

## INSIDE DIVERSITY IV: THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPERATIVE: A FIRESIDE CHAT

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### Speakers

**Camilla Eng**  
**General Counsel**  
**JM Eagle**

As General Counsel to JM Eagle, Camilla leads the law department of the world's largest plastic pipe manufacturer where she advises on corporate strategy and implementation.

Prior to her current role, Camilla served as a Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney for the Renewable Energy Group at the Department of Water & Power where she advised on a range of energy business projects relating to renewable energy generation, purchase and transmission. As a Deputy City Attorney for the Department of Water & Power, Camilla represented and advised on a range of energy business projects relating to renewable energy generation, purchase and transmission. She advised on the LA Solar Plan, one of the largest solar plans undertaken by any single city in the world. Camilla previously managed all outside counsel for the City of Los Angeles and its annual budget of over \$33 million.

As counsel to the Los Angeles World Airports, she practiced real estate and state and federal regulatory law and advised on various issues, from complex, long-term commercial leases to the LAX Master Plan, a \$12 billion modernization plan, and related litigation. Camilla previously worked for Congressman Michael Honda in Washington, D.C., where she worked on transportation issues.

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) recognizes Camilla as one of the nation's *Best Lawyers Under 40*. She was also awarded a 2008 American Marshall Memorial Fellowship by the German Marshall Fund (GMF), which awards fellowships to leaders in politics, government, business and the nonprofit sector who are committed to strengthening transatlantic relationships.

Camilla served as the 34th President of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers' Association; Treasurer of the NAPABA and is a member of the LA County Judicial Appointments Committee. She also serves on the boards of other community organizations including the California Minority Counsel Program, the Hastings College of Law Alumni Association and the Asian Pacific American Friends of Theater.

A native San Franciscan, Camilla received her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of California at Davis and her J.D. from Hastings College of the Law.



## **John Page**

### **Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Golden State Foods President-Elect, National Bar Association**

John E. Page is Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Golden State Foods, Corp., a privately held \$5 billion food processing and distribution company to the quick service and casual dining food service industries. With over 3,000 employees worldwide, GSF is one of the largest diversified suppliers to the food service industry, servicing more than 20,000 restaurants on four continents. The company also runs the GSF Foundation for Kids, a non-profit organization to help children and families in need. John has over 20 years of practicing as an attorney both as outside and in-house counsel. He is on the Executive Committee of Golden State Foods, serving as GSF's Corporate Secretary. GSF is one of the largest privately held companies in the United States. As General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, John is responsible for all legal, governance and compliance matters.



A native of Brooklyn, New York, John is a 1987 *cum laude* graduate of Pace University, receiving a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in History. While at Pace, he was selected to membership in the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. John is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he was an editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

John practiced as a commercial litigator for over eight years before going in-house with Lucent Technologies and Avaya Inc. (a spin-off of Lucent). He has litigated and tried numerous cases and has argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. John's clients have included national real estate developers, global financial services companies and national franchisors. While at Avaya, he served as principal legal counsel to the Worldwide Operations and Services Group which generated over \$1.7 billion in revenue for Avaya. John oversaw a number of critical and strategic outsourcing engagements on behalf of Avaya, including one transaction valued at over \$350 Million.

John served on the New Jersey Commission on the Discrimination in State Government Contracting, the New Jersey Attorney General's Task Force on Use of Deadly Force, two terms as President of the Garden State Bar Association and as a Board Member of New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association. John served for three years on New Jersey District X Ethics Committee.

John has provided training to sales and finance teams on topics such as revenue recognition, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and gathering and use of competitive information. John has served as a moderator or speaker on issues from corporate investigations, enterprise risk management, ethics and Sarbanes Oxley compliance, outsourcing and diversity. John has been actively engaged in diversity efforts throughout his career at leading law firms and law departments. In 2009 John conceptualized and established the Corporate Leadership Forum (CLF), which provides structured opportunities for in-house counsel and outside counsel to foster relationship building and share best practices for business, practice, and professional development.

John is President-Elect of the National Bar Association, a member of its Board of Governors, and has served on the Executive, Budget, Long Range Planning, Finance and Fundraising, and Membership Committees. John serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel, and has been nominated as 2011-2012 Secretary. He is a member of the ACC (member of SoCal ACC Chapter and Board member NJ ACC Chapter), California Association of Black Lawyers (Chair, Judicial Evaluations Committee) and has served on the board of the Education Law Center (Newark, NJ) (Nominating and Finance Committees). In 2010, John received the National Bar Association's highest award, the C. Francis Stradford Award, for his service to the NBA and to the legal profession. Additionally in 2010, John was the recipient of the 2010 *Orange County Business Journal* General Counsel of the Year Award and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association Rising Icon Award. In 2011 the African American

Managing Partner Network honored John with the Corporate Counsel Pathfinder Award. Also in 2011, John was elected President-Elect of the National Bar Association, and will serve as President 2012-2013.

Throughout his career, John has demonstrated a continuous and sustained pattern of advocacy and support for a diverse legal profession and a diverse corporate America. He is an advocate and practitioner of enhancing business development and legal training for minority attorneys. John has provided business opportunities to capable attorneys of color and non-minority attorneys who have committed to staff matters with a diverse slate of minority and non-minority professionals. As a result, attorneys of color and those committed to a sustained diverse profession are able to and have hired and retained diverse talent. For his commitment, John received the 2008 ACCA-SoCal Diversity Award. Finally, John is a mentor to law students and is deeply committed to our youth, being involved in organizing "Journey To Attorney" which aims to invite, inform and inspire today's youth to consider positive choices for the future including one that leads to a career in law.

John is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey and is a Registered In-House Counsel in California. John is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Jacqueline Thomas**  
**Vice President of Corporate Responsibility**  
**Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.**

As Vice President of Corporate Responsibility at Toyota Motor Sales, Jacqueline Thomas is responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership enterprise risk management; environmental, hazmat, health and safety; and the office of privacy. Her overall efforts will contribute to Toyota's commitment to integrity, while sustaining and maximizing Toyota's success.

Jacqueline joined TMS in 1999 as a financial projects manager and was subsequently promoted to internal audit director and then chief audit executive prior to her current position.

Prior to joining TMS, she worked at ARCO (Atlantic Richfield Company) in a variety of management positions, including procurement, financial administration, business management consulting, and internal audit.

Jacqueline is active in a number of church and community programs. She is recognized as a thought leader and has led several projects addressing organizational and career development transformation opportunities. She is currently an active member of the Corporate Executive Board, the Compliance & Ethics Leadership Council and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Jacqueline earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.



**Sandra Williams**  
**Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel – West Coast**  
**CBS Television**

Sandra Williams is responsible for managing the operations of the CBS Television Studios and the CBS Network West Coast legal departments. The CBS Television Studios practice group handles all legal matters related to the development and production of shows produced by the Studio, including negotiating and drafting rights acquisition agreements, talent agreements and other production-related agreements, and performing content clearance. The CBS Television Studios' current production slate includes the *CSI* franchise, *The Good Wife*, *NCIS* and *90210*, among other popular shows. The Network practice group handles legal work related to the development, licensing, broadcast and marketing of entertainment programs aired by the CBS Network.

Sandra is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Smith College. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Children's Rights, one of Los Angeles' leading providers of pro bono legal services for disadvantaged children and families.



**Joshua Briones**  
**Partner**  
**DLA Piper LLP (US)**

Joshua Briones is a partner in DLA Piper's Litigation group. Joshua is keenly focused on his clients' business objectives and committed to minimizing the disruptive effects of litigation upon their businesses. His clients rely on his skills as an effective crisis manager and counselor.

Joshua has litigated and tried a wide range of complex business disputes for local, national and international clients, in the areas of consumer class actions, securities, contracts, business torts, copyright and trademarks, deceptive trade practices and fiduciary disputes. Joshua also has international litigation experience. He represents foreign companies doing business in the United States in commercial and regulatory disputes. He has prepared several cases for trial in state and federal courts for cases originating outside the United States, including conducting discovery under international treaties, addressing international conflict of laws issues, and obtaining dismissals under the forum non conveniens doctrine.



Joshua is a member of DLA Piper's Electronic Discovery Readiness and Response group. He regularly counsels clients on issues relating to records retention, litigation holds and the preservation and use of electronic information. He is co-chair of DLA Piper's Social Media practice.

Joshua is on the Hiring Committee for the Los Angeles office. He is also a member of DLA Piper's Los Angeles Pro Bono Committee and the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Century City office. Joshua is head of the Los Angeles Diversity Committee and also serves as DLA Piper's Hispanic/Latino Affinity Group leader.

Joshua received his LL.M. from New York University School of Law and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.

In 2011, Joshua was named a Southern California Rising Star. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state of California are named to the list.