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**Opening Remarks** 

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

### Signature Session: Playing the Long Game – Fostering Collaborative and Trusted Partnerships

10:00 AM - 11:20 AM

This combined panel and workshop explores best practices for creating and maintaining sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with outside counsel.



Julie Aslaksen
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# **AGENDA**

November 13, 2024 | NYC



### **In-house Breakout Session: Building Teams That Last**

#### 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Explore effective strategies for building resilient, cohesive in-house teams within legal departments. Emphasize empathetic leadership, career development, and aligning departmental culture with broader corporate initiatives.



Mark Smolik General Counsel DHL Supply Chain Americas



Elizabeth Miller Legal Ops Luminary



**Peter Wei** Head of Legal Octaura



### Law Firm Breakout Session: Creating Your Short List — An Interactive Business Development Masterclass for Lawyers

#### 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM

In this engaging and practical session, lawyers will explore the principles behind building their own "short list" of high-priority clients and prospects, inspired by the philosophy outlined in *The Short List* by David Ackert. Through interactive coaching exercises, real-world scenarios, and collaborative discussions, participants will identify their top BD opportunities and create a focused, actionable plan to engage them. Learn how to leverage coaching strategies, pipeline tools, and peer insights to strengthen client relationships, unlock new business, and overcome common BD challenges. Walk away with a personalized short list and the tools to turn it into new revenue.



**David Ackert** Co-Founder and CEO PipelinePlus





Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

### Signature Session: Effective Pitching – From Framework to Feedback

1:30 PM - 2:50 PM

Step into a dynamic session where theory meets practice in the art of pitching. Our panel of In-House experts will share a proven framework that maximizes the chances of a successful, win-win outcome in any pitch scenario. Following this, three partners will take the stage to put this framework into action, engaging in a live mock pitch that showcases best practices in real time.



Mark Smolik General Counsel DHL Supply Chain Americas



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### **Breakout Session: From Rates to Relationships – How Collaboration Redefines Legal Value**

#### 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

This panel will explore how collaboration between legal departments and law firms is reshaping the way legal services are priced, delivered, and valued. By breaking down silos, enhancing transparency, and leveraging technology, the conversation will focus on building strong relationships that redefine legal value.



Moderator Rob Stote Chief Product Officer BigHand



Stacy Lettie Chief of Staff to the General Counsel Organon



Alexandra Guajardo Global Director of Commercial Strategy Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP



### Breakout Session: Al in Legal Practice - Diverse Perspectives on Transformative Impact 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Explore the ethical implications of AI in legal practice, balancing short-term wins with long-term effects. Acknowledge the rapid adoption and development of AI technology by in-house teams compared to law firms' cautious approach. This session will also discuss how client demands for AI solutions are impacting law firms.



**Alex Rindels** Head of Legal Jasper



**Alex Moh**Senior Counsel
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**Aaron Boersma**Spend Innovation
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Matthew Carey
Partner, Patent
Attorney
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Join us for a candid and enlightening session that brings together two distinct yet interconnected perspectives on client service. In a unique dueling banjos-style panel presentation, seasoned In-House Counsel and law firm leaders will share their insights on what fosters sustainable, win-win relationships.



Andrea Webster
Associate Director
Legal Innovation &
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Novartis Corporation



**Jessica McDonald** Legal Professional XPO, Inc.



**Nishat Ruiter**General Counsel
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Networking Reception 5:30 PM

