

## Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) FAQs

### What is ACC?

- The Association of Corporate Counsel ([ACC](#)) is a global bar association that upholds the value of in-house counsel. ACC supports the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations, and other organizations through information, education, networking, and advocacy. Representing the world's largest community for in-house counsel, ACC is the best resource for lawyers transitioning into in-house roles.
- ACC's membership spans more than 43,000 in-house counsel employed by over 10,000 organizations across 85 countries. ACC's members include 98 percent of all Fortune 500 companies in addition to general counsel of small law departments.

### What are some of the benefits of becoming a member?

- When it comes to resources, with more than 30 years of collective in-house experience, ACC has it covered. Ranging from sample policies and contracts to risk-management training tools, ACC's materials represent best in class resources from around the world and cover every in-house practice area.
- ACC also provides a concierge service for members who are in need of additional resources and guidance as they transition into in-house roles.
- As a member, you can attend the [ACC Annual Meeting](#), the largest gathering of in-house counsel in the world. Elevate your expertise with the latest on current legal issues from dozens and dozens of thought leaders. Uncover techniques to take your career to the next level. Plus, experience it with thousands of your in-house peers from around the world.
- Outside of the Annual Meeting, ACC provides educational resources through [business education](#), [executive leadership institutes](#), [in-person education](#), and [online education](#). Individual ACC chapters run accredited CLE/CPD educational programs throughout the year, as well as regional conferences for local members.
- ACC provides an online [resource library](#) intended to serve as a tool providing practical advice and references for the busy in-house practitioner and other readers.
  - The online resource library provides access to portals such as [contracts](#), [crisis management](#), [compliance](#), [research](#), and [eGroups](#).
  - ACC content providers include the [ACC Newsstand](#), [Practical Law](#), [ILO](#), and [Global Resource Providers](#).
  - The [ACC Alliance](#) program is a formed partnership with leading legal and business service providers to offer high-quality products and services for in-house practitioners at special rates for members.
- Every membership includes a subscription to the [ACC Docket](#); ACC's award winning publication that delivers in-depth news, opinions, and analysis by in-house counsel.

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### **What additional benefits are included through this alumni program?**

- The ACC Law Firm Alumni Program provides a six-month complimentary membership to our alumni who are moving (or have moved) to an in-house role. The program provides transitioning lawyers with special concierge services designed to create a smooth transition into their new in-house role, as well as materials that include relevant resources/information covering every in-house practice area.
- The gift membership includes a US\$200 credit towards [Corporate Counsel University](#), a comprehensive educational program specifically designed for those new to in-house practice, in-house lawyers with less than five years of experience, or those who want to sharpen their basic in-house practice skills.
- Access to a webcast series developed specifically for lawyers who are new to in-house practice. The series will demonstrate how ACC can save new to in-house counsel valuable time and money focusing on three key themes: Resources, Education, and Networks/Connections.

### **How does membership work?**

- When you join ACC, you become a [member](#) of the global organization and your local [chapter](#). You can also join any or all of ACC's networks, which include 19 sponsored [committees](#) that focus on substantive legal practice areas.
- ACC provides a [member-to-member platform](#) that connects you with members in over 85 countries through online resources as well as provides in-person networking opportunities through local chapters. ACC aims to help you create local and global connections as well as long-lasting relationships that will continuously benefit your legal and personal career.

### **How do I register through this alumni program?**

- Sign-up for your six-month complimentary ACC membership at [www.acc.com/firmgift](http://www.acc.com/firmgift).

### **Who do I contact for additional information?**

- For any additional information about the ACC Law Firm Alumni program, please contact ACC's Director of Membership Development, David Chu at [lawfirmalumni@acc.com](mailto:lawfirmalumni@acc.com) or 202-969-1547.

## Association of Corporate Counsel Law Firm Alumni Program

### Program Overview

ACC is excited to unveil this new initiative that aligns law firm's support of in-house practitioners with their ongoing career development. Through ACC's Law Firm Alumni Program, lawyers who are transitioning to an in-house role receive a complimentary six-month ACC membership. Participation in this program will give members the opportunity to connect with fellow in-house counsel, access ACC educational programs, and attend local CLE/CPD accredited programs. ACC will also provide additional concierge services to transitioning lawyers as they navigate through their new in-house roles.

### Benefits

#### *Concierge Service*

ACC will ensure you have a smooth transition into your in-house role by providing personalized services at no cost to you. You will have the opportunity to discuss any issues/concerns you may have while adjusting to your new role with highly trained ACC representatives.

#### *Networking*

ACC provides a member-to-member platform that connects you with members in over 85 countries through online resources as well as in-person networking opportunities through [local chapters](#). Create local and global connections and long-lasting relationships that will continuously benefit your legal and personal career.

#### *Personal Branding*

ACC helps you strengthen your personal brand by giving you the knowledge and insights you need to become an indispensable member of your law department, and better business strategist. You will also have the opportunity to serve as a contributor for the award-winning [ACC Docket](#), participate in a broad range of leadership opportunities with local chapters, and attend global educational events.

#### *Professional Development*

ACC provides business education for in-house counsel with programs designed to help you develop and hone the business skills increasingly expected of in-house counsel in today's environment. ACC's alumni program includes a US\$200 educational credit towards [Corporate Counsel University](#), a comprehensive educational program specifically designed for lawyers transitioning to in-house practice.

#### *Advocacy*

ACC advocates on public policy matters that directly affect in-house practice and actively works with members to make the voice of in-house heard on a given issue. [ACC](#) is currently making proactive efforts to target issues such as the right to practice, gatekeeper liability, and attorney-client privilege.