

**July 2024**  
**ACC Litigation Network Monthly Newsletter**

**Message from the Network Chair – Rich Coel, Litigation Lead – Americas, Hitachi Rail STS**



“Thank you for your continued support of the Litigation Network.”

**Upcoming Events**

**July 23, 2024 – Legal Update – Insurance: Maximizing the Value of Insurance in Litigation.** Experienced litigators and in-house attorneys discuss best practices to maximize the benefit of insurance policies in litigation, from identifying potential coverage to controlling the litigation. *Jonathan Toren, Co-Chair, Casualty & Specialty Lines Coverage, Cozen O’Connor (jtoren@cozen.com) and Dan Strunk, General Counsel, Telamon (dan.strunk@telamon.com).* [REGISTER HERE.](#)

**August 6, 2024 @ 2PM ET – Negotiating Settlement Agreements Webinar Series Part 1: *Navigating Settlement for In-House Counsel.*** The first part of our three-part masterclass on settlement negotiations will examine the factors to be considered when evaluating claim or lawsuit settlement options, including the use of jury verdict research and additional potential options like mock juries and focus groups. We will also offer tips on how best to coordinate with outside counsel to examine and implement the client goals and settlement parameters in order to achieve a settlement that furthers the client objectives.

**August 27, 2024 - Legal Update – Attorney-Client Privilege**

*Have an idea or request for a legal update topic? Email the program chairs at: Abby Adams at [AAdams@nahb.org](mailto:AAdams@nahb.org) or David Bock at [David.bock@vca.com](mailto:David.bock@vca.com).*

**New and Newsworthy –**

**Resource Drop!**

1. [Federal Wage and Hour Guide for US Employers](#)
2. [FTC Issues Final Rule Banning US Employee Noncompete Agreements Article](#)

**Webinar Series:** Cozen O’Connor and the Litigation Network are hosting a three-part webinar series on negotiating settlement agreements, including managing internal clients and their expectations, the process of negotiations, and a review of a well-drafted settlement agreement. **CALL FOR SPEAKERS!** If there are any in-house counsel interested in speaking on these webinar panels, please contact Abby Adams at [AAdams@nahb.org](mailto:AAdams@nahb.org).

**Spotlight on Cozen O'Connor – Jonathan Toren - Co-Chair, Casualty & Specialty Lines Coverage**

Jonathan Toren practices insurance coverage and bad faith litigation and advises insurers on claims and coverage issues in a wide variety of industries and coverage types.



Jonathan has represented insurers in high-profile, mass-tort litigation in both state and federal courts, involving dozens of claimants and tens of millions in exposure, including several matters involving sexual abuse. Jonathan also has extensive experience and a particular focus in product recall and product liability coverage. Jonathan has also advised on and litigated insurance coverage issues relating to directors & officers liability, environmental liability, intellectual property, construction defects, personal injury, financial errors & omissions, medical malpractice, and other types of professional liability. Jonathan has experience in all phases of litigation through trial and appeals. He has briefed and argued appeals to the Washington Court of Appeals (both Division I and Division II), the New York Appellate Division, First Department, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Ninth Circuits.

Jonathan earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law, and his bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

**Litigation Network Member Spotlight – Chad Davis – Associate General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel at Sallie Mae (formally known as SLM Corporation)**

**\*\*Chad will be speaking at the ACC Annual Meeting on a panel sponsored by the Litigation Network titled “Think M&A Litigation Can’t Happen to You? What every In-House Counsel Should Know\*\***

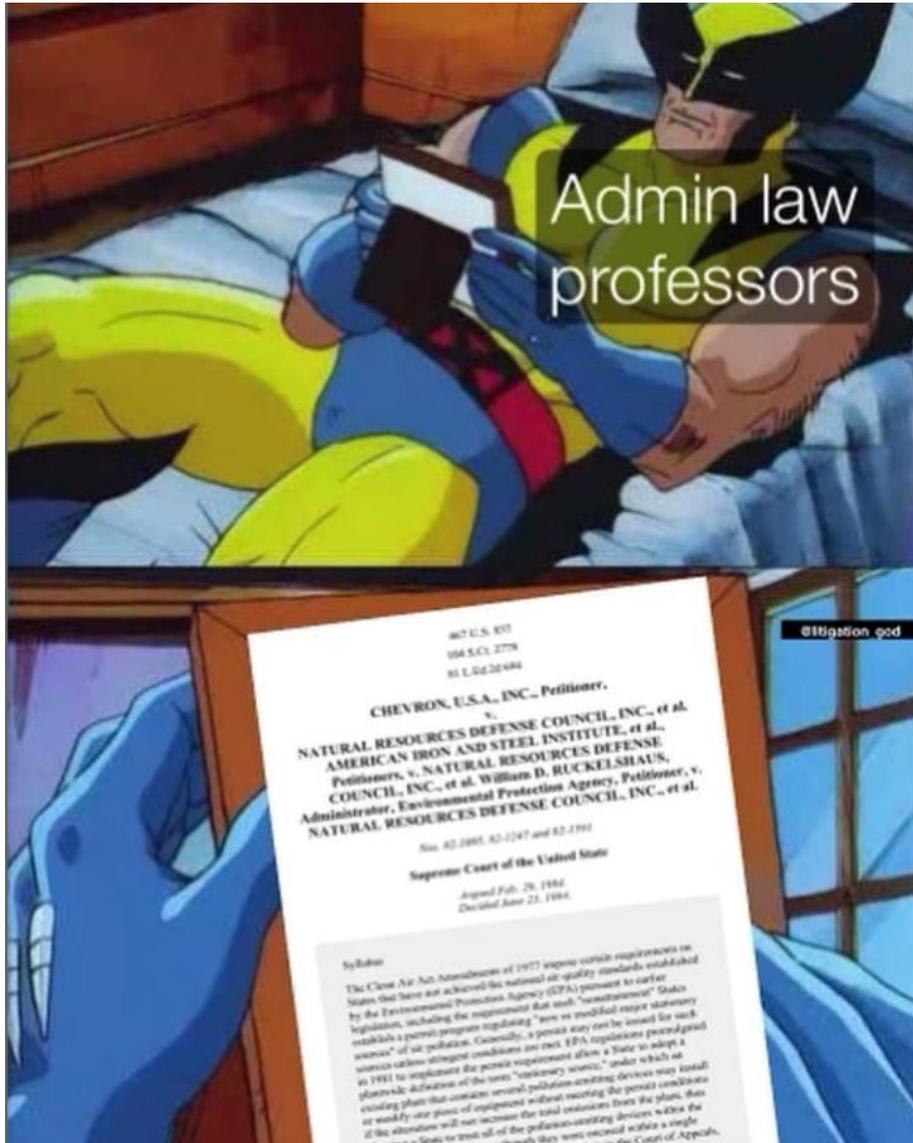
Chad Davis is Associate General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Sallie Mae (formally known as SLM Corporation). Chad supports the effectiveness of the Sallie Mae Board of Directors and provides counsel to the Board and management on corporate governance, fiduciary duty, and risk mitigation best practices.

Prior to moving in house, Chad was a law clerk for the Honorable Sam Glasscock III of the Delaware Court of Chancery and practiced at two large law firms in Wilmington, Delaware. In private practice he focused primarily on defending directors and officers in fiduciary duty litigation in the Court of Chancery, representing buyers and sellers in M&A litigation, and providing proactive counseling to Boards and the C-Suite during M&A deals on Delaware corporate governance and risk mitigation considerations. In addition to his Court of Chancery practice, Chad maintained a diverse complex commercial disputes practice, representing companies and individuals in tort and contract disputes, and higher education clients in various disputes, including a COVID-19 Tuition Refund Class Action.



Chad enjoys spending his free time at the Delaware beaches with his wife and four young children and watching college football (Go Blue Hens!)

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