

**In-House Legal Careers: Demystified at Rutgers Law**  
**Moderated by Professor Douglas Eakeley**  
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**PROFESSOR DOUGLAS EAKELEY.** Professor Eakeley joined the Law School in 2012 as the first occupant of the Alan V. Lowenstein Chair in Corporate and Business Law, after several decades in private practice specializing in complex commercial litigation. He is the founder and co-director of the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance and the founder and director of the Rutgers Law School Entrepreneurship Clinic. Professor Eakeley joined the law school in 2012 from Lowenstein Sandler LLP, where he specialized in complex commercial litigation, including securities fraud, antitrust, consumer fraud, class actions and derivative litigation. He has successfully tried numerous matters in federal and state courts, argued many appeals in the federal and state appellate courts, and served as lead counsel in cases in which new law was established. Professor Eakeley is included in the 2008-2017 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work on “make or break” litigation. He has also been recognized every year since 2005 by *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*.

A former Rhodes Scholar and graduate of Yale Law School, Professor Eakeley served as first assistant attorney general of the State of New Jersey. In 1993 he was appointed by President Clinton to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation, which he chaired until April 2003. His current professional affiliations include serving as Chair of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and trustee of Legal Services of New Jersey.

Professor Eakeley has received numerous awards for his *pro bono* work and contributions to the legal community, including the American Jewish Committee’s Judge Learned Hand Award, Thurgood Marshall College Fund Award of Excellence, John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award from the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association, National Housing Institute’s Outstanding Service Award, Reynoso-Abascal Don Quixote Award from California Rural Legal Assistance, League of Women Voters of New Jersey Making Democracy Work Award, Lead New Jersey’s Lifetime of Leadership Award, and the first Legal Services of New Jersey/New Jersey State Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award (renamed the Debevoise-Eakeley Award).



**ALAN B. CARDENAS.** Alan is the Lead Counsel – Central Functions for Siemens Corporation, the principal U.S. operating subsidiary of German-based Siemens AG, the 170-year old engineering, technology and manufacturing company. In his role, Alan has served as the manager and U.S. lead attorney for the team responsible for Siemens’ Corporate Supply Chain Management, Internal Reorganizations, Marketing & Communications, Export Controls & Customs, Sanctions, Commercial Antitrust, Information Technology and Corporate Philanthropy efforts, in addition to support on certain Governance and Corporate topics including M&A and Government Affairs.

Previously at Siemens, Alan was co-lead lawyer for M&A in Canada and Latin America and lead lawyer for Siemens’ Venture Capital group in the Americas. Prior to his nearly 10-year tenure at Siemens, Alan was with the Corporate Legal Departments of Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP (Princeton, NJ) and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (New York, NY).

Alan has been (i) Selected by the Hispanic National Bar Associate to its Poder25 “Nexter” group of 25 lawyers selected for executive training as part of a watch list for future Fortune 500 General Counsels (March 2018), (ii) featured in *Hispanic Executive Magazine* on “*Why Attorneys Must Prepare for Disruptive Technologies*” (Jan/Feb 2018), (iii) named a recipient of a Siemens U.S. Excellence Award (November 2016), and (iv) named one of the *Top Hispanic Lawyers Under 40* by the Hispanic National Bar Association (February 2015). Alan was also a senior member of the global in-house team recognized by the London-based International Law Office publication as the 2013 Global In-House Counsel M&A Team of the Year, and served as lead Siemens lawyer in its distressed acquisition of HearUSA, Inc., named as the *2012 Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Middle Market)* by *The M&A Advisor* at its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Turnaround Awards.

Alan currently serves as a member of the Alumni Steering Committee for the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance and previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees and occupied several officer positions with the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey.

Alan received his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law – Newark and his B.A. in History and Political Science from Rutgers University, New Brunswick where he was a member of the Cap & Skull Honor Society.



**KATHERINE C. LEE.** Kathy is Managing Associate General Counsel and Executive Director in the Legal Department at Verizon Enterprise Solutions (“VES”), where she oversees the attorneys and staff who negotiate large, complex global telecommunications, technology, and outsourcing transactions with Fortune 500 customers and third party vendors in the Manufacturing, Construction, Transportation, Distribution, Utilities, Energy, and Automotive industries. She started at Verizon in 2000, and has held successive managing attorney positions over the years including head of the domestic wireless enterprise and corporate attorneys at Verizon Wireless, and Associate General Counsel at VES, leading all of the U.S. Vertical Enterprise legal teams in wireline sales, managed services, cloud computing, professional services, software licensing, and outsourcing transactions. She has counselled clients in a variety of Channels including Sales & Distribution, Procurement, Public Sector, Network, and Indirect Sales on corporate law, commercial law, and telecommunications law matters. Prior to Verizon, Kathy was a Senior Associate and then Partner at Wong, Fleming, P.C., in Princeton, NJ, where she led its Commercial Transactions Practice group.

Kathy has received numerous awards including a recent Winner’s Circle award from her clients, and Outstanding Legal Support in Legal Integration Efforts from the VES General Counsel. She is an active member of the Rutgers Law Alumni Steering Committee, and mentors law students. Kathy is also very active in pro bono activities, mentoring high school students in the non-profit NJ LEEP program, and volunteering at the Resource Center of New Jersey where she works with children of victims staying at its shelter. Kathy earned her J.D. from Rutgers Law School, and her B.A. in English from Queens College. She is fluent in Chinese (Cantonese).



**PATRICIA NACHTIGAL.** Pat is a member of the Governor's Higher Education Council for the State of New Jersey. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, an urban research and advocacy organization dedicated to the advancement of New Jersey's urban areas and residents. She was formerly a member of the Board of Directors and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Ingersoll-Rand plc, a global equipment manufacturer. She also served on the Ingersoll-Rand Executive Committee.

Ms. Nachtigal is a past Vice Chair and member of the Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She also is a former Chair and member of the Rutgers University Board of Trustees and a former Overseer of the University. She is currently a Rutgers Trustee Emerita. Ms. Nachtigal has been honored with the Scarlet Oak Meritorious Service Award and the Distinguished Alumna Award by Rutgers. Ms. Nachtigal is a graduate of Montclair State University and holds a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark and a master of laws degree from New York University.



**CARRIE PARIKH.** Carrie is Vice President, Legal at Wyndham Hotel Group. In this role, Carrie provides vision, leadership, and direction to attorneys, paralegals and privacy professionals, and works closely with executive leadership in the following areas:

- Global Privacy & Data Security
- E-Commerce
- IT Agreements
- Loyalty Program & Engagement
- Revenue Management
- Distribution and Global Sales
- Customer Care
- Compliance
- Call Centers
- Strategic Sourcing & Credit Card Vendor Relationships

Prior to her position as VP, Carrie was Senior Counsel, Lead Global Privacy and Data Security where she managed the company's global privacy and data security program. Before joining Wyndham, Carrie was a Claims Manager for Technology, Media and Business Services claims at Beazley where she handled complex E&O claims in the tech and media world as well as privacy and health care breaches. Carrie began her legal career as associate at Manfredi & Associates, a small law firm in Hoboken where she practiced housing law representing many of New Jersey's Public Housing Authorities. After a federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable Esther Salas (D.N.J.), she spent six years as an associate at DLA Piper, a large New York City law firm, where she focused on complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on insurance and securities law. Carrie received her B.A. from Syracuse University and J.D. from Rutgers University-Newark. During law school Mrs. Parikh was named an Eagleton Institute of Politics Graduate Fellow. She is admitted to practice law in the states of New York and New Jersey. In 2013, Carrie was named as a Super Lawyers, Rising Star for the metro New York area. In 2016 she served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention. Carrie is currently a Glass Leadership Institute Fellow with the Anti-Defamation League.



**JODY S. RIGER.** Jody is currently Senior Corporate Counsel, Employment & Labor/Ethics, at Sun Chemical Corporation, New Jersey, a multi-billion dollar global company with 9,000 employees worldwide. In her role, Jody advises human resources personnel and senior management on a variety of employment, labor, contractual, compliance, and other personnel issues, including policies, employee discipline, terminations, reorganizations, contracts, wage and hour laws, leave laws, restrictive covenants, compliance, and other employment-related issues. Jody also conducts trainings for managers, employees, and human resources. Jody manages litigation and defense strategy both internally and with outside counsel in matters before federal and state courts and agencies, mediations, and labor arbitrations. Jody also manages the company's online ethics program and training for employees.

Prior to Sun Chemical, Jody was a Senior Associate in the Labor Department at Proskauer Rose LLP, where she focused her practice on employment litigation and counseling employers on a variety of employment issues. Jody was a member of the firm's Employment Law Counseling Group, Employment Litigation & Arbitration Group, and Law Firm Practice Group. She served on the local Associates' Committee and was the office representative for the firmwide Associates Committee. Jody also clerked for one year for the Hon. G. Donald Haneke, U.S.M.J., United States District Court.

Jody worked full-time while attending the evening program at Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, where she was a Teaching Associate for Legal Research & Writing; a finalist in the school's moot court competition; and a member of the school's national moot court team.

Jody is a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and the ACC's Labor & Employment Committee, and is a founding member of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Animal Law Committee.