

**UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS**

- 10/15/24**  
Children’s Privacy Issues Related to Marketing and Advertising  
*Kilpatrick*
- 10/17/24**  
Recent Reforms to Georgia's Certificate of Need Laws Roundtable Lunch  
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- 10/22/24**  
In Control While Under Pressure: Cybersecurity Tabletop & Post-Breach Investigation Exercise  
*FTI Consulting*
- 10/22/24**  
East Cobb Small Group Networking Breakfast
- 10/30/24**  
Smyrna Small Group Networking Breakfast
- 11/7/24**  
ACC Georgia Savannah Networking Event  
*HunterMaclean*
- 11/14/24**  
Mental Wellness Event  
*Fisher Phillips*
- 12/5/24**  
ACC Georgia Holiday Party

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**AFTER A BUSY SUMMER, SAVANNAH EVENT AND BOARD ELECTIONS HIGHLIGHT ACC GA. FALL CALENDAR**



*Anne Kamosso*  
ACC Georgia President

Members of ACC Georgia were busy this summer. In between family vacations, big international soccer tournaments, blockbuster summer concerts, major political events, and Olympic and Paralympic broadcasts, we managed to host dozens of events in 13 weeks, including 12 CLE programs, four sponsored networking events, four small group networking events, and a financial wellness discussion.

Venues ranged from Truist Park, corporate headquarters, law firm sponsors’ offices, restaurants around metro Atlanta and – on four occasions – online.

We have more events coming up this fall, including a November 7 cocktail party in Savannah! The gathering at the Drayton Hotel will be our first networking event since for membership outside the Atlanta area since COVID-19, and I hope this is just the first of more to come. We are thankful for the support of HunterMaclean to make it possible.

The Savannah event demonstrates our commitment to reaching out to our 1,100-plus members from across the state. ACC Georgia has also made an impact in Macon, where Professor Ben Parrish of Mercer University School of Law hosted our members as speakers for his corporate governance class. I participated last spring, and I know several members plan to join him again this fall.

If you are interested in helping ACC host an event in your city, please email me at [anne.kamosso@ohmium.com](mailto:anne.kamosso@ohmium.com).

Our busy schedule illustrates the health of our organization, and we need your help to keep the momentum going! Later this year, we will host an election to fill 11 seats on the board of directors. If you weren’t ready to throw your hat in the ring to join the board (even though it’s great!), we’ll be soliciting member volunteers to lead our uber-successful member interest groups in 2025. Those member volunteers get to make new connections, hone their leadership skills and attend our board retreat. And if even that’s not your cup of tea, you can join us at a service event later this year to help us give back to our communities.

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities to support this great organization, please contact me at [anne.kamosso@ohmium.com](mailto:anne.kamosso@ohmium.com).

I look forward to seeing you this fall!



**Join Your ACC Georgia Colleagues on LinkedIn**

Without a doubt, one of the most popular benefits of being an ACC Georgia member is the professional networking. There’s an easy way you can show your online network that you’re a member – follow the ACC Georgia

LinkedIn page. We’ve launched a new group to allow in-house counsel to network with colleagues and stay up to date on chapter news.

Log in to LinkedIn and type "Association of Corporate Counsel Georgia Chapter" in the search bar to find our page.

By following our page, you’ll stay up to date on the latest member events, CLE luncheons and more happening. We look forward to connecting with you online!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Rebecca Silk

Attorney, Litigation and Compliance – Paradies Lagardère



#### Q. What does your company do?

Paradies Lagardère is an airport retail and dining company with over 850 stores and 170 restaurants and bars in more than 100 airports throughout North America.

#### Q. How did you get involved with ACC Georgia?

When I went in-house to Paradies in February 2022, my colleagues told me to join ACC. I did – almost immediately – and have been attending ACC's CLEs and other programs ever since. I particularly like the programs focused on labor and employment, which is my practice area. It's very helpful that the events are aimed at in-house counsel as they provide a practical approach with discussions about real-life issues.

#### Q. Where and how did you grow up, and what led you to pursue a legal career?

I grew up in Sandy Springs. Both parents are in the medical field, but I loved reading and writing more than science and math, so I knew would not be following in their footsteps. Some would say I also liked arguing, and after I did a mock trial program in high school, I fell in love with the law.

#### Q. How did you get into labor and employment?

It was a combination of factors. I always found it interesting, and my first legal internship was at a plaintiffs' employment firm. I was then able to take some employment law classes, and then was able to get a job in that area right out of law school.

#### Q. How do you go about building your personal brand?

I think it's about authenticity. People can sniff out inauthenticity very quickly. When I work with people, it is imperative that they trust I'm coming from a genuine place of help. I think people are more willing to take in what you're saying that way, too.

#### Q. What do you like about working at Paradies Lagardère?

It is never boring! Being in so many different cities and states, in combination with the intricacies of operating in airports, provides unique legal challenges to keep us on our toes. And most importantly, I work with great people – not just in the legal department but throughout the company.

#### Q. What keeps you up at night?

Ensuring we are in compliance with the local laws and regulations throughout the almost 40 states (plus Canada) that we operate in. For example, I never realized before I started working at Paradies Lagardère that there are even minimum wage laws specific to airport employees. Employment law is also constantly changing at both the local and federal level, so you have to make sure you are keeping up with new developments.

#### Q. What makes a successful leader?

Transparency is incredibly important – knowing the ultimate goal helps with both motivation and collaboration. And then of course, the golden rule – treat others how you would like to be treated.

#### Q. What's your best advice for outside lawyers?

Communication, communication, communication! Do not make me have to follow up about deadlines or status updates.

#### Q. What are you most proud of?

I'm proud of the personal brand I've built in the Atlanta legal community and within Paradies Lagardère as a hardworking, trustworthy adviser.

#### Q. Tell us about a mentor.

When I worked at Troutman Sanders, a partner named Seth Ford was instrumental in my development as a lawyer. He really taught me how to stay calm during a crisis and that the loudest voice is not always the most compelling.

#### Q. What keeps you busy outside of work?

My mini golden doodle, Charlie – he is very demanding of my time.

#### Q. What is the last interesting book you read?

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. It is about a real-life midwife in the late 1700s with a murder mystery mixed in.

#### Q. Do you have a favorite legal movie or TV show?

As a blonde female lawyer, I do love Legally Blonde, but My Cousin Vinny still really holds up.

#### Q. What would you be doing if you were not an attorney?

I always wanted to be the announcer for the Braves, but realistically, I would probably be a history teacher.

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## SPONSOR ARTICLE

# Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Signal a New Day for the Administrative State

By Josh Belinfante and Joshua Mayes



Josh Belinfante

A trio of U.S. Supreme Court cases decided this past term appear likely to shake the foundations of the administrative state. Businesses will now find it easier to successfully overturn even longstanding administrative actions and interpretations and, in the case of enforcement actions, do so before juries instead of in-house administrative tribunals.

First, in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled the Chevron doctrine, which, since 1984, required courts to defer to federal agencies' interpretations of "ambiguous" statutes. Now, courts' independent judgment, guided by traditional methods of

statutory construction, will determine whether regulators correctly interpreted federal statutes when implementing policy and regulations. Congress may still require judicial deference to agency interpretations, but such statutes are currently the exception. Consequently, businesses should evaluate and then be prepared to attack or defend agency actions in courts that will not presume that the agencies properly interpreted statutory law.

Businesses can expect those challenges to become more frequent, even against well-established agency actions after the second decision, *Corner Post, Inc. v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*. There, the Supreme Court held that the Administrative Procedure Act's six-year statute of limitations to challenge "agency actions" begins when the *plaintiff* is first impacted. Under prior precedent, the clock began to tick when the agency action (e.g., regulation, interpretation, policy) became final. Because new businesses and advocacy groups are formed daily in this country, it will be easy to find a plaintiff looking to apply *Loper Bright's* non-deferential review to even decades-old agency authority. Courts may still consider the effects of overturning agency precedent, but judicial action is now available to challenge previously settled agency precedent.



Joshua Mayes

Finally, in *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Jarkesy*, the Court addressed where - in administrative tribunals or in courts before juries - agencies can seek to enforce their statutes and regulations against businesses and individuals. Advocates have long criticized such administrative tribunals - where the agency investigates a violation, prosecutes violations in its own forum and then fixes the penalty for the alleged violations - as providing minimal procedural safeguards and no right to a jury trial. The Court agreed and for the second time struck down the SEC's use of in-house courts. Businesses can expect in-house tribunals to now be limited to purely administrative matters. Indeed, after *Jarkesy*, the SEC has dismissed dozens

of pending administrative enforcement proceedings, and many of them likely will not (or cannot) be refiled in federal court. While *Jarkesy* is limited to SEC enforcement actions, many other administrative agencies have similar in-house courts that are now vulnerable to being invalidated. Consequently, any business (or executive) that finds itself the subject of an administrative enforcement action should consider a constitutional challenge to the process.

In short, as a result of these recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, businesses can expect more exacting judicial review of more agency actions, as well as an enhanced role for juries in enforcement actions. It is, indeed, a new day.

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