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LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Seyfarth Shaw and United Airlines*

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Speakers:

Brett J. Hart, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of United Airlines, Inc., and Stephen Poor, Chair and Managing Partner of Seyfarth Shaw LLP



BRETT J. HART is Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary for United, the world's leading airline. In this role, Mr. Hart is responsible for managing the company's legal and environmental affairs, regulatory and policy matters, and corporate real estate worldwide, reporting directly to Chairman, President, and CEO Jeff Smisek.

Prior to joining United in 2010, Mr. Hart was Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Sara Lee Corporation, where he directed global legal operations for the corporation. After joining Sara Lee in 2004 as Assistant General Counsel, Mr. Hart held positions of increasing responsibility including Deputy General Counsel and Global Compliance officer.

Prior to Sara Lee, Mr. Hart was a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago. Before that, he served as special assistant to the general counsel at the U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hart received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and English from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Chicago Law School. He is married and has three sons.



J. STEPHEN POOR is a Partner in the Chicago office of Seyfarth Shaw, where he represents management in the area of labor and employment law. Mr. Poor is Chair and Managing Partner of the Firm with overall responsibility for the leadership, direction, growth, profitability, and culture of the organization. He has held that position since mid-2001. He has served on the Firm's Executive Committee since 1998. Prior to joining the Executive Committee, he was Chair of the Firm's Labor and Employment Law Group from 1994 through 1998.

As Chair of the Firm, Mr. Poor has helped lead the Seyfarth team in its effort to continue to provide the highest quality legal services while driving value and efficiency through proprietary process improvement techniques, known as *SeyfarthLean*. Derived from Six Sigma and Lean methodologies, *SeyfarthLean* is a disciplined way of thinking about the delivery of high-quality legal services in a way that delivers value to the Firm's clients. Seyfarth was recently recognized by BTI Consulting Group as "best of the best" among law firms for our "market leading" innovative approach to the practice of law. Mr. Poor was named the 2011 Legal Innovator of the Year by *Financial Times* in recognition of this work.

Mr. Poor started his career with Seyfarth as an employment lawyer with particular focuses on trial work and ERISA litigation. He regularly speaks on topics relating to law firm management, including partner compensation systems, change management in the law firm environment, and the application of process improvement techniques to the practice of law.

Education

J.D., University of Virginia, with honors (1980), Order of the Coif
B.S., Indiana University, with honors (1977), Phi Beta Kappa

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