

January 22-23, 2023

Courtyard/Residence Inn Los Angeles L.A. LIVE
Los Angeles, California, USA



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

1:30pm-6:30pm **REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**
Meets In: **Courtyard/Residence Inn Lobby**

3:30pm-5:00pm **PLENARY SESSION**
Meets In: **LA Ballroom**

3:30pm-3:35pm **CONFERENCE WELCOME**
Speakers: **Jeff Higley**, President, The BHN Group
Chirag Shah, SVP, AHLA

3:35pm-4:05pm **CENTER STAGE – BRAND/OPERATOR PERSPECTIVES**
Host: **Chirag Shah**, SVP, AHLA
Guest: **Heather McCrory**, CEO, North & Central America, Accor

4:05pm-4:55pm **GENERAL COUNSEL OUTLOOK – ASSETS IN MOTION**
With the pace of transactions increasing, top legal experts will explore the myriad of issues facing hotel owners when a deal is done. We'll delve into legal ramifications of that next stage and how they apply to the complex, fast-moving pace of a post-deal handover. What are the big issues of the day, and what do these GCs see looming on the horizon?
Moderator: **Rachel Humphrey**, Founder, Women in Hospitality Leadership Alliance
Panelists: **Margaret C. Egan**, EVP, General Counsel & Secretary, Hyatt Hotels Corporation
Sussan P. Harshbarger, Chief Legal Officer, McNeill Investment Group
Ama Romaine, Global General Counsel, Real Estate Asset Management, Blackstone
Alex Rose, General Counsel, Ashford Inc.

4:55pm-5:00pm **WRAP-UP REMARKS**
Speaker: **Jeff Higley**, President, The BHN Group

5:00pm-6:30pm **OPENING NETWORKING RECEPTION**
Meets In: **LA Ballroom Foyer**

6:30pm-8:30pm **GC² (GREAT CHOW WITH GENERAL COUNSEL)**
Join your ALIS Law colleagues for a unique networking experience at The Mixing Room on the lobby level of the JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE. This is an optional dining event with limited availability and a separate fee of US\$200. Don't miss the opportunity to network with these key GC!
General Counsel: **Paul Cash**, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
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MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

7:00am-6:45pm **REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**
Meets In: **Courtyard/Residence Inn Lobby**

7:30am-8:30am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Meets In: **LA Ballroom Foyer**

8:30am-10:30am **PLENARY SESSION**
Meets In: **LA Ballroom**

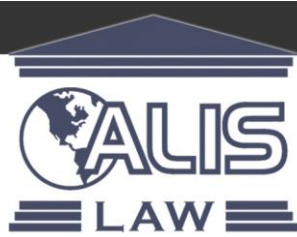
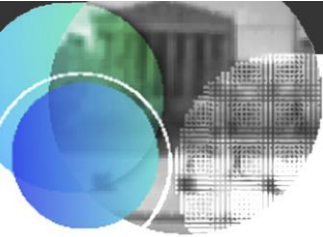
8:30am-8:45am **WELCOME BACK**
Speaker: **Jonathon S. Zink**, COO, The BHN Group

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8:45am-9:30am	<p>LIVING & WORKING WITH UNIONS IN 2023</p> <p>Approval for unions in the U.S. was 49% in 2009 and is 71% in 2022. Starbucks has organized well over 200 stores and Amazon was organized by an ex-employee not affiliated with any union. The hotel industry has been the holy grail for unions since the globalization gained steam in the 1990's. How is the industry reacting to the organized labor's gain in popularity and, more importantly, what are the issues and concerns that can make the parties partners and not antagonists?</p> <p>Moderator: David Sherwyn, Cerialle Professor, Director of CIHLER, Cornell University</p> <p>Panelists: Joseph Gustav Berger, President & CEO, BRE Hotels & Resorts Michael D'Angelo, Vice President, Labor Relations, Hyatt Hotels Corporation Harriet Lipkin, US Co-Chair, Hospitality and Leisure, DLA Piper Ron Pohl, President of International Operations & WorldHotels, Best Western Hotels Group</p>
9:30am-9:55am	<p>LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</p> <p>Presenter: Rena Reiss, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Marriott International</p> <p>Recipient: Kristin Campbell, EVP, General Counsel & Chief ESG Officer, Hilton</p>
9:55am-10:25am	<p>CENTER STAGE – OWNER/DEVELOPER PERSPECTIVES</p> <p>Host: Troy Flanagan, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, AHLA</p> <p>Guest: Mit Shah, CEO, Noble Investment Group</p>
10:25am-10:30am	<p>WRAP-UP REMARKS</p> <p>Speaker: Jonathon S. Zink, COO, The BHN Group</p>
10:30am-11:15am	<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p> <p>Meets In: LA Ballroom Foyer</p>
11:15am-12:15pm	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>
SESSION 01	<p>DOING THE RIGHT THING: EXPLORING EFFECTIVE ESG INITIATIVES</p> <p>The nuances of a successful Environmental, Social and Governance program continue to evolve as the operational, promotional, and legal aspects and other criteria of establishing an implementing it. ESG policies, disclosures, and legislative mandates are not one-size-fits-all endeavors as owners, operators, investors, brands, and consumers have different motivations for utilizing such programs. One thing is certain: Carrying out an effective ESG platform requires collaboration, cooperation, and a full understanding of the legal applications when it comes to components such as forced labor, supply chain sourcing, water and waste management, emissions, employee wellness, whistleblower protections, volunteerism, and board diversity.</p> <p>Meets In: LA Ballroom 1</p> <p>Moderator: Kara Maciel, Chair, Labor • Employment Practice Group, Conn Maciel Carey LLP</p> <p>Panelists: Farah Bhayani, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, G6 Hospitality LLC David Klein, EVP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Sunstone Hotel Investors Alan Tantleff, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting</p>
SESSION 02	<p>INDUSTRY HARMONY: HOW FRANCHISEES & FRANCHISORS CAN CO-EXIST</p> <p>While they're certainly not the only issue, the ebb-and-flow of brand standards in a franchisee/franchisor relationship can be a harbinger of how the partnership is performing. That relationship changes often as varying issues, tensions and agreements need to be identified and addressed. The legal aspects of this relationship are just as dynamic, and our experts will tackle topics ranging from fair franchising initiatives to protection against contractual missteps to conflict resolution to legislative issues that could impact both sides of the model.</p> <p>Meets In: LA Ballroom 2 & 3</p> <p>Moderator: Jay Blount, Member, Eckert Seamans</p> <p>Panelists: Laura Lee Blake, President and Chief Executive Officer, AAHOA Andria Boateng Hill, VP & Assistant General Counsel, RLJ Lodging Trust Alicia Kabiri, SVP, Assistant General Counsel, Hilton William Tennis, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, DiamondRock Hospitality</p>
12:15pm-1:15pm	<p>NETWORKING LUNCH</p> <p>Meets In: Residence Inn Lounge</p>

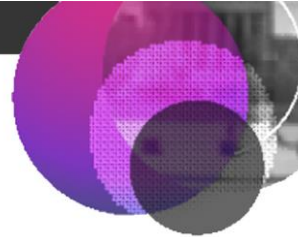


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1:15pm-2:15pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION 03 LABOR PAINS: UNDERSTANDING WORKPLACE ISSUES

Workforce issues remain an important legal battleground for the hotel industry. Whether it's unionization, wages, staffing issues or local ordinance rules, hotel owners and operators must be well-versed in the legalities of many issues. With a primary focus on understanding the union landscape and topics such as card check, unionization campaigns and joint employer issues, this discussion will help potentially avoid the pitfalls of the ever-changing legal landscape surrounding the workplace.

Meets In: **LA Ballroom 1**
Moderator: **Dana Kravetz**, Firm Managing Partner, Michelman & Robinson LLP
Panelists: **Trina Fairley Barlow**, Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP
Kevin Gallagher, Associate General Counsel, Host Hotels & Resorts
Dean Heyl, VP of Government Affairs, AAHOA
Judy Miles, EVP, General Counsel, KHP Capital Partners

SESSION 04 CRANKING UP THE "A/C": SEALING THE DEAL ON AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS

Securing air-tight contracts is essential for the success of every owner, operator, brand, and lender in the industry. Topics such as subordination (and non-disturbance) agreements between lenders, addressing cash management/lockbox situations, selecting vendors and negotiation contracts; and managing purchased services from outside vendors such as utilities, waste haulers, elevator service companies, fire/life safety service companies, staffing agencies, landscapers, software providers, laundry services, etc., are among the key topics to know about in the complex environment of executive effective agreements.

Meets In: **LA Ballroom 2 & 3**
Moderator: **John S. Fareed**, Global Chairman, Horwath HTL
Panelists: **Rhonda Hare**, Group General Counsel, Ennismore
Nathan Logan, General Counsel, MCR Hotels
Jordan McCarthy, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
Cynthia Warren, Legal Counsel, Pyramid Global Hospitality

2:15pm-3:00pm NETWORKING BREAK

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Guest: **Rob Hays**, President & CEO, Ashford Hospitality Trust

3:45pm-4:35pm GENERAL COUNSEL OUTLOOK – THE PEOPLE EQUATION

The labor crunch has created issues throughout the industry—and not all of those are bad. Facing those challenges and opportunities requires in-depth legal knowledge, and this panel of GCs will explore the complexities caused by the shortage of employees and address key issues hotel owners, operators, and brands must consider when dealing with it.

Moderator: **Kristie Dickinson**, Managing Director/EVP, CHMWarnick
Panelists: **Paul Cash**, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
Christopher Dekle, Chief Legal Officer and EVP, Extended Stay America
Bradford Maxwell, EVP & General Counsel, Sonesta
Jay Pricher, General Counsel, BWH Hotel Group
Simone Wu, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Choice Hotels International

4:35pm-4:40pm CLOSING REMARKS

Speaker: **Jonathon S. Zink**, COO, The BHN Group

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