**Bricker & Eckler Corporate Counsel Summit**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bricker & Eckler LLP

(100 South Third Street, Columbus OH 43215)

**Agenda**

11:30 – Registration

Noon **Luncheon and** **General Session** – **A Conversation with Stephen Francis**

Stephen Francis will share his insights on ways leaders in the legal community can create and maintain diverse and inclusive workplaces, implement D&I initiatives in both the public sector and private sector and career development for in-house counsel based on his experience as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the City of Columbus, Ohio, as former Senior Assistant Counsel for Honda of America, and prior in-house counsel at Banc One Corporation.

Interviewed by Devin Parram, Bricker & Eckler

1:15-2:15 **Professional Development for the In-House Attorney**

The panel will discuss their paths to becoming in-house counsel, recent legal developments that have presented challenges for their organizations and strategies for facing these challenges.

Panelists: Lindsay Ford Ellis (Associate Counsel, Central Ohio Transit Authority)

Nicole Pittman (Assistant General Counsel, Nationwide)

Scott Davis (Chief Legal Officer, MS Consultants)

Moderator: Devin Parram, Bricker & Eckler

2:30-3:20 **Crisis and Reputation Management**

A discussion on strategic approaches to crisis management and communications and the importance of protecting a company’s reputation in a time of crisis and why the “court of public opinion” is so important when a crisis occurs.

Speaker: Stephanie York (Vice President, Hennes Communications)

3:25-4:25 **Mediation Strategies and Techniques**

The panel will focus on how in-house attorneys can overcome challenges before, during and after a mediation, and will also address strategies for selecting a mediator.

Panelists: Joëlle Khouzam (Partner, Bricker & Eckler)

Anne Marie Sferra (Partner, Bricker & Eckler)

Frank Ray (Ohio Civil Mediator, Frank A. Ray Co., L.P.A.)

Please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the conclusion of the program.  This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.0 hours of instruction.