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KATHLEEN L. BROWN is a former California State treasurer and former Democratic Party gubernatorial nominee with nearly two decades of experience as a senior bank executive. As California State treasurer, she managed a $25 billion bond portfolio, oversaw a $32 billion cash management fund and served as a trustee on the boards of CalPERS and CalSTRS. She served as co-chair of the Council of Institutional Investors; co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Capital Budgeting; a commissioner of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works; and a two-term member of the Los Angeles Board of Education. At Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Ms. Brown concentrates on business counseling, government and regulatory affairs in connection with the healthcare, energy, real estate and financial services industries. Prior to joining Manatt, she served in senior executive positions at Goldman Sachs and Bank of America.

JUSTICE MARIANO-FLORENTINO CUÉLLAR began serving on the California Supreme Court in January 2015. Before his service on the Court, he was the Stanley Morrison Professor of Law and Professor (by courtesy) of Political Science at Stanford University. Between 2004 and 2015, Justice Cuéllar also held leadership positions at Stanford’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. While on leave from Stanford, Justice Cuéllar worked at the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Justice and Regulatory Policy (2009-10). In this role, he led the Domestic Policy Council staff responsible for civil and criminal justice, public health policy and immigration.

CONAN NOLAN is a political reporter for NBC4 Southern California and anchor of News Conference, the longest running political/public affairs program in Southern California television. Mr. Nolan covers state and local politics and is well-known for his interviews with top political leaders on News Conference. Mr. Nolan covers news stories that have had a profound impact on the region, the state and the nation – from political debates, earthquakes and fires to some of Los Angeles’ more famous freeway pursuits. Mr. Nolan has also reported on behalf of NBC News from Kuwait and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and from Pakistan and the Afghan border during the invasion of Afghanistan. He received an Emmy Award for his reports on child refugees in the Pakistani frontier and a Golden Mike Award for a report on the South Pacific island nation of Tuvalu and the consequences of global warming.

GENE T. SYKES is the Chief Executive Officer of LA2028 and supervises all aspects of the Bid Committee’s business, operations and activities. Prior to joining the Bid Committee, Mr. Sykes was Co-Head of Global Mergers & Acquisitions, Co-Chairman of the Global Technology, Media and Telecom Group and a member of the Management Committee and the firm-wide Client and Business Standards Committee of Goldman Sachs.

Mr. Sykes is a board member of Common Sense Media and previously chaired the boards of The Nature Conservancy’s California Chapter and the National Parks Conservation Association.
7:45 AM
Special Breakfast Session

**Innovations in Diversity:** Five Pilot Programs to Promote Diversity within Law Firms and How Legal Departments Are Supporting Them

What happens when 54 partners from major law firms work together (virtually) in teams of six (each with two experts and a law student) to generate innovative ideas to achieve greater retention and advancement of experienced women and other diverse lawyers? That was the question for the Women in Law Hackathon held in 2016. Learn about the innovative pilot programs that evolved from the Hackathon, why over 40 firms have signed on to commit to at least one of these innovative programs and what three dozen legal departments are doing to support these law firms. Managing partners of law firms, law firm practice group and diversity leaders, and legal department heads will want to know and learn about these innovative solutions.

Don’t be left behind. Breakfast will be served.

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9:15 AM
Opening Remarks

9:30 AM
A Conversation with Kathleen L. Brown

The 2017 Institute’s opening plenary session will feature former California State Treasurer Kathleen L. Brown (currently of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips) in a conversation led by interviewer Conan Nolan. They will explore the state of the region, including such vital issues as the changing Southern California economy, the rise of new industries in the Southern California region, as well as such challenges as mental health and homelessness, immigration and criminal justice reform.
10:15 AM
21st Century Los Angeles: Can it Leapfrog and Lead?
This panel takes a lively look at Los Angeles today, tomorrow and beyond. What forces offer the promise that Los Angeles can leapfrog other major cities in the United States to set a new pace for a sustainable, livable, economically vibrant future? What threats – from homelessness to high cost housing to a transportation system in transit – does Los Angeles face and how should it surmount them? What role can the law play in easing or obstructing this world-class city’s future?

Tom Gilmore
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Jessica Lall
President and Chief Executive Officer
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11:15 AM  Networking Break

11:30 AM
TRANSACTI ONAL TRACK SESSION 1A
What You Need to Know About the Exploding L.A. Technology Sector
Our Silicon Beach panel will highlight the latest developments across the Los Angeles startup/tech landscape. This free-wheeling discussion will explore current business and financing trends, as well as the latest deal-structuring tools and techniques. Come along as we experience the thrill of riding a unicorn and the agony of enduring a down round. Enjoy practical tips and insights as well as a peek into the future of Silicon Beach!

Allison W. Buchner
General Counsel
Dollar Shave Club

Austin Clements
Senior Associate
TenOneTen Ventures

Brian Horner
Vice President
Tech Coast Angels

MODERATOR
Jessica Lall
President and Chief Executive Officer
Central City Association of Los Angeles

11:15 AM  Networking Break

LITIGATION TRACK SESSION 1B
Blowing the Whistle in L.A.
From the Supreme Court to the Silver Screen, the topic of whistleblowers is on everyone’s lips. Hear perspectives from the SEC, USAO, an auditor and the defense bar as the panel discusses bounties, retaliation, internal and government investigations and other issues particular to Southern California companies and their counsel.

John W. Berry
Associate Regional Director (Enforcement)
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Stephen A. Cazares
Assistant U.S. Attorney
Deputy Chief, Major Frauds Section
U.S. Attorney’s Office (C.D. Cal.)

Bjorn Malmlund
Ernst & Young LLP

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Sam Puathasnanon
General Counsel
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HCR Wealth Advisors
Our luncheon keynote speaker is Gene Sykes, CEO of LA2028, the committee that has succeeded in bringing the Olympics back to Los Angeles for a third time. The L.A. bid urged the IOC to “Follow the Sun” and it has, awarding the 2028 Games to L.A. In a special 30 minute conversation, Mr. Sykes will discuss the LA2028 plan and share insights from the successful campaign, which described our city as “a vibrant, young city poised on the edge of tomorrow.”

Spin-Offs and Carve-Outs:
Tackling Complex Legal Issues While Slicing and Dicing the Target Company for the Benefit of Buyer and Seller

Increased shareholder activism and a desire to return value to shareholders while focusing on core business strategies has resulted in the continued uptick in spin-off and carve-out transactions by sellers. At the same time, strategic and private equity buyers are looking to unlock hidden value from under-performing assets and divisions. This experienced panel will discuss the challenges for these transactions, including addressing the target’s ability to operate independently. Highlights will include separating assets not easily divided, tackling intellectual property rights on a go-forward basis, avoiding missteps with contractual assignments, addressing the ongoing relationship between buyer and seller under a transition services agreement, and communicating with key stakeholders.

Pay Equity:
The Numbers Don’t Lie, Or Do They?

Since the Equal Pay Act was signed in 1963, the wage gap has been closing, but at a slow rate. In 2016, a number of states, including California, passed pay equity laws to address what has proven to be a stubborn problem. This panel will discuss the important and nuanced topic of pay equity, including an overview of state and federal laws, compliance tips and litigation strategies.
3:15 PM
Regulatory Developments and Trends in Cross-Border M&A
We are almost one year into the new Presidential administration, and companies are facing increased antitrust scrutiny around the world and active foreign investment controls in the United States. This experienced panel of M&A professionals will address how to advise boards of directors and public and private companies engaging in cross-border deals and the regulatory developments impacting those transactions.

Ivan A. Schlager
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Washington, D.C.
Ian Spaulding
Managing Director
Goldman Sachs
MODERATOR
Alison S. Ressler
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

4:30 PM
The General Counsel Perspective: What Keeps Us Up at Night
Three experienced general counsel will discuss current issues that they and their legal departments are grappling with and the potential big issues of tomorrow. The panelists will also discuss how they and their legal teams try to anticipate new trends and stay on top of changes in their companies, their industries and the laws and regulations that affect them.

Catherine M. McEvilly
Senior Vice President
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Honda North America, Inc.
John Ricci
General Counsel
Green Dot Corporation
Chris B. Walther
Chief Legal Officer
Activision Blizzard, Inc.
MODERATOR
Steven J. Olson
O’Melveny & Myers LLP

5:30 PM
A Conversation with California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar
Justice Cuéllar, in a conversation with Mark Haddad, will address changes to and challenges facing the Supreme Court of our nation’s largest and most dynamic state.

Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar
Justice, Supreme Court of California
San Francisco, CA
Mark E. Haddad
Sidley Austin LLP

6:00 PM
Networking Cocktail Party
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