict for a Director of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum sued for fraud by the Oakland Raiders.

González has also won four verdicts in excess of \$10 million, including verdicts of \$39.3 and \$13.8 million in trade secrets cases, with the juries finding willful misappropriation.

He was selected as one of the country’s top 30 trial lawyers by *Legal 500 US*, and González was honored in *The National Law Journal’s* 2009 “Winning” Special Report, which recognizes 10 of the country’s top trial lawyers. He has repeatedly been named by the *Daily Journal* as one of California’s Top 100 leading lawyers.



Robert J. Grey Jr. is the President of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. He is a retired Senior Counsel with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. Grey’s practice focused on representing businesses in administrative, regulatory, and legislative matters. He has also served as a neutral in dispute resolution matters with the McCommon Group.

In 2010, Grey was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to the Board of the Legal Services Corporation and has been reappointed by President Trump.

Grey served as President of the American Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. During his term as president, he worked for justice through better juries via the America Jury Initiative. Grey was elected Chair of the ABA House in 1998, the first person of color to serve in that role.

He received his B.S. in 1973 from Virginia Commonwealth University and his law degree in 1976 from Washington and Lee University, where he served on its Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2014.



A dynamic litigator, **Bonnie Lau** has significant experience defending class action and complex commercial disputes, and deftly handles international competition investigations and enforcement issues. She has defended companies in antitrust and related complex litigation involving claims of price-fixing, output suppression, monopolization, and group boycott, as well as prosecuted antitrust counterclaims in patent and IP infringement matters. Lau has also successfully defended class actions, multi-district litigations, and enforcement actions in federal and state trial and appeals courts across the U.S., and advised on parallel international class actions and foreign regulatory actions. She leverages her almost 15 years of experience in civil and criminal antitrust litigation and investigations to advise clients across a range of industries that face government scrutiny, including technology and manufacturing. In addition to her work in the antitrust area, Lau has represented clients in various complex commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution matters relating to RICO violations, unfair competition, and intellectual property claims.

Lau has received the Northern California Super Lawyers “Rising Star” Award from 2013 to the present. She devotes herself to promoting diversity in the legal community, including by serving as the Chair-Elect of the Leadership Council for Legal Diversity Alumni Executive Council, and the Co-Chair of the Women’s Leadership Network for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Lau earned her A.B. *cum laude* in sociology from Princeton University, and her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.



Monica Patel is an IBM Executive and Senior Counsel for IBM’s Watson Internet of Things business unit. She leads a global team of lawyers and is responsible for all Watson IoT legal matters as well as counseling of Watson IoT business development, product management, and sales teams.

Prior to holding this position she was the senior lawyer for one of IBM’s largest sales units in the world, covering twenty-six states. She managed a team of attorneys in three IBM offices and oversaw all sales contracting in the region including commercial and government accounts.

Prior to joining IBM, Patel was a litigator at Heller Ehrman LLP practicing in the area of complex commercial disputes, white collar, and corporate governance. She also has handled pro bono family law matters for the Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco (formerly Volunteer Legal Services Program) and San Francisco’s Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic.

After graduating from Northwestern University but prior to attending law school at The University of Chicago Law School, she was an Urban Fellow in the New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations and an assistant to the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development.

She is currently the Chair of the LCLD Alumni Executive Council and a member of the 2015 Fellows class.



Neela Paykel is the Deputy General Counsel at Waymo. She is a seasoned attorney with over twenty years' experience in regulatory law, corporate transactions, autonomous vehicles, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and healthcare. Currently, she is with Waymo, formerly the Google self-driving car project. At Waymo, Paykel oversees a team of attorneys responsible for product counseling and providing regulatory advice on the newly developing industries of autonomous vehicles, autonomous trucking, and transportation as a service.

Prior to joining Waymo, Paykel served in various roles of increasing responsibility at top healthcare companies, including Blue Shield of California, CVS Caremark, and Genentech. She was also in private practice with Gardner, Carton & Douglas (now Drinker Biddle) in Washington, DC.

Paykel has a Bachelor of Arts degree in international business administration from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois, and a Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC.

Paykel currently lives in the Bay Area with her husband, two kids, and energetic dog.



Kenneth Perry is a 2012 LCLD Fellow and Deputy General Counsel in charge of Fannie Mae's Office of the Trustee for mortgage-backed securities. He is responsible for managing and interpreting Fannie Mae's MBS trust documents for the benefit of business clients and related groups within the corporation. He maintains indirect cross-functional ownership over the legal and operations teams charged with executing the trust function. He has a comprehensive understanding of the mortgage securitization business developed over his 22-year tenure with Fannie Mae.

Perry served on Fannie Mae's Diversity Advisory Council, a group comprised of senior leaders across the company who drive diversity and inclusion objectives. Perry represented his Law Department on the council and regularly updated the general counsel and his leadership team. Perry was also appointed to his Legal Department's Colleague Advisory Council ("CAC"), which was formed by the company's general counsel to develop various Legal Department strategic initiatives, often channeling feedback from the greater Legal Department to the general counsel and senior legal management. While engaged with the CAC, Perry led the Diversity and Inclusion sub-committee, which coordinated several D&I projects, events, and policies for the department and the company.

Before joining Fannie Mae, Perry was a securitization lawyer with the firm Arter & Hadden in Washington, DC, where he focused on second lien securitization transactions. He also served as a senior attorney with the Resolution Trust Corporation, the federal agency tasked with resolving the savings and loan crisis of the early 1990s. It was there that Perry began his mortgage securitization career, handling single-family, commercial, and multifamily securities transactions.

Perry received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Perry is a native Washingtonian and today resides in Rockville, MD, with his wife and son.



Mai Pham Robertson is an Associate General Counsel at Fannie Mae, where she is responsible for managing the company's responses to lawsuits and government investigations. In this role, Robertson provides strategic and legal advice, oversees outside counsel law firms, and counsels business clients who are impacted by such matters. Since joining Fannie Mae in 2010, Robertson has managed litigation involving securities fraud, consumer protection laws, insurance coverage, and employee benefits, among other issues. She has coordinated responses to investigations and inquiries by the FHFA OIG, DOJ, SEC, and Congress.

Robertson serves as Fannie Mae's antitrust counsel. She also oversees the company's director and officer indemnification program. In 2019, Robertson took a short sabbatical from the practice of law and served as a director of Fixed-Income Marketing on Fannie Mae's investor relations team. In 2016, Robertson successfully implemented a knowledge management solution for Fannie Mae's Legal Department.

Prior to joining Fannie Mae, Robertson was an associate at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where she practiced antitrust and securities litigation. Before attending law school, Robertson worked in lobbying and government affairs.

Robertson previously served as president of the Vietnamese American Bar Association for the Greater Washington, DC Area (VABA-DC). In 2016, she was named one of DC's Trending 40 Corporate Counsel. Robertson is a pro bono attorney with the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project. She is a 2017 LCLD Fellow.

Robertson holds a Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in political communication from The George Washington University.



Christiane ("Chrissy") Roussell is a 2014 LCLD Fellow and Counsel in the Employment Services Group at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Los Angeles. She provides human resources and employment-related counseling and training to employers on a wide variety of issues, including recruiting, hiring, terminations, performance management, leaves of absence, wage and hour compliance, and workplace violence. She also conducts workplace investigations and audits of workplace policies and procedures. In her litigation practice, Roussell represents employers in complex and single-plaintiff labor and employment matters, including wage and hour class and collective actions and litigation of claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, employee raiding, and trade secrets. Roussell also serves on DWT's Diversity and Inclusion Committee as an Ambassador for the Los Angeles office.

Roussell previously served as Senior Counsel in the Employment Litigation Group at 21st Century Fox in Los Angeles where she counseled Fox businesses on various employment issues, conducted employee trainings, and managed outside counsel representing Fox on employment matters. Prior to Fox, Roussell practiced at the law firms Morgan Lewis and Hunton & Williams, as well as served in a human resources role at Broadcom Corporation.

Outside of DWT, Roussell serves on the board of California ChangeLawyers (formerly known as the California Bar Foundation). She was an inaugural member and the first chair of the Ambassadors Council of the California Minority Counsel Program (CMCP). Roussell is a past president (2015) of the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles. She has also served on the board of the California Young Lawyers Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Barristers Executive Committee. In 2016, Roussell was one of the inaugural recipients of CMCP's Marci Rubin Emerging Diversity Leader Award. In 2011, Roussell was honored as one of the Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 by the National Bar Association and IMPACT. Roussell is also an active member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Smart Set, an African-American women's charitable and social organization.

Roussell is a Los Angeles native. She received her B.A. in English from Georgetown University in 2003, her J.D. from USC Law in 2006, and her Human Resources Management Certificate from Loyola Marymount University in 2009. While at USC, Roussell participated in Moot Court, BLSA, and the Post-Conviction Justice Project, and was the co-executive director of Street Law.



Jonathan ("Jon") Solorzano is Senior Director, Legal and Corporate Development at The Clorox Company, where he heads the legal department's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) work for the company, including stockholder engagement, and is also part of the corporate development group, working on inorganic strategies, including M&A, divestitures, and strategic alliances. Prior to this hybrid role, Solorzano served in several capacities since 2015 in Clorox's legal department. Until 2019, he was senior corporate counsel and assistant corporate secretary, with a focus on corporate governance and board of directors matters; was lead M&A counsel for the company; and served as legal director for the International business unit's AMEA region, with a focus on the company's Middle East and North Africa businesses.

Prior to joining Clorox, Solorzano was senior corporate counsel & assistant corporate secretary at Amyris, Inc., where he was the head securities counsel for the NASDAQ-listed renewable materials biotech company. Prior to Amyris, Solorzano spent a year in the San Francisco office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as a managing associate in their corporate and M&A department. Prior to Orrick, Solorzano was an M&A associate for four years in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Solorzano holds a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and international relations from University of California at Santa Barbara.



Laura Stein is the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Affairs of The Clorox Company, and Chair of the LCLD Board of Directors. Stein was named Executive Vice President and General Counsel in February 2015 and added responsibility for corporate affairs in February 2016. She began overseeing worldwide legal, ethics and compliance, corporate secretary, corporate communications, crisis management, risk management, and internal audit matters in 2005 as senior vice president - general counsel and corporate secretary. Stein serves on the Clorox executive committee, chairs the Clorox women's employee resource group, and co-sponsors the

company's social responsibility and enterprise risk management programs, among other responsibilities. She also works closely with Clorox's Board of Directors on governance matters.

Previously, Stein was senior vice president – general counsel of the H.J. Heinz Company, a member of the Heinz senior management committee, a director of the H.J. Heinz Company Foundation, and president of the Heinz women's group, among other responsibilities. Before her tenure at Heinz, she served as an assistant general counsel – regulatory affairs at Clorox and a corporate lawyer with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco and Hong Kong.

Throughout her career, Stein has served on many boards and been active in professional organizations. She currently is a director of Franklin Resources Inc. (a global investment organization known as Franklin Templeton Investments) and Canadian National Railway Company (CN, a North American transportation company) and was previously a director of Nash Finch Company (a large food distributor). She is co-chair of the Corporate Pro Bono Advisory Board and is on the board of Equal Justice Works, the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, the Harvard Law School Program on the Future of the Legal Profession and the International Association of Women

Judges. She is a member of the American Law Institute Council and the executive committee of the Association of General Counsel.

Previously, Stein was chair of the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Association of General Counsel, the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, the ABA Asia Rule of Law Initiative and Equal Justice Works; vice-chair of the East Bay Community Law Center; co-chair of the General Counsel Committee of the ABA Business Law Section; and a director of Global Education Partnership, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. She previously served on the advisory boards of ABA DirectWomen, the ABA Center for Human Rights, and the LexMundi Foundation, and on the State Bar of California Task Force on Lawyer Support for Legal Services, the ABA Section of International Law Council and the ABA Presidential Task Force on the Preservation of Justice. Stein previously participated in the Diversity and Flexibility Connection of the Project for Attorney Retention.

Stein's work has been recognized by numerous organizations. She has received the ABA Margaret Brent Award, the Legal Momentum Women of Achievement Award, the Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award, the Ted Craig Humanitarian Award and the Corporate Board Member America's Top General Counsel Recognition Award. *The National Law Journal* has named Stein as one of the 20 most influential general counsel in America. The *Harvard Law Bulletin* has highlighted her as one of 50 alumnae who "have used their law degree to take them to extraordinary places." She has also been named one of the Bay Area's Most Influential Women in Business by the *San Francisco Business Times* and one of Pennsylvania's Best Women in Business by Pennsylvania's governor.

Stein received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and is a graduate of Dartmouth College, where she earned undergraduate and master's degrees. She speaks six languages and has lived in China and Italy.