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Who Are We?
The Institute for Corporate Counsel is a collaboration of the USC Gould School of Law and the Los Angeles County Bar Association Corporate Law Departments Section. For more than 35 years, the Institute has been the premier annual event at which in house and outside counsel gather to compare notes, keep abreast of key legal developments and network with colleagues.

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JUSTICE MING W. CHIN was appointed to the California Supreme Court in March 1996. Before being named to the high court, Justice Chin served from 1990 to 1996 on the First District Court of Appeal, Division Three, San Francisco. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal, he served on the bench of the Alameda County Superior Court. Previously, Justice Chin was a partner in an Oakland law firm specializing in business and commercial litigation and also served as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney’s office. Justice Chin earned his bachelor and law degrees from the University of San Francisco. He also served two years as a Captain in the U.S. Army, including a year in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star.

Justice Chin is the Vice Chair of the California Judicial Council and has chaired the Council’s Commission for Impartial Courts, Court Technology Advisory Committee, and Science and the Law Steering Committee. In 2009, he was named California Jurist of the Year by the Judicial Council. Justice Chin frequently lectures on DNA, genetics and the courts and is the author of two California Practice Guides: Employment Litigation (The Rutter Group 2017) and Forensic DNA Evidence: Science and the Law (The Rutter Group 2017).

HON. MARIA CONTRERAS-SWEET
MANAGING PARTNER, ROCKWAY EQUITY PARTNERS

MARIA CONTRERAS-SWEET was sworn in as a member of President Obama’s cabinet as the 24th Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) serving through January 20, 2017. Prior to that, she started three businesses, including ProAmerica Bank in downtown Los Angeles, focused on small and mid-size businesses, where she served as its founding executive chairwoman and successfully steering it through the great recession. Earlier she served as the California cabinet Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, where she oversaw 44,000 employees, a $14 billion budget, and 14 state departments. She is also a founding director of The California Endowment. She served on the original Federal Glass Ceiling Commission, educating the corporate community about eliminating artificial barriers for women and minorities in the workplace. She has served on numerous boards and is currently serving on the Board of Sempra Energy. She has been bestowed several honorary doctorates including from Tufts University, Whittier College and California State University, Los Angeles. Today, Secretary Contreras-Sweet is the Managing Partner of Rockway Equity Partners, investing in technology, manufacturing and infrastructure-related companies.
Politics & Policy: What the 2018 Elections Mean for California's Most Pressing Policy Issues

California politics expert Dan Schnur is joined by former California State Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle and the former National Political Director for Secretary Clinton, Amanda Renteria, to examine the implications of the November elections for California’s prospects for successfully tackling the major policy challenges it faces as a state.

The First Term of the Post-Kennedy Court: Issues on the Horizon

Our panel of veteran court watchers will offer their insights regarding the issues that will be facing the Court this term as well as some observations regarding the future direction of the Court as it enters a new era with a solidly conservative majority.

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11:40 AM – 12:40 PM
TRANSACTIONAL TRACK SESSION 1A

Crypto, Blockchain and Smart Contracts: Changing the World?

Cryptocurrency, smart contracts and other applications on the blockchain have dominated many financial and legal headlines over the past year. The rate at which investors and companies are moving into the blockchain and cryptocurrency world and adopting this technological transformation is impressive. The level of innovation is groundbreaking across all sectors, despite the continuing legal, regulatory and financial uncertainty. Hear from our distinguished panel of legal experts and industry participants on what to expect in the future and how to navigate the rapidly evolving legal landscape.

Stuart D. Levi
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LITIGATION TRACK SESSION 1B

International Arbitration

California’s arbitration law continues to evolve to be more hospitable to international dispute resolution by comporting with the practices of other leading U.S. and international venues, such as New York, Singapore, London and Paris. Join our panel of expert international arbitration practitioners as they discuss what this changing landscape may mean for the L.A. business and legal community.

Laura Abrahamson
Senior Vice President
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Developments in Middle Market M&A

Global mergers and acquisitions continue at a record pace fueled by U.S. tax reform, sustained economic growth, strong equity and debt markets, and swelling corporate cash coffers boosting deal confidence. This panel of transactional experts will advise you on the latest trends in middle market M&A, including transaction terms relating to risk allocation, fraud carveouts, representation and warranty insurance, reverse break fees, antitrust provisions and the latest trends and topics.

Those Multi-Million Dollar Employment Law Verdicts: What’s Causing Them, How to Prevent Them, and What Do You Mean There Might be Coverage for Punitive Damages?

Juries continue to award multi-million dollar verdicts in disputes that may not seem to present that level of risk. What is driving these very large awards, what can employers do to mitigate that risk, and what insurance coverage options might be available.

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3:20 PM – 4:20 PM

Effectively Responding to #MeToo Issues: Perspectives from the Trenches

The #MeToo movement has challenged employers across the country to respond to allegations of sexual assault and gender harassment more effectively. Our panel of experts, who come from various expertises, will share their unique perspectives about the necessary elements of an effective response to these explosive allegations.

Erin Heller
Vice President Legal,
Global Labor & Employment
Western Digital

Steven J. Olson
O’Melveny & Myers LLP

Charles Sipkins
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Cameron W. Fox
Paul Hastings LLP

4:20 PM – 4:35 PM  Networking Dessert Break

4:35 PM – 5:35 PM

The General Counsel Perspective: What Keeps Us Up at Night

Experienced general counsel and chief legal officers 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.

Todd Molz
General Counsel
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Ajay Patel
Associate General Counsel
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Vivian Yang
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Charles W. Cox
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5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

A Conversation with California Supreme Court Justice Ming W. Chin

Justice Chin, in a conversation with retired Justice Miriam Vogel, will address changes to and challenges facing the Supreme Court of our nation’s largest and most dynamic state.

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

Networking Cocktail Party

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