





Business Management Principles for Lawyers (Spring Session)


How Good Lawyers Become
Great Business Leaders




Understand how entrepreneurship
leads to business success



Enhance your influence and
storytelling skills and learn successful
project management tools that
drive quality management



Become proficient in evaluating an
organization's financial performance
and investment strategy



March 21-22, 2017

Gordon Inman Conference Center
at Belmont University
Nashville, Tennessee

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In-house counsel seeking professional growth know that being a good lawyer is only the first step to becoming a valued business partner. Becoming a go-to resource requires more than a sound knowledge of legal issues. It mandates both broad and deep knowledge of the client's business and the principles that make the company successful. To be the trusted business advisor, in-house counsel must develop a fundamental understanding of economics, financial performance, operations management, strategic thinking, communication, negotiation, and leadership.

The DRI Business Management Principles for Lawyers series provides these essential business skills and is taught by business professors who specialize in training executives to be effective business leaders. The small group setting—limited to in-house counsel—explores these topics in an interactive, hands-on environment to arm good in-house lawyers with the necessary tools to become great company leaders.



Amy Mass
Program Chair



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“This program is a must for any in-house counsel who aspire to obtain a leadership role in their company. General counsel should send their rising stars to give them this opportunity.”



What You Will Learn

- How to create an entrepreneurial culture using prudent risk taking
- How to develop focused project plans by controlling project scope and avoiding “scope creep”
- Techniques to make you a stronger influencer and leader
- Methods for evaluating investment and financing choices and using financial statements to evaluate an organization’s financial health



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“The content was amazing! This is hands down the best program for in-house counsel I have ever attended.”



Diversity and Inclusion in DRI: A Statement of Principle

DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation.

Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity, which includes sexual orientation, is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides.

Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI’s membership and leadership positions. DRI’s members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** (optional) | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (at attendees' expense). Please send an email to cbutler@dri.org if you would like to attend a dine-around.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:45 a.m. **Registration**

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:20 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Laura E. Proctor, *LP Building Products*,
 Nashville, TN
Amy Mass, *The Hanover Insurance Group*,
 Howell, MI

8:30 a.m. **Understanding the Role of Finance in the Organization**
 Learn about how finance affects and drives an organization's strategy and operations, including evaluation of investment and finance choices and assessment of working capital needs, capital budgeting, risk and return analysis, and cost of capital. Understand the significance of financial statements and how you can measure a firm's liquidity, asset management, debt management, and profitability with this data.

John S. Gonas, PhD, *Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University*, Nashville, TN

10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:30 a.m. **Session resumes**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on-site)**

1:00 p.m. **Influencing and Storytelling for the Leader**
 Every leader wants to be an influencer—to create widespread and lasting change. And yet, few leaders possess more than a handful of techniques for getting others to change. During this course, learn how to become a truly influential leader by understanding that influence has little to do with pep talks, bribes, or system updates, but rather is the capacity to change a handful of key behaviors systematically, rapidly, and sustainably.

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Jonathan A. White, *Vice President Talent, Stansell Electric Company, Inc., Adjunct Instructor, Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University*, Nashville, TN

2:45 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

3:00 p.m. **Session resumes**

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception and Dinner at The Southern** (included in registration fee—please check box on the registration form.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 a.m. **Registration**

7:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **The Entrepreneurial Mindset**
 This session will be a focused course on entrepreneurship in the business organization with an emphasis on practicing entrepreneurial thinking, learning about prudent risk taking, creating an entrepreneurial culture and identifying, and pursuing opportunities in the market.

Matthew Wilson, *Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University*, Nashville, TN

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:15 a.m. **Session resumes**

11:30 a.m. **Lunch (on-site)**

12:30 p.m. **Project Management**

Learn the project management tools necessary for success, including developing a project charter and plan, controlling project scope and avoiding "scope creep," utilizing common models of quality management, understanding quality control and quality leadership, and appreciating the basics of professional responsibility and ethics in project management.

Dennis C. Chen, PhD, *Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University*, Nashville, TN

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View faculty bios on the [Business Management Principles for Lawyers—Spring Session webpage](#); click on “View speakers” button.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Seminar Location

Belmont University, Gordon Inman Conference Center, 1515 Wedgewood Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212.

CLE

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