

TEXAS MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM

Education | Client Development | Networking

October 23-25, 2024 AUSTIN

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AN INVITATION FROM THE TMCP CHAIRS

On behalf of the State Bar of Texas Office of Minority Affairs and the TMCP Steering Committee, we invite you to attend the 32nd Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program in Austin, October 23-25, 2024. Come find out why this nationally recognized program is one of the best legal diversity conferences in the country!

The TMCP's unique format provides valuable CLE credit and outstanding networking opportunities to maximize the possibility for attorneys to connect, develop future professional relationships and strengthen existing ones.

We are confident that you will benefit from your participation in the TMCP and we hope you will join us in October!



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WHAT IS THE TMCP?

The Texas Minority Counsel Program (TMCP) is the premier client development, networking, and CLE event for attorneys in Texas. The TMCP was created in 1993 with the mission of increasing opportunities for diverse attorneys who provide legal services to corporate and governmental clients, and to expose organizations to the legal talent of diverse attorneys in Texas. The program, which is open to all attorneys, aims to bolster the amount and significance of legal work provided by minority, women, LGBTQ+, and other historically underrepresented attorneys. Since its inception, the TMCP has been instrumental in enhancing opportunities for diverse attorneys.

WHY ATTEND? HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 500+ attendees
- CLE from leading experts designed for practical use by both in-house and outside counsel
- Opportunities for one-on-one meetings between outside counsel and corporations
- Incomparable networking events including dine-arounds, golf, a spa retreat, receptions, and more
- Participate in one of our pipeline initiatives designed to reach middle school students and law school students

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6, 2024

Deadline for résumé submission for Counsel Connections (see pg. 5 for details) and early registration fee discount (Registration fee increases by \$50 after this date).

October 1, 2024

Deadline for discounted rate at the hotel (see pg. 6 for details). The block of rooms may fill up before the deadline. Reserve your hotel room soon!

/EDNESDAY | OCTOBER 23



NETWORKING THROUGH SERVICE

Develop your network while making a difference! Visit a local school in the host city and work in teams to present a curriculum designed to educate and encourage students to pursue careers in the legal profession.

It is free to participate, but registration is required. Cancellation is discouraged. To receive more info, select this option on the registration form in this brochure, or include it with your registration online at www.TexasBar.com/TMCP. Deadline to register for Networking Through Service is Oct. 7.



GOLF NETWORKING EVENT

Golf pros and beginners alike will enjoy a fun afternoon of competition and networking at Topgolf!

Golf schedule

1:45-2:00 Player check-in 2:00-4:00 Tournament 4:00-4:30 Golf reception

Golf info will be emailed to golf registrants before the event. Sign up by selecting this option on the registration form in this brochure, or by including it with your conference registration online at www.TexasBar.com/TMCP.



SPA RETREAT

Enjoy a relaxing spa treatment and network with fellow TMCP spa attendees at Viva Day Spa.

Spa schedule

10:00-4:00 Spa appointments

Spa registrants will be emailed instructions on selecting a service and booking an appointment. Appointments are for Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024 ONLY. Sign up by selecting this option on the registration form in this brochure, or by including it with your conference registration online at www.TexasBar.com/TMCP.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

5:00-6:30 Registration

WELCOME RECEPTION

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5:00-6:30 Reception

Join us at the Welcome Reception for the official kickoff of the TMCP! Mingle with other TMCP attendees, presenters, and in-house counsel.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24

8:00-8:45 Conference Registration

Breakfast sponsored by our **Counselor Sponsors**

8:45-9:00

Welcome and Orientation President, State Bar of Texas

Steve Benesh, Austin Bracewell LLP

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Marcus Brown, Chicago, IL United Airlines, Inc.

Emma Cano, San Antonio Jefferson Cano

9:00-10:00 General Counsel Panel 1 hr ethics Moderator

Lloyd Keith II, Austin **Apple**

Panelists

Ashley Fischer, Austin Tiff's Treats Cookie Delivery

Nate Isaacson, Chicago, IL Sloan

Alexis Lewis, Houston Wellby Financial

Bobby Perez, San Antonio Spurs Sports & Entertainment

10:00-10:15 Networking Break

10:15-11:00 Roundtable Discussions

up to .75 hr (.75 ethics)

11:00-11:30 Networking Break

KEYNOTE AWARDS LUNCHEON

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11:30-12:15 TMCP Awards Presentation

Rising Star Award Trailblazer of the Year Award Corporate Counsel of the Year Award Lifetime Achievement Award

12:15-1:00

Keynote Presentation .75 hr.

Moderator: Lisa Tatum, San Antonio LM Tatum, PLLC

Jeffery Robinson, Seattle, WA Founder & CEO, The Who We Are Project





1:00-1:45 **Networking Break**

1:45-5:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

> (All presentations are recorded and can be viewed online for MCLE credit following the conference. See FREE ONLINE BENEFITS on page 6.)

LITIGATI	ON TRACK	TRANSACTIONAL TRACK		PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK	
1:45-2:30	You've Been Served: Considerations for Companies and Their Legal Counsel When Interacting With Regulatory and Law Enforcement Agencies .75 hr Moderator Anthony Box, Dallas Gray Reed Panelists Jennifer Freel, Austin Jackson Walker Karima Maloney, Houston Steptoe LLP	1:45-2:30	Al Governance and Compliance: Preparing for the Future Today .75 hr Korin Munsterman, Dallas UNT Dallas College of Law Collin Smith, Seattle, WA Dell Technologies	1:45-2:30	Climbing the Ladder for Two: How Organizations Can Promote Gender Equity for Mothers .75 hr (.5 ethics) Moderator Nadia Bettac, Austin Bettac Advocacy and Mediation Panelists Punam Kaji, Dallas Fidelity Investments Nicole LeFave, Austin Littler Mendelson P.C. Mia Lorick, Houston Locke Lord LLP
2:30-3:00	A Conversation on Storytelling and Persuasive Writing in IP Litigation .5 hr Leah Bhimani Buratti, Austin Botkin Chiarello Calaf PLLC Hon. Susan Hightower, Austin Western District of Texas	2:30-3:00	Recent SEC Disclosure Developments and Challenges for Public Companies .5 hr Bryan K. Brown, Houston Jones Day	2:30-3:00	How to Address Subtle Acts of Exclusion in the Workplace .5 hr ethics Karla J. Aghedo, Houston The Aghedo Firm PLLC
3:00-3:30	Rules Update .5 hr Kennon Wooten, <i>Austin</i> Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP	3:00-3:30	M&A Developments – The One Secret They Don't Want You to Know About .5 hr Steven Otillar, Houston White & Case	3:00-3:30	How I Made Partner: Perspectives From a Junior Law Firm Partner .5 hr ethics Ben Montanez, San Antonio Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
3:30-3:45	Networking Break	3:30-3:45	Networking Break	3:30-3:45	Networking Break
3:45-4:30	Non-Competes No More? Employment Litigation .75 hr Moderator Jasmine Tobias, Dallas Holland & Knight Panelists Anthony Bégon, Dallas Trellix Chris Lopez, Irving Michaels	3:45-4:30	EB-5 Essentials: Essential Insights for Lawyers in Real Estate, Tax, Securities, Corporate, and Litigation Lawyers on Investor Immigration .75 hr Wilka Toppins, Houston Toppins Law Firm, P.C.	3:45-4:30	Gaining Internal and External Recognition as an Essential Advisor .75 hr (.5 ethics) Debra L. Bruce, Houston Lawyer-Coach LLC
4:30-5:00	The Do's and Don'ts of ADR's .5 hr Kenneth Trujillo-Jamison, Los Angeles, CA Willenken LLP	4:30-5:00	From Sidelines to Dotted Lines: NIL for the Transactional Attorney .5 hr Meagan M. McNeely, Dallas Quadros, Migl & Crosby	4:30-5:00	Top 10 Things I Wish I Knew When I Went In-House .5 hr Erwin Caban, The Woodlands Howard Hughes Holdings, Inc.
5:00-6:30	Networking Reception sponsored by our Chancellor Sponsors				
7:00-8:30	Dine-Arounds				
9:00-12:00	TMCP Party				







FRIDAY | OCTOBER 25

8:15-9:00 **Breakfast** sponsored by our **Associate Sponsors**

8:50-9:00 Announcements

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9:00-10:00 Managing Partners Panel

1 hr ethics

Moderator

Michael D. Pegues, *Dallas* Polsinelli

Panelists

Marianne M. Auld, Fort Worth Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP Edward A. Cavazos, Austin Pillsbury Winthrop

Priya Coffey, Houston Jackson Walker LLP

10:00-10:15 Networking Break

10:15-11:00 From One Court to Anonther:
Applying Lessons From Sports
Practice to Litigation Practice .75 hr

Moderatoi

Brittany Ringel Walton, *Houston* LvondellBasell

Panelists

Sydney Scott, *Houston* Gibson Dunn

Hon. Joe Stephens, *Houston* Harris County Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Place 1

11:00-11:45 The Importance and Impact of a Diverse Judiciary .75 hr ethics

Moderator

Deborah Cordova, *Edinburg* Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC

Panelists

Hon. Angelica Jimenez, San Antonio 408th Civil District Court

Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones, *Austin* 126th District Court

Hon. Beau A. Miller, *Houston* 190th Civil District Court

11:45-12:15 Networking Break

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

sponsored by our Advocate Sponsors

12:15-1:00 Luncheon Presentation .75 hr



Katie Phang
Host of the Katie Phang Show, Legal
Contributor and Legal Correspondent,
NBC & MSNBC

1:00 **Closing Remarks**TMCP Committee Chairs



TMCP COUNSEL CONNECTIONS

WHAT TMCP Counsel Connections are brief introductory meetings between law firm attorneys and representatives from corporate and government legal departments to discuss outside counsel opportunities. Counsel Connections are held as 15-minute sessions during the conference at times selected by the corporate representative (see available time blocks below). TMCP Counsel Connections provide a great first step for lawyers and their firms to be considered for future work. Although the conference is not a job fair, and there is no guarantee that work will be obtained, these meetings provide an excellent opportunity to form new business relationships. A list of participating companies and more information can be found online at TexasBar.com/TMCP/CounselConnections.

WHEN 15-minute consecutive sessions are held during the following time blocks*:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: Virtual Counsel Connections 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24: In-person Counsel Connections 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 1:45-3:00 p.m.; 3:15-5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: In-person Counsel Connections 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 10:15-11:45 a.m.

HOW Corporations and government agencies interested in participating should complete the Counsel Connections form found online at TexasBar.com/TMCP/CounselConnections. This form signs up the company. Corporations participating in the TMCP Counsel Connections receive complimentary conference registrations (up to two) for the representatives conducting the Counsel Connections.

Law firm attorneys interested in being considered for Counsel Connections should select the option when registering for the conference to receive a link to upload a personal résumé/firm résumé including a narrative description of the firm's practice, area(s) of expertise, and office locations. Registration and résumé(s) must be received by September 6, 2024.

Corporate and government agency representatives review résumés of TMCP law firm attendees prior to the conference and choose those who may have the requisite skills or expertise needed by their organization, either now or in the future. To best facilitate a match between law firm attendees' areas of expertise and a company's outside counsel hiring interests, Counsel Connections participants are selected in advance and there are no on-site signups at the conference. Only law firm attendees who register and upload their résumé by the deadline will be considered.

*Schedule is subject to change.

CONFERENCE INFO



AT&T Hotel and Conference Center

1900 University Avenue Austin, TX 78705

TMCP Group Rate: \$269/night

Deadline: October 1, 2024

Reservations: bit.ly/tmcp24hotel

or 877-744-8822

EARLY REGISTRATION/COUNSEL CONNECTIONS SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 Register by this deadline and save \$50. Law firm attorneys interested in being considered for the Counsel Connections should register and upload their résumé by the deadline.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS & PARKING Rooms have been blocked at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center at a discounted rate of \$269/night on a space-available basis. For reservations, visit bit.ly/tmcp24hotel or call 877-744-8822 and mention the Texas Minority Counsel Program 2024. The reserved block of rooms may fill up before the deadline of October 1, 2024. Parking: selfparking in the parking garage is \$3/hour; \$21 for overnight guests. Valet is \$21 daily or \$38 overnight.

COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATIONS FOR SPONSORS & COUNSEL **CONNECTION COMPANIES** Sponsoring organizations and corporations participating in the TMCP Counsel Connections are entitled to complimentary conference registrations. Visit www.TexasBar.com/TMCP to download the sponsorship form or Counsel Connections form. Submit the appropriate form to receive a code to claim the complimentary registrations.

À LA CARTE REGISTRATIONS À la carte registrations are for individuals who would like to attend the Keynote Awards Luncheon or the social events, but do not plan on registering for the entire conference. The "Social Events" registration allows access to the Wednesday Welcome Reception, the Thursday Networking Reception, and the Thursday night TMCP Party.

LAW STUDENTS Law students are invited to attend the following TMCP events for free: Law Student Networking Event, TMCP Save-the-Date Reception, and the TMCP Friday Luncheon. Title sponsors for the 2024 TMCP Law Student Program are AT&T and Thurgood Marshall School of Law. For more info and to RSVP, visit the bit.ly/TMCP2024LawStudent.

JUDGES Active Texas State/County, Federal, and Administrative Law Judges, Hearing Examiners, and Judge's Staff Attorneys may attend for free, provided: (1) the course directly relates to the judge's/tribunal's jurisdiction, (2) the judge is a full-time judge or retired under a judicial retirement system, and (3) space is available for all paying registrants. This privilege does not extend to prosecutors, receivers, trustees, other court staff, or persons serving part-time in a judicial capacity. Actual attendance is required to receive course materials.

COURSE MATERIALS Course materials are provided as a PDF download prior to the conference. You will receive an email when the download is accessible at TexasBarCLE.com.

MCLE CREDIT COURSE NO: 174248214

Calculate your hours by adding up the credit for each of the presentations you attended. Portions of this CLE activity may qualify for TBLS specialization credit upon request. Contact TBLS for individual credit in your specialty area.

FREE ONLINE BENEFITS Videos of the presentations and PDFs of the materials will be available online for registrants starting 10 to 12 weeks after the course. Provide your email address when registering to be notified when and how these benefits may be accessed. There is no extra charge; it's included with your registration! Note: presentation lengths may vary from those which were advertised.

REGISTERED BUT CAN'T ATTEND? Take the course online later so you can still earn MCLE credit and receive the course materials. See FREE ONLINÉ BENEFITS section on this page.

REFUNDS Refund requests must be received via email to MinorityAffairs@ TexasBar.com by 5 p.m. CST on Friday, October 18, 2024. Registrations will not be refunded after this date.

OUT-OF-STATE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT If you are applying for continuing education credit with another state, please request a Uniform Certificate of Attendance. Attendees are responsible for filling out the form and submitting it directly to other entities for credit.

DISCLAIMER By registering for the TMCP, all attendees and speakers acknowledge they may be photographed during the conference. They agree that such photographs will be the sole property of the State Bar of Texas, and they consent to the State Bar of Texas' unrestricted use of their name, photograph, or other likeness in any and all commercial, promotional, and advertising material without any monetary compensation.

VIEWS EXPRESSED Presentations, materials, advertisements, and other information distributed at the TMCP should not be deemed an endorsement by the State Bar of Texas of the views expressed therein. MCLE presentations are offered to help registrants improve the quality of legal services offered to clients. Views expressed at the event are those of the individual speakers and do not represent a position of the State Bar of Texas.

POLICY OF IMPARTIALITY The State Bar of Texas does not endorse political candidates. When a candidate running for public office is included in promotion for or participates in a State Bar event, the State Bar is not taking a position for or against anyone's candidacy.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness or have been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19, please do not attend an in-person event. See FREE ONLINE BENEFITS information on this page about taking the course online later, or the REFUNDS section.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS If you need special accommodations to attend or have special dietary needs, please call (512) 427-1538 in advance of the conference.

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To register online, visit www.texasbar.com/tmcp

1 ATTENDEE INFORMATION						
Registrant Name	Texas Bar No					
	Website					
	City State Zip					
	Phone					
Company Type: Law Firm: Majority-owned Law Firm: Minority or woman-owned* Corporation (not law firm)						
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Include my contact info in the TMCP mobile app: \square Y	*A minority/woman-owned law firm is one in which at least 51 percent of the ownership interest is controlled by minority/women attorneys.					
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2 REGISTRATION	3 COUNSEL CONNECTIONS					
Select ONE type of conference registration Includes all CLE, luncheons, and social events	This section should be completed ONLY by law firm attorneys interested in one-on-one meetings with in-house counsel. You'll receive a link to upload your résumé. Registration					
☐General Registration \$500	and résumé(s) must be received by September 6, 2024. See pg. 5 for details.					
□In-House, Government, or Non-Profit Attorney \$200	Firm Info: # of Partners: # of Associates: # of Of Counsel: Your Practice Area: Indicate your top TWO practice areas below by filling in the blank(s)					
Wednesday event (optional)	with % of total practice. Percentages MUST add up to 100%.					
☐Golf Tournament \$100	EXAMPLE: 100% Administrative Law					
□Spa Retreat \$185	AntitrustImmigrationReal Estate/Construction					
□ Networking Through Service Free Involves a commitment to visit an elementary school.	AppellateIntellectual PropertyRegulatory					
Cancellation is discouraged.	Commercial LitigationInternationalSecurities					
À la carte registration (optional)	CorporateLabor & EmploymentTaxation					
Only for those <u>not</u> registering for the full conference.	FinanceOil, Gas & Mineral					
☐ Keynote Awards Luncheon \$50 ☐ Social Events (receptions and party) \$100	GovernmentPersonal Injury/Tort LitHealth CarePrivacy/Cybersecurity					
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4 DISCOUNTS	5 PAYMENT					
Discounts apply to conference registration only; not golf, spa, or à la cart	a evante					
□\$50 OFF if registering by September 6, 2024.	My total is \$					
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