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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Registration & Breakfast

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Sport & Fitness Center, Hotung Building

Welcome & Overview

8:55 a.m. – 9:05 a.m., McCourt School of Public Policy (MCC) Auditorium

Update on Significant Court Decisions and Pending Litigation in the Hotel & Lodging Industry

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

Jennifer M. Driscoll, Robinson & Cole LLP

Jennifer A. Guy, Hilton

Michael L. Morkin, Venable LLP

Minh N. Vu, Seyfarth

Student Contributor: Alma Bevard, American University College of Law, 2025

Networking Break

10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., MCC Atrium

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General Counsels' Panel (Off the Record)

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

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Meghan Cocci, Latham & Watkins LLP

Alessandra Marsico, Pebblebrook Hotel Trust



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Greg Moundas, Aimbridge Hospitality

Rena Reiss, Marriott International, Inc.

Keynote: A Conversation with Gwen Mills, UNITE HERE

11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

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David Sherwyn, Cornell University School of Hotel Administration

Student Contributor: Catherine Zhou, The George Washington University School of Law, 2025

Lunch & Networking Break

12:25 p.m. – 1:20 p.m., Sport & Fitness Center, Hotung Building

Financing Hotel Developments Today

1:35 p.m. – 2:35 p.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

Jonathan Falik, JF Capital Advisors

Matthew Kacheris, Wells Fargo & Company

Michael E. Kaplan, WilmerHale

Ankit Shrivastava, ArentFox Schiff

Student Contributor: Linnea Miller, American University College of Law, 2027

Networking Break

2:35 p.m. – 2:55 p.m., MCC Atrium

Thank you to our networking sponsor, Latham & Watkins!



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Internal Investigations in Hotel Companies

2:55 p.m. – 3:55 p.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

Karen Delfyett, Hilton

Jared Garner, Concord Hospitality

David A. Holley, StoneTurn

Douglas B. Paul, Akerman LLP

Keith Wallace, Marriott International, Inc.

Student Contributor: A. Asad Imam, American University Washington College of Law, 2025

“Deals Gone Bad”

4:05 p.m. – 5:05 p.m., MCC Aud.; Overflow MCC LL40 & LL60

Zahara Kassam, FTI Consulting

Nathan Logan, MCR Hotels

Andrea M. Mattei, Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.

Francis J. Nardoza, REH Capital Partners, LLC

Russ Savrann, Sandman Savrann

Student Contributor: Nicole M. Hurst, American University Washington College of Law, 2026

Networking Reception

5:20 p.m. – 7:20 p.m., Sport & Fitness Center, Hotung Building



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Registration & Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., McDonough (MCD) Atrium

Ethics Lessons from a Jersey Guy

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., MCD 201; Overflow MCD 202

Stuart I. Teicher, Georgetown University Law Center

Networking Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m., MCD Atrium

Thank you to our networking sponsor, Akerman!

Breakout Session 1: Legislative and Regulatory Update

10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., MCD 201; Overflow MCD 202

Melissa Froehlich Flood, Marriott International, Inc.

Beth Jafari, Hilton

Chirag Shah, American Hotel & Lodging Association

Mike B. Wittenwyler, Godfrey & Kahn

Student Contributor, Jackie Murphy, American University Washington College of Law, 2025

Breakout Session 2: Bankruptcies, Receiverships and Foreclosures in the Hotel & Lodging Industry Today

10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., MCD 203; Overflow MCD 205

Brian Audette, Perkins Coie

Linda Leali, Linda Leali, P.A.

John J. Monaghan, Holland & Knight



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Nancy A. Peterman, Greenberg Traurig

Michael Spiegeland, Marriott International, Inc.

Lunch & Networking Break

11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., MCD Atrium

Breakout Session 1: Legal Challenges of Transactions for Branded Residences and Condominium Hotels

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m., MCD 201; Overflow MCD 202

Julia Charnyshova, Eckert Seamans

Robert Dolehide, Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Stacie A. Goeddel, Holland & Knight

Serena Rakhlin, JDS Development Group

Breakout Session 2: An Overview of Basic Accounting Principles for Attorneys in the Hotel Industry

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m., MCD 203; Overflow MCD 205

John J. Dent, Ennismore

Michael W. Duffy, Hilton

Tom Gerth, KPMG US

Networking Break

12:50 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., MCD Atrium

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Breakout Session 1: Hotel F&B Alternatives: Navigating Labor and Other Legal Challenges

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m., MCD 201; Overflow MCD 202

Thomas B. Henry, Flaherty & O'Hara P.C.

Rimma Kanter, Soho House & Co.

Karen Thiessen Moyer, IHG Hotels & Resorts

Robin Zeidel, Zeidel & Associates P.C.

Student Contributor: Jason Kellogg, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, 2025

Breakout Session 2: An Overview of Hotel-Specific Accounting Concepts, Including Discussion of the New Uniform System of Accounting for the Lodging Industry (USALI)

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m., MCD 203; Overflow MCD 205

Raymond D. Martz, Pebblebrook Hotel Trust

Adam Rothstein, Honigman LLP

Gina Tallarico, Topography