

## LCLD Regional Roundtable: Diversity's Role in the Path to Success

Join law department and law firm leaders, as well as a group of LCLD Fellows Alumni, for lunch and a candid roundtable discussion about diversity and success. Speakers will share their personal stories, challenges and experiences with mentorship and sponsorship, work-life balance and characteristics for career success.

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Hosted at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

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### Speakers:

Kevin Burke, Chairman, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Susie Lees, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Allstate Insurance Company

Chris Lewis, General Counsel, Edward Jones

Terry Truax, Managing Partner, Jenner & Block



**KEVIN JOSEPH BURKE** is a litigation partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson, where he serves as the firm's Chairman, and heads the Management Committee and Executive Committee. His trial practice concentrates in the areas of major commercial, civil and professional liability lawsuits.

Burke has spent his entire professional career as a courtroom trial attorney and litigator, having tried over forty jury cases. Burke has also represented professional sports teams in litigation and drafted sports liability limitation legislation, which was enacted into law in Illinois. He has served as advisory counsel for businesses on corporate matters and is often engaged as a mediator selected by litigants to resolve disputes.

Burke joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in March 1984. He has been active in firm management since 1997, as a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and as a member of the firm's Management Committee since 2003. Burke served as the firm's vice chairman from 2009 through 2015, when he was elected as the firm's Chairman.

Burke is an inducted Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He has an AV® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating for ethics and legal ability, and has been recognized by his peers as a Leading Lawyer in the categories of Professional Malpractice and General Litigation, ADR and Commercial Litigation. Burke was named as one of the Top Ten Medical Malpractice Lawyers in Illinois by Leading Lawyers (2014 – present).

He has also been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” by *Illinois Super Lawyers* each year since 2006 and recognized in the Corporate Counsel Edition of *Super Lawyers* since 2008.

Burke is a graduate of Boston College, The New England School of Law, Loyola University Chicago Law School/Health Law Center - Certificate Mediation, and Harvard Law School – Certificate Law Firm Leadership. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Burke serves on the Business Council for the Goodman Theatre, is a member of the Executives Club of Chicago, and focuses his personal activities on his belief in the duty of social responsibility, family and fitness.



**SUSIE LEES** is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Allstate Insurance Company. She leads Allstate’s 1,200-person legal team to guide the company’s business strategy; ensure sound compliance; and foster a healthy legal, legislative and regulatory environment.

Lees joined Allstate in 1988 and moved up through the ranks, holding a variety of leadership positions with increasing responsibility, most notably in her previous role as senior vice president and deputy general counsel for Allstate Financial. During her extensive tenure at Allstate, Lees led a multitude of complex initiatives, including the company’s acquisition of American Heritage Life Insurance Company. While leading the corporate law division of Allstate’s law and regulation department, she gained extensive experience working with business areas throughout the corporation. Earlier in her career, Lees built a foundation of business acumen through professional sales roles at Celanese Corp. and Exxon Chemical.

Lees is a champion of solutions to key societal issues and serves on Allstate’s Enterprise Diversity Council and The Allstate Foundation Board of Trustees. She is executive sponsor of the employee resource group Parents Working Together. In addition to her service at NAWL, she serves on the boards of the Rand Institute for Civil Justice, the Institute for Legal Reform, and the National Network to End Domestic Violence. She is past president of the Board of Directors for the Riverside Foundation, a non-profit organization offering life-enrichment opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities, and she is a former member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Life Insurance.

Lees’ story is one of challenge and accomplishment. She launched her career as a part-time lawyer balancing a rich family life with professional expectations, successfully forging a path to the highest levels of corporate law. Her involvement with NAWL underscores her personal commitment to empower more women to pursue thriving legal careers. Lees has worked to not only promote the mere fact that more women are practicing law, but to celebrate women’s unique contributions to the profession.

She holds an A.B. degree in political science from Brown University and a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.



**CHRIS LEWIS** joined Edward Jones in 2007 as a Principal and Deputy General Counsel in the Legal division. In 2015 he became General Counsel, leading attorneys and associates in the Legal division who are responsible for issues related to capital markets, product areas and the provision of legal support to all divisions of the firm.

A graduate of Columbia University School of Law as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Lewis is a member of the Federal Bar Council and the Executive Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Compliance and Legal Society.

Lewis serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.



**TERRY TRUAX** is the Managing Partner of Jenner & Block. As a litigator, Truax's practice encompasses complex intellectual property, antitrust and commercial litigation matters. In those fields, he has counseled blue chip and emerging companies on some of the most significant matters in the United States, Asia and Europe. Before being elected Managing Partner in May 2014, Truax served as co-chair of the firm's Patent Litigation and Counseling Practice.

In addition to his duties at Jenner & Block, Truax is active in the Chicago community. He serves as a trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and chairs the board of Breakthrough Urban Ministries, a nonprofit that provides overnight housing, jobs assistance, youth development and fresh food programming. Truax is a past board member of the Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, and has previously served for many years as a director and advisory board member of Cabrini Green Legal Aid.

Truax earned a J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law, with honors, where he also served as articles editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*. He received a B.A. in history from Florida State University.



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