

**Google, Facebook and Morgan Lewis Co-sponsor NELC Silicon Valley
Regional Conference**

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Eighty NELC members and guests (both outside and in-house counsel) attended the NELC's Silicon Valley Regional Conference titled *The Practice of Labor and Employment Law: Tools for Success in a New Millennium* held at Google in Silicon Valley. The Conference was co-sponsored by Google, Facebook and Morgan Lewis.

Rita Srivastava, McDonald's Corporation Sr. Counsel, Global Labor & Employment Department, moderated the conference. *General Counsel Insights*, the first panel, was moderated by Nigel Telman, Proskauer Rose LLP, focused on changes affecting legal departments, how the changes impact selection of outside counsel and how outside counsel can best address the needs of today's in-house departments. Participants heard views from and joined in discussions with Pandora Media, Inc., General Counsel **Steve Bene**; Google, Vice President Employment Legal, **Amy Lambert**; Facebook Director and Associate General Counsel, Labor & Employment, **Heidi Swartz**; and Tesla, Inc., Deputy General Counsel **M. Yusuf M. Mohamed**.

Defending Sexual Harassment Claims – the New Paradigm, the second Panel, was presented by **Gary T. Lafayette**, Lafayette & Kumagai, LLP; **Araceli Cole**, Paramount Pictures, and **Sydney Howell**, Twitter, and moderated by **Marytza J. Reyes** from Sanchez & Amador, LLP.

The New Era of Employment Attorneys – Where to from Here, was presented by **Natalie A. Pierce**, Littler; **L. Julius M. Turman**, Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP; and **Amira Day Dallafior**, Facebook. **Barbara Johnson**, BLJohnson Law PLLC, NELC President, moderated the panel.

The Conference was followed by a reception where approximately 60 participants learned about the *Labor and Employment Law Challenges: A View from Silicon Valley's In-house Counsel* from **Jonathan Hicks**, NetFlix; **Elizabeth Bohannon**, Airbnb; and **Saidah Grayson Dill**, Cisco. **Carter DeLorme**, JonesDay, moderated the panel.

NELC applied for and received 4.5 MCLE hours from the California State Bar. NELC will send the CLE certification to those who participated. Conference PowerPoints can be accessed from the NELC website at: www.nelc-law.org.

The Silicon Valley Conference was NELC's third regional conference held in conjunction with a corporation. UPS co-sponsored the first regional conference in January 2017 in Atlanta and McDonald's Corporation co-sponsored the second regional conference held in Chicago in October 2017. NELC plans its fourth regional Conference for October 2018 in New York.