

DRAFT AGENDA

2nd Annual Saskatchewan Legal Executive Forum- May 10, 2024

Friday (8:00 light breakfast served, 8:30 start)

Location- College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

Agenda:

8:30AM Welcome- Dean Phillipson

Time: 5 minutes

8:35AM Opening Panel: Reflections and Sharing Experiences

Panel members to discuss their careers, what the expectations are for General Counsel and their teams, what advice can they pass on, what techniques did they employ to juggle a busy career, family, and their wellbeing, and what they know now that they wished they knew when they started their legal careers.

Time: 45 minutes

9:20AM Litigation Dispute Resolution and Managing Risk

The role of General Counsel and their teams in effectively managing risk and litigation, and resolving disputes is an important function. Done right and maybe no one will notice. Done poorly and monetary and reputational damage could be great. This panel will look at best practices in resolving private and public disputes, how to plan for and measure costs, and the important ways in house lawyers can bring value to their clients.

10:25-10:40 AM (networking break)

10:45AM- 11:15AM Expanding Role of the General Counsel: Walking the Balance Beam Between Law and Business and Ethical Implications

The General Counsel mandate continues to grow. In addition, General Counsel are expected to provide business advice as well as legal advice, as members of the leadership team, or at least integrate their legal advice into making the business better. In any event, General Counsel and their teams must be integrated into the business and be astute in how they provide legal advice.

11:15AM- 12:45PM Ethics Tabletop Exercise

Table discussion on an ethics scenario which includes an examination on some of the pitfalls from being both a legal and business advisor.

Report outs to, and discussion with, the panel.

Time: 90 minutes- table discussion, report out and discussion

12:45-1:15 PM (Lunch Break)

1:15- 2:45PM Operational Efficiencies and Integrating AI into Your Law Department.

This session will start with a 45-minute panel discussion which will look at operational best practices, doing more with less. AI will be integrated into the discussion. This will be helpful for General Counsel thinking about what might make sense for them, and what General Counsel should expect from the law firms doing their work.

Session will be followed by 45 minutes of table discussions which will include a table report out around how and where technology and AI are being used and will be used, by law departments law firms and sharing ideas on best operational practices.

2:45PM-3:00PM (networking break)

3:00-3:45PM Water Security In Saskatchewan: Economic and Legal Implications

Start with a presentation by the Executive Director at the Water Institute to set the stage (15 minutes) followed by a panel discussion on topics including observations on water availability in the province, how will the province provide safe and affordable water to communities and businesses and developments in conservation, policy and regulation (now and in the future) and the impact these developments will have on the Saskatchewan economy, particularly in the resource and agriculture sectors.

3:45-4:45PM Legal Hotspots- Issues and Recent Legal Developments: What's Keeping You Up at Night

4:45PM Closing Remarks, Summary and Takeaways