



Goodwin Alumni Newsletter: Summer 2025

At Goodwin, we foster and cultivate connections and a sense of belonging among our alumni through shared memories, networking opportunities, firm updates, and mutual clients. Our annual Summer Newsletter is a great place to catch up and learn more about our alumni programming, strategic partnerships, and new initiatives.



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Message to Alumni

Our thriving alumni community is defined by professional excellence, meaningful relationships, and a shared Goodwin history. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the lasting connections, career milestones, and shared memories that continue to shape this great community.

Engaging with the [Goodwin Alumni Community](#) is about more than just staying in touch: it's about making a meaningful impact. Whether by leading conversations that inspire emerging talent, championing excellence in legal client service for outside counsel, attending new and signature events to build connections, or sharing your expertise to elevate evolving legal trends — your contributions matter. We invite you to stay engaged, join upcoming events, and explore new ways to connect with one another and the firm.

Our annual **Goodwin Alumni Summer Newsletter** offers a comprehensive look at the continued evolution of our alumni community and the firm. Inside, you'll find an overview of new features and resources available on the [Goodwin Alumni Community Portal](#), recaps of our signature alumni events, highlights from impactful conversations, timely firm updates, as well as new alumni initiatives on the horizon.

We thank you for taking the time to learn more about our initiatives and encourage you to stay in touch.

Best regards,

Your Goodwin Alumni Engagement Team

Goodwin Reconnect

New Initiative: Enjoy an Alumni Gathering on Goodwin!

Many alumni have expressed interest in socializing in smaller settings so they can continue to strengthen the relationships they formed while at Goodwin. Well, you spoke and we listened!

The Alumni Engagement Team is thrilled to introduce **Goodwin Reconnect**, a new initiative that offers you the opportunity to plan unique gatherings to reconnect with each other and your former Goodwin colleagues. Goodwin will cover the cost of a meetup, event, or activity to promote relationship-building over shared interests.

We encourage the Reconnect activity to include a mix of alumni and current Goodwin lawyers in groups of up to 20 people. Activities could be lunch or happy hour, but we encourage you to be creative and consider other activities such as:

- **Cooking Classes**
Learn to prepare a new dish together.
- **Game Nights**
Go to trivia, play ping pong at Spin, or perfect your swing at TopGolf.
- **Art and Craft Workshops**
Explore your creativity together through candle making, paint-your-own-pottery, or Paint and Sip.
- **Community Events**
Visit a museum or attend a play.
- **Sports Events**
Enjoy friendly sports outings such as bowling, pickleball, attending a local sporting event or hosting a watch party at a restaurant.

Apply to Goodwin Connect

Once you have an activity and group assembled, a designated “point person” should [submit their Goodwin Reconnect idea](#). The form will ask about the activity, participants, timing, and estimated cost.

Please do not hesitate to contact the [Alumni Engagement Team](#) if you have any questions.

Goodwin Alumni Events

Goodwin Hosts Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association's *Honoring Our Roots: A Night of History and Legacy* Event

In February, the Alumni Engagement Team hosted the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association's (MBLA) *Honoring Our Roots: A Night of History and Legacy* event at the Boston office. The event featured a panel of past MBLA presidents who shared their wisdom, advice, and insights on topics such as mentorship, community building, and taking risks, as well as significant accomplishments of the MBLA over the years.

Senior Counsel, [Wayne Budd](#), moderated and alum, [Abim Thomas](#), served as one of the panelists.

Goodwin Alumni and Coaching Teams Join ACC Northeast to Host *Executive Coaching for Corporate Counsel: Navigating Leadership in Your Company*

In April, the Alumni Engagement Team and Coaching@Goodwin proudly hosted *Executive Coaching for Corporate Counsel: Navigating Leadership in Your Company*, in collaboration with the Northeast Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC). This insightful event centered on enhancing business leadership effectiveness for in-house counsel through refining prioritization strategies, adopting productive habits, and integrating coaching principles into communication practices. Nearly 40 in-house counsel and alumni attended to learn and network with other legal professionals.

Coaching@Goodwin's Managing Director, [Elaine Ventola](#), and Manager of Career Coaching, [Julie Carroll](#), held coaching sessions alongside alum and CEO and Founder of Humble Rising, [Arivee Vargas](#). Arivee's coaching business focuses on empowering high-achieving women — particularly in law and corporate leadership — to overcome self-doubt, lead with confidence, and align professional success with personal fulfillment. Check out her new book, "[Your Time to Rise: Unlearn Limiting Beliefs, Unlock Your Power, and Unleash Your Truest Self.](#)"



Boston Retired Partners Dinner

In April, the Alumni Engagement Team hosted the Boston Retired Partners Dinner. This annual event celebrates our retired partners in the Boston area, their years of service, and their many contributions to the firm.

During this year's event, partner, [R. Todd Cronan](#), spoke about the rewarding benefits of participating in the [Access to Justice Fellows Program](#), a project of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission and Lawyers Clearinghouse, which enables senior lawyers and retired judges to partner with nonprofit organizations, courts, and other public service entities to increase equal justice for all.

Goodwin Hosts Georgetown University Law Center Event

In May, the Alumni Engagement Team hosted an alumni panel discussion and reception with [Georgetown University Law Center](#) in our Boston office. Moderated by partner and Georgetown Law alum, [Jason Goldfarb](#), this event provided an opportunity for Georgetown graduates and Goodwin alumni to connect with past colleagues, appreciate the professional relationships they have fostered, and create new ones.

Goodwin Hosts Judge Nelson and Lindsay Fellows For an Inspiring Day of Learning and Connection

In July, our Alumni Engagement and Volunteerism teams proudly welcomed the [Judge David S. Nelson Fellows](#) and [Judge Reginald C. Lindsay Fellows](#) of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. These exceptional high school and college students — all aspiring legal professionals — spent the afternoon exploring what it's like to work at one of the world's leading law firms.

The Fellows attended a powerful fireside chat with Senior Counsel [Wayne Budd](#) — who personally knew both Judge Nelson and Judge Lindsay — led by [Marieljane Bastien](#), Manager of Engagement and Volunteerism and a proud former Nelson Fellow.

They also engaged in an insightful panel discussion facilitated by [Veronica Paricio](#), Senior Manager of Strategic Alumni Engagement & Client Relations. Panelists included [Travis Salters](#), [Jessica Bridges](#), [Chris Jones](#), [Andi Goodman](#), and [Vincent van der Puyl Lovett](#), who shared personal stories and guidance on building a meaningful legal career.

The day concluded with a reception in which Fellows had the chance to connect with our Summer Associates and other Goodwin members to gain first-hand perspectives on working at a global law firm.

The Fellows left the Boston office with a clear and inspiring takeaway: work hard, stay resilient, and pursue your goals with purpose.



Goodwin Alumni Week 2025



Whether through service, shared perspectives, or celebration, our third annual Goodwin Alumni Week (June 9–13) highlighted how the lasting connections and invaluable lessons made at Goodwin continue to shape our professional journeys, strengthen the legal landscape, and exemplify the values that define [The Goodwin Way](#).

See this year's featured events:

Service:

Martin's Park Volunteer Event

Alumni Week kicked off with alumni joining their former Goodwin colleagues to volunteer at [Martin's Park](#), a children's park located at the edge of Boston's Fort Point Channel, built to celebrate the life and spirit of eight-year-old Martin Richard, a victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Volunteers supported park maintenance efforts, including cleanup, garden care, trash pickup, and painting.

Throughout the week, alumni were invited to participate in a series of volunteer opportunities alongside their former Goodwin colleagues across Boston and New York. Service opportunities included:

- Preparing meals for women in need at [Rosie's Place](#) in Boston
- Sorting donated goods for parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers at [Room to Grow](#) in Boston
- Creating birthday cards for the elderly at [DOROT](#) in New York
- Cleaning the public grounds at the [Franklin Park Zoo](#) in Boston
- Assisting in trail maintenance and clean-up of the beach and camp at [Cathleen Stone Island](#) in Boston

Each offered event was a testament to Goodwin's rich tradition of volunteerism and commitment to service.



Shared Perspectives:

Goodwin Alumni Insights: What It's Like to Be In-House

The Alumni Engagement and Coaching@Goodwin teams came together to host a dynamic webinar, "Alumni Insights: What It's Like to Be In-House," spotlighting the career journeys of alumni who transitioned from Goodwin to in-house counsel roles. The panel featured alumni representing a wide range of industries, perspectives, and transition journeys. Attendees left with authentic, first-hand guidance to inspire their next career steps through honest reflections, practical tips, and reaffirmation of the support of their colleagues and the Goodwin Alumni Community Program.



Maya Fe Holzhauer (Panelist)

General Counsel, Cardiovascular
Associates of America



Ryan Thompson (Panelist)

General Counsel and Partner, Felicis



Robyn Schwartz (Panelist)

Vice President and Deputy General
Counsel, Blue Cross Blue Shield



Marty Gomez (Moderator)

Life Sciences Partner, Goodwin

Celebration:

During Alumni Week, the Alumni Engagement Team brought together generations of Goodwin professionals for celebrations of shared history, enduring friendships, and firm-wide milestones.

DC Area Alumni Open House Celebration

Alumni from the DC area were welcomed back for an open house celebration at the Penthouse in the Washington, D.C. office to reconnect and share fond memories with former Goodwin colleagues. Attendees mingled amidst panoramic city views, making new memories in a lively atmosphere as they reunited with former colleagues and met new people.

Milestone 20th Year Reunion

In Boston, lawyers who began their legal careers at Goodwin in 2005 celebrated 20 years with a summer-themed milestone reunion at the Boston office. With nostalgic images and sentimental touches, two decades of established professionals connected on shared memories of their early days at Goodwin and appreciated the individuals who helped shape their legal careers. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, an ice cream bar, and a photo booth.

Alumni Gathering: Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees

There was no better way to close out Alumni Week 2025 than with a nail-biting baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Alumni gathered together with their family and friends at Fenway Park to cheer for their favorite team during a game that went into extra innings.

For more information about Goodwin Alumni Week 2025 and Alumni Weeks from years prior, visit our [page](#).

If you are interested in participating in Goodwin Alumni Week 2026, contact the [Alumni Engagement Team](#).



Alumni Conversations

From our Alumni Conversation Series to Goodwin's New York Power Lunch Series, we've brought alumni across the country together for robust, engaging, and informative discussions. Whether you joined the webinars live or watched recordings on the [portal](#), we hope you enjoyed insightful industry and career perspectives from your fellow alumni.

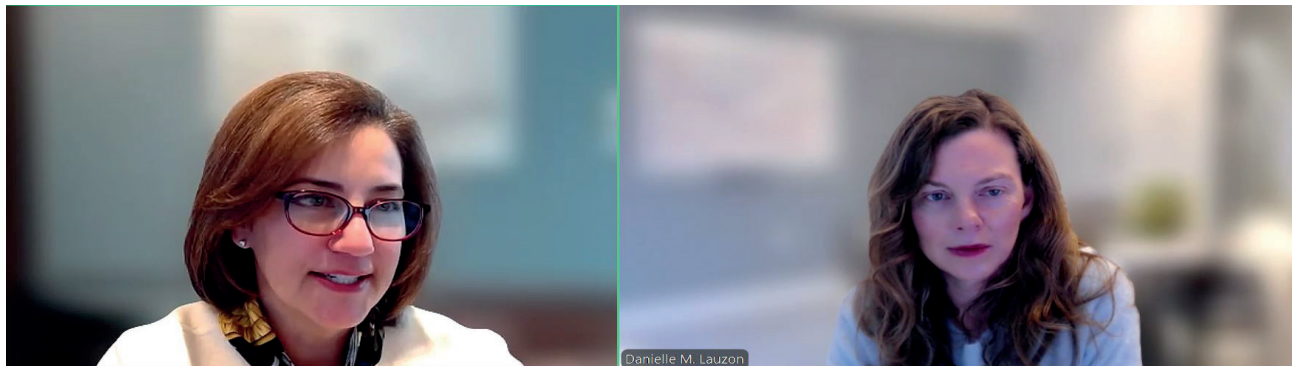
Alumni Conversation Series

The Goodwin Alumni Quarterly Conversations Series is an opportunity for Goodwin partners to sit down with alumni in various industries and practice areas to speak about their career trajectories post-firm. Featured conversations included:

[Lizette Pérez-Deisboeck \(General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, Battery Ventures\)](#) and [Danielle Lauzon](#)

In honor of Women's History Month, the Alumni Engagement Team hosted an Alumni Conversation featuring partner, [Danielle Lauzon](#), and **Lizette Pérez-Deisboeck**, former boomerang-alum and General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at Battery Ventures.

During the conversation, the duo explored Lizette's journey as a legal professional and touched on the accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned as a woman exceling in the legal space. From experienced advice for outside counsel to supporting other women in the field, Lizette shared invaluable insights for lawyers at any stage of their career. This alumni conversation serves as a reminder of the power of women in leadership.



Matt Rowe (Chief Legal Officer, Parallel Wireless) and Joseph Theis

From attending Boston College to working at Goodwin, partner, **Joseph Theis**, and alum and Chief Legal Officer at Parallel Wireless, **Matt Rowe**, have a rich history of working and growing professionally together. In this Alumni Conversation, the two explore Matt's transition to in-house work, his experience at Goodwin, and his advice to those who are hoping to go in-house.

Whether you are a seasoned in-house professional or looking to transition, this webinar is a great resource.



New York Power Lunch Series

Hosted by the Goodwin Experience Team, which focuses on enriching the overall experience of the Goodwin community, the Power Lunch is an ongoing series for the New York office that features outside speakers from the firm's network.

Manoj Ramia (General Counsel, Digital Asset) and Meghan Spillane

New York lawyers and GO Team members enjoyed an engaging and thought-provoking conversation between partner, **Meghan Spillane**, and alum and General Counsel of Digital Asset, **Manoj Ramia**. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch from Katz's Delicatessen and walked away with recommendations for networking and cultivating authentic business relationships when outside of your comfort zone, key strategies for understanding how to best support the needs of outside counsel, insights on the fundamentals and regulatory landscape of blockchain and digital currency, as well as the future of law and technology.

Alumni Community Portal

Government Job Board

Earlier this year, we launched our [Government Job Board](#), a dedicated resource to support alumni in advancing their public sector careers. If you are exploring a public sector legal career, we invite you to check out our board, which offers a centralized location to search for opportunities at non-profit organizations and state and local government agencies. Additionally, if you know of any open roles, please [email us](#).

Portal Data Upgrades

The Alumni Portal can now better support our ever-growing community through improved data workflows, which will keep alumni data fresh and support targeted outreach for various alumni initiatives and opportunities.

Stay tuned to see how to win a gift card when updating your profile!

Alumni Career Coaching Program

If you are considering a career transition, actively pursuing a new role, or seeking feedback on your resume or interviewing approach, Goodwin is here to support you. For more information on the various coaching resources available to our alumni, please visit the [Career Resources](#) page (under the “Careers” tab) on the [Alumni Portal](#).

HR Requests

As a reminder, if you need to request any information regarding your employment at Goodwin, please refer to the resources below, which can also be found on the [HR Requests](#) page (under the “Careers” tab) on the [Alumni Portal](#).

Benefits Questions	US: BenefitsDepartment@goodwinlaw.com UK & Europe: BenefitsUK@goodwinlaw.com Asia: BenefitsAsia@goodwinlaw.com
Employment Verification Letter Requests	HROperations@goodwinlaw.com
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit Information	CLERequests@goodwinlaw.com
Request a Copy of a W-2 Statement or Pay Slip	DG-FinancePayroll@goodwinlaw.com
Client or Conflicts Inquiries	DG-ConflictsStaff@goodwinlaw.com
Bar Certification Forms	HROperations@goodwinlaw.com

Firm News

Stay up to date on what's happening at Goodwin today. The [Goodwin Alumni Community Portal](#) regularly provides high-level firm news that may be of interest to you.

[Goodwin to Leave Times Square for Flatiron District](#)

We are moving our New York City office from Times Square to the Flatiron District after signing a new lease for 250,000 square feet of office space. Goodwin's new Manhattan address will be 200 Fifth Ave., and we expect to complete the move there in 2026.

[Goodwin Expands Munich Presence With Significant Office Expansion](#)

We have moved our Munich office to new, significantly larger premises at Perusastraße 7 in the city center. With an area of around 2,300 square meters on four floors, the new office is more than twice as large as the previous location and offers space for up to 50 lawyers and business professionals.











Our 2025 Summer Associate Class

Goodwin welcomed 111 summer associates, including 95 2L summer associates, 15 1L summer associates, and 1 Science Law Clerk to our 2025 Summer Program!

33 Boston	6 Los Angeles	21 New York	3 Philadelphia
18 San Francisco	6 Santa Monica	11 Silicon Valley	13 Washington, D.C.

The Goodwin Way

Our unique culture is rooted in The Goodwin Way, a set of behaviors that shapes our commitment to each other and our clients. [See our unique culture in action.](#)

 <p>We hold excellence as our standard</p> <p>We are committed to excellence in every facet of what we do — legal service, client relationships, firm operations, business practices, and training and mentoring the next generation.</p>	 <p>We build relationships on respect, trust, and humility</p> <p>We prioritize and place great value on nurturing our relationships with each other and our clients.</p>	 <p>We are all in as individuals and we win as a team</p> <p>We believe that a successful team is built on individuals who prioritize the team's success over personal achievements. We strive to build a team of champions, not a team of stars.</p>	 <p>We seek continuous improvement</p> <p>We never rest on our laurels. We strive to get better daily. We are bold and fearless in our quest to improve as individuals and as a firm.</p>
 <p>We are results-oriented</p> <p>We are obsessive about client success. We deliver differentiated results and outcomes for our clients because of this commitment and our total immersion in their industries.</p>	 <p>We operate with an owner's mindset</p> <p>We are responsible and accountable in all that we do. We take pride in our work and we always go above and beyond for our clients.</p>	 <p>We are inclusive in all we do</p> <p>We know that our success and vibrancy as a firm depend on all of us creating meaningful opportunities and building inclusive teams to ensure that all our people can find success here at Goodwin.</p>	 <p>We don't take ourselves too seriously</p> <p>We are each at the top of our game. But we don't take ourselves too seriously. At Goodwin, being welcoming, fun, kind, and elite co-exist.</p>



Advice From Our Alumni

“I see a lot of lawyers taking the same approach to all their clients, meaning they have their own playbook and they bring their playbook to all their clients. For me, the lawyers that really help me are ones who spend time not on their playbook, but really understanding my issues ... Don't take that one size fits all approach.”

— **Lizette Pérez-Deisboeck, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, Battery Ventures**

“I remember being a junior associate and being told to collect this many business cards and send this many emails. I would internally have an intrinsic negative reaction to that, but what I found was I can go to these networking events and find someone interesting to talk to. Go build a relationship. Maybe it doesn't pay off as quickly in the short term, but over the long term, building a small number of genuine, authentic relationships with people who are interested in the things that you are interested in can compound over time.”

— **Manoj Ramia, General Counsel of Digital Asset**

“Building relationships with the teams you're working with at the client is really important. It's helpful to think about that client service aspect if you are considering going in-house.”

— **Maya Holzhauser, General Counsel, Cardiovascular Associates of America**

“I knew what I was looking for when I saw it. I had done all of the experimentation because I had spent so long trying to find that right move.”

— **Matt Rowe, Chief Legal Officer at Parallel Wireless**

“Soak up all the learning you can during a merger or a financing because it's a great opportunity, and those issues will come up again. If you can learn while doing your disclosure schedule, I think it's helpful.”

— **Ryan Thompson, General Counsel and Partner, Felicis**

“When thinking about making a job transition, think about what your interests are first, and then the mission. Once you decide on those things, it becomes about the people. Even at a larger company, you really work closely with your colleagues.”

— **Robyn Schwartz, VP and Deputy General Counsel, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts**

Get in Touch

As we continue to expand our alumni program, we welcome your suggestions and feedback. Join the conversation by connecting with us at **DG-Alumni@goodwinlaw.com** or visit **goodwinlaw.com/alumni**.



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