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## Chapter News & Updates

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I hope that you and your families are safe and well during this time of uncertainty. In an effort to better connect with our members, we wanted to keep you apprised of the events and activities of our ACC chapter.

Just before the stay-home orders were issued, our chapter hosted two in-person events – a happy hour at Anton's Taproom and Restaurant and a meeting to discuss pro bono work, held at the Terracon corporate office. Our pro bono committee laid out a number of goals for 2020, including replicating last year's successful legal clinic for local nonprofit organizations. But much of that work has been placed on hold as we determine the best way forward in this new environment. Likewise, our CLE programs have seen changes. As many of us continue to work remotely, we appreciate our sponsors' flexibility in switching to a webinar CLE format. This has proven especially helpful and has the additional advantage of allowing our members in areas beyond Kansas City and Omaha to participate. We will continue to adapt to our changing circumstances so that we can better serve you.

While the world has undergone a number of changes during the past few months, we are committed to providing you with the resources and information you need. I would like to offer you the opportunity to please reach out to me or any of our board members with your suggestions or ideas for improving the services we provide to in-house counsel.

Additionally, with the national spotlight on racial justice, I would like to hear about your company's diversity and inclusion initiatives. Please share how your company is addressing this important issue and we may highlight it in the next newsletter.

Best Regards,  
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2020 ACC Mid-America Chapter President  
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## ACC STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

A message from Veta T. Richardson, President & CEO, of Association of Corporate Council and President of ACC Foundation:

In the face of a global pandemic, we have once again been tragically reminded of an even more pervasive threat which continues to afflict societies around the world — racism and social injustice. The past week in the United States has been especially brutal, as history repeated itself with the death of George Floyd, yet another unarmed African American man killed while in police custody in Minneapolis, MN. Not for the first time, we witnessed, on video, a police officer viciously take the life of a black man. Who among us could watch the video of George Floyd, pleading for the ability to simply breathe, and not feel repulsed and alarmed that any human being would be treated with such callousness, especially at the hands of those who are sworn to serve and protect us.

As an organization of in-house counsel, we rely on and uphold the laws of business, and the land, seeking to ensure equity and fairness "for all." Unfortunately, for far too long, people of color have not experienced the same sense of protection and fairness under the law. In fact, the exact opposite is true, as many communities of color have endured decades of disparity, and that experience has led to distrust of law enforcement and the legal system. Blatant discrimination is not and should not be tolerated in our companies and equally cannot be tolerated within our community. Lady Justice may wear a blindfold symbolizing impartiality, but the unacceptable reality for millions of people throughout the United States and around the world proves that we have much work to do to achieve this ideal.

To help bridge that divide, ACC joins with leaders in the corporate and legal communities worldwide to affirm with one voice that social injustice and inequality cannot and must not be tolerated. We must also make clear that any kind of discrimination, be it race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability, has no place among supporters of a free and democratic society.

In the days ahead, we will work with our members and partners to establish opportunities for the in-house community to discuss and develop best practices and resources to promote racial understanding and diversity. However, our goal cannot be to just return to "business as usual" as the status quo is simply unacceptable. We must first come together as a society to acknowledge a history rooted in institutional racism, discrimination, and biases based on color, if we ever hope to institute real change to end this cycle of senseless violence and hate.

To that end, ACC is committed to going beyond the discussion. We are committed to identifying actions each of us can take to help make a difference within our communities. I look forward to working with you in the coming days and weeks. As CEO of this big, global, diverse association of corporate counsel, I will be calling on you to join together and lead. We can and we will build bridges. We are in this together.

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## RECENT CHANGES IN CLE REQUIREMENTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many states have updated their CLE reporting requirements for 2020.

**Kansas-** All CLE can be obtained online with a 6-hour cap on prerecorded programming. Both the compliance and reporting periods end on September 30. For additional information, please click [here](#) .

**Missouri-** All CLE can be done remotely. The compliance period ends on September 30 and the reporting period ends on October 31. For additional information click [here](#).

**Nebraska-** The Nebraska Supreme Court has temporarily suspended the rule that caps distance learning credits. For additional information, please click [here](#).

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## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

In March, our chapter hosted a social event for our members at Anton's Taproom and



Restaurant in the Crossroads Arts District. Members were able to catch up with old friends and mingle with new ones at one of Kansas City's premier steakhouses.

## MEMBERSHIP GIVEAWAY

As a special new member recruitment incentive, our chapter is holding a giveaway for two registration packages to the ACC National Annual Meeting! The giveaway has been extended through July 31. To qualify for the drawings, there are two ways to be eligible:



**Referral Contest- ACC Mid-America Chapter** members who refer a colleague or friend that becomes a member by July 31, 2020, will be entered to win one of the packages. If you refer someone, please email [Lori Beck](mailto:Lori.Beck) with their contact information so that she can verify once they have joined.

**New Member Contest - All new members** who join by July 31, 2020, will be entered to win one of the packages.

Membership information can be found at: <https://www.acc.com/membership/become-a-member>.

Each package includes reimbursement for annual meeting event registration and reimbursement for up to \$500 worth of travel expenses (a value of up to \$2,175). The ACC Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia on October 13-16, 2020, and more information can be found at: <https://www.acc.com/annualmeeting>.

Member Social at Anton's Taproom & Restaurant



Jennifer McAdam and Patrick Courtney, Pro



## ACC MID-AMERICA CHAPTER PRO BONO COMMITTEE



The Pro Bono Committee met in March at Terracon corporate office in Olathe, KS. The committee discussed the Nonprofit Legal Clinic and options to host future events. But in light of the precautions around COVID-19, the Nonprofit Legal Clinic originally

## UPCOMING EVENTS & RESOURCES



# Spencer Fane

**Next CLE: June 17, 2020**, from 12:00pm-1:00pm - **The Ethics of Working Remotely** sponsored by Spencer Fane, LLP. This webinar event will begin promptly at 12:00pm.

Please click [here](#) for more information or to register by Tuesday, June 16, 2020.  
\*\*Please note, registered attendees will receive the weblink in their confirmation email.



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[Check out the list of programs.](#)

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**ACC National COVID-19 Resources Page:** <https://www.acc.com/covid-resources>

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## THANK YOU

ACC Mid-America would like to recognize and thank our 2020 sponsors. A list of those sponsors can be found [here](#).

For questions please contact our Chapter Administrator, [Lori Beck](#) or Chapter Assistant, [Shakedra Knight](#).

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