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Dear Dennis,

Congratulations on your membership in The San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to the only legal organization solely devoted to the in-house council. Whether this is your first time as a member or you are a returning member, we are pleased to have you join the more than 600 members representing about 250 organizations in San Diego County.

ACC SD has a variety of programs to fit your needs. Every month you can choose to attend MCLE programs, social/networking events or community events. The ACC Annual Meeting which will be held online, is a great way to connect with in-house counsel from all over the world. The schedule of all the local chapter events can be found on our website at <https://www.acc.com/chapters-networks/chapters/san-diego>. You will also receive information on Chapter activities from our weekly emails. Please use the attached new member “Welcome Packet” to get information about how to make the most of your membership. If you have any questions at any time about the chapter, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Audrey Marlow at accsandiego@accglobal.com.

The Chapter believes that the strength of any association is premised on the level of participation by its members. With that in mind, each of you are encouraged to attend a Committee meeting and seize the opportunity to structure the programs and services we offer at either the local or global level. Consider joining one of the special interest committees at ACC Global or one of the SD Chapter committees listed on our website. Got a specialty that you are willing to share – offer to be a speaker at one of our MCLE programs.

Please feel free to call me or email me to ask questions, share an idea for a program, provide feedback or just say hi. You may also contact any of our Board Members directly. The ACC San Diego website has all the contact information on our Membership Directory. If you see me at one of our events, be sure and introduce yourself to me so I can say welcome to you in person.

Regards,

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How to get the most from your membership in the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC-SD)

- Acquire your MCLE hours by attending Chapter CLE programs
- Raise your profile in the legal community by sharing an area of your expertise and volunteering to act as panelist for Chapter CLE programs
- Inform members of the Chapter's Event Committee of the topics and types of programs you would like to attend and/or help present
- Participate in the Chapter's Social events to develop relationships with other in-house practitioners
- Serve on a Chapter committee: Events, Memberships, Sponsorships; Law School Liaison; Pro Bono/Diversity; Public Relations/Communications; Small Law Department (if your department has 5 or fewer lawyers). NOTE: The Chapter leadership frequently finds new Board members among those who are active in a committee
- Participate in Chapter Roundtable Discussion Groups: Corporate and Securities, Employment and Labor, Ethics and Compliance, Intellectual Property, Litigation, M&A, Medical Devices, Technology/Licensing and Real Estate
- Attend Chapter social events such as 'Get to the Pint' beer social, Padres Family Fun Day, 'Strokes of Luck' Invitational Golf Tournament, Wine tastings and much more. All events offer free or reduced admission charges.
- Read the Chapter's newsletter which includes substantive articles, employment listings and much more.

A very brief history of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel

In the Beginning... The Southern California Chapter of what was then called ACCA was formed in 1984. The following year a chapter was formed in San Diego. However, by 1987 the San Diego Chapter had withered and died. Its orphaned members were scooped up by the SoCal Chapter. From that moment on it was painfully obvious that the geography of the SoCal Chapter made unity and member service impossible. (Even today the SoCal Chapter struggles to serve just Los Angeles and Orange counties.) About the only concession the Los Angeles-based Chapter leadership made to their San Diego members was to hold Day at the Races at the Del Mar race track.

Founders. In 1991 and early 1992 some San Diego area general counsels began discussing the formation of a San Diego Chapter of ACC. This group included Jim Edwards then of General Atomics, Dan Hapke then of General Dynamics, Alvin Kalmanson then of NASSCO, Bill Stewart of Cubic, Dennis Stryker of Rick Engineering, and the late Don Wilkins of REMEC.

The current San Diego Chapter was formed in 1992 and had, initially, about 50 members. Jim Edwards was the founding President. Today, the chapter serves over 600 members.



Past presidents were:

Jim Edwards	1993-1995
Ken Woolcott	1996
Dennis Stryker	1997
Lloyd Rowland	1998
Don Campbell	1998
Don Wilkins	1999
Mike Tierney	2000
Anne Minter	2001
Jodie Brokowski	2002
Bill Sailer	2003
David Osborne	2004
Teigue Thomas	2005
Chris Ekren	2006
Steven Spector	2007
Elizabeth Daniels	2008
Darragh Davis	2009
Tim Collins	2010
Rebecca Walsh	2011
Katherine Wren	2012
Janine Sarti	2012 – 2013
Mike Wagner	2014
Phil Rudolph	2015
David Szekeres	2016
Heather Anderson	2017
Steven Mashal	2018
Paul Najjar	2019

A brief history of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)

Founders. In 1981 and early 1982 some prominent general counsels (GC's) began discussing the idea of a bar association to serve the needs of lawyers who practice in-house in corporations and other private sector organizations. Among this group of GC's were Bob Banks of Xerox, Jack Brigham of Hewlett Packard, John Clute of Boise Cascade, Carl Liggio then of Ernst & Young, Don Walsh of Sun Oil, and Guy Zoghby then of IBM.

Ultimately, 55 GC's were invited to attend an organizational meeting to be held near the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in March 1982. Fifty-three of the invitees attended. This overwhelming response impressed all that a common chord had been struck. Also in attendance was Thomas Gonser a former in-house lawyer and the incumbent Executive Director of the ABA. Gonser attempted to make a plea for the needs of in-house counsel to be served by the ABA. While some in the group found this idea appealing, a large majority expressed frustration caused by years of actively working within the ABA's structure.

The American Corporate Counsel Association (ACC) was born shortly thereafter and from the beginning it was (and is today) structured unlike any other bar association. There is a national headquarters and staff in Washington, D.C. The staff is headed by a President. There is a global board of directors (all ACC members), the head of which is an elected Chairman. There are also local chapters with their own boards chaired by an elected President. The first chapter was



Colorado, formed in 1982. Each year thereafter, new chapters have been formed and recognized by the global organization. Some chapters are state-wide while many others concentrate on the needs of in-house counsel in a large metropolitan area.

Both the national ACC organization and the local chapters hold Continuing Legal Education (CLE) meetings, engage in advocacy regarding issues of importance to members, sponsor social events and conduct many other activities. In addition to chapters the national organization also has committees that serve the needs of members whose practices include concentrations in specific substantive areas of the law. Some chapters also have committees.

Some Numbers. At the end of 1982 ACC had about 3,000 members. In 1992 it had nearly 10,000 and by 2016 there were over 40,000 members. Today the association boasts over 45,000 members who practice in-house in over 10,000 corporations and other entities in 85 countries.

There are 59 chapters and 19 committees (Global level).

Going International. In 1994 the European Chapter was formed, followed by the Israel Chapter in 2000. More recently, the Canada, China, Argentina and Australian Chapters were formed. The advent of international chapters prompted the association to change its name to the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC). ACC maintains close ties to in-house counsel and their local associations in many countries including New Zealand.