2026 CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2026 | THE WESTIN RIVER NORTH | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



PROGRAM OUTLINE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. — CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS PG NETWORKING EVENT

Chicago Skydeck – The Ledge
233 S. Wacker Drive



Skydeck Chicago offers a 3-in-1 experience featuring an interactive museum, panoramic skyline views, and the iconic glass-floored Ledge—one of the city's most unforgettable attractions.

Transportation: The Skydeck is a 25-minute (1-mile) walk from the Westin. Meet in the lobby at 10:30 a.m. if you'd like to walk with the group or 10:45 a.m. if you'd like to ride-share with other attendees.

Attire: Casual, comfortable walking shoes.

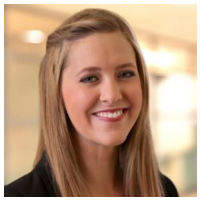
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. — NETWORKING LUNCH
The Westin River North – Riverfront Room

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. — CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS PG FACE-TO-FACE MEETING
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2:00 P.M. – 2:10 P.M. WELCOME FROM CO-CHAIRS, INTRODUCTIONS & LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



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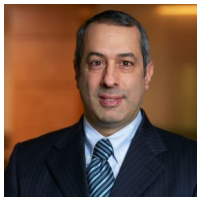
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2:10 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. STRATEGIC PLANNING & FUTURE INITIATIVES

This interactive strategic planning discussion, led by the CCTPG Co-Chairs, will help shape the group's next phase of growth and development. The Co-Chairs will review progress and ROI goals, identify opportunities to strengthen membership and engagement, advance client identification and outreach priorities and consider the feasibility of a stand-alone client event. The group will then divide up by region to discuss each region's top five capabilities supporting U.S.-headquartered multinational clients and determine who will lead this project to put together a regional capabilities statement. See breakdown of session below.

2:10 P.M. – 2:20 P.M. Strategic Plan Overview & ROI Goals

Alan will review the CCTPG's progress, lessons learned over the years and next steps to increase the group's participation, referrals, visibility and overall ROI.



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2:20 P.M. – 2:35 P.M. **Strengthening CCTPG Membership**

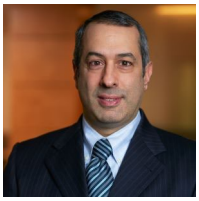
Daniel will lead the discussion on opportunities to increase member participation, recruit firms in key jurisdictions and form a recruitment task force.



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2:35 P.M. – 2:55 P.M. **ALFA Client Outreach & Client Identification**

Eric and Antonella will discuss ongoing client identification efforts, 2027 ICS client screening and client outreach priorities.



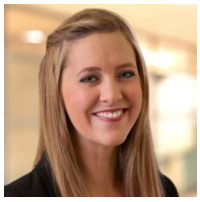
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2:55 P.M. – 3:10 P.M. **CCTPG Capabilities: What Are We Good At?**

Mary will lead the discussion on CCTPG capabilities and have the group divide by region to discuss each region's top five capabilities for supporting U.S.-headquartered multinational clients and assign an attorney as regional representative to lead this project to create a one-page capabilities summary.



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3:10 P.M. – 3:20 P.M. **Long-Term Vision: Stand-Alone CCTPG Client Event**

Sebastian will lead the discussion to assess the feasibility, challenges and next steps for a stand-alone CCTPG client event. Assign a person to lead this project.



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3:20 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. **Decisions, Volunteers & Next Steps**

The Co-Chair will conclude the session by confirming leads, recommendations, value-proposition ownership and immediate follow-up actions.

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. BREAK

3:45 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. SUPERVISING AI IN M&A PRESENTATION AND GROUP DISCUSSION

Our teams are increasingly using AI to help execute M&A deals, but what are the duties of partners and others supervising their teams' use of AI? Poor supervision can lead to mistakes, deal disruptions, client harm, potential liability and, of course, breaches of ethical obligations, so this session will look at what effective supervision of AI looks like in an M&A practice.

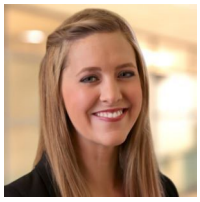
We are not planning to go into detail on the underlying ethical rules themselves, on specific AI products used in M&A or on all the possible AI use cases, but please come ready with your own examples of:

- Where you are using AI in your M&A practice.
- Whether you regard some of those use cases as higher or lower risk compared with others.
- What you think are red flags where team members have used AI.
- Where you and your firm are on your AI use journey (e.g. avoidance, experimentation, productive use, responsible supervision).
- More generally, how you deal with the need for supervision in an area where the available tools and capabilities are expanding rapidly.

We are also proposing to discuss two hypothetical case studies. The first is where an associate uses AI to summarize 400 diligence documents, but the summary misses a contract requiring third-party consent – we will discuss issues like what failed, what should have been reviewed and whether this is an "associate issue" or a "supervisor issue". The second case study (if we have time for it!) is where an associate uses AI to rewrite some indemnification language and the new language appears cleaner but quietly shifts risk toward the seller – we will discuss what red flags should exist, how a supervisor would catch it and what review process should occur.



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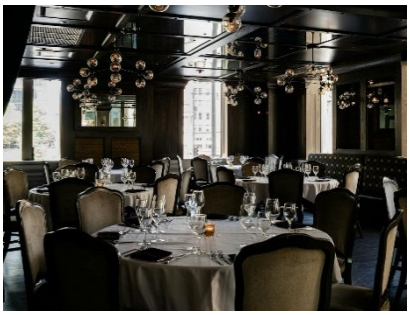
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4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS PG DINNER



Prime and Provisions Steakhouse | 222 N. La Salle Blvd. Chicago, IL

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Plated Dinner

Prime & Provisions is a modern steakhouse in downtown Chicago, known for its sophisticated atmosphere and exceptional quality. Featuring dry-aged steaks, fresh seafood and an elevated take on classic American cuisine, the restaurant blends timeless elegance with a lively, contemporary energy.

Transportation: Prime & Provisions is a 7-minute walk from the hotel. If you wish to walk with other attendees, meet in the lobby at 6:50 pm.

Attire: Business or smart casual attire is encouraged.