



Midwest Private Equity Conference

May 30-31, 2018 | The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago | Chicago, IL

Agenda

Wednesday, May 30

12:30 – 2:00p.m.

Women Investors Networking Luncheon [\(Invitation only, please.\)](#)

An exclusive networking event for senior-level women **fund managers, limited partners and investment bankers.**

2:00p.m.

Conference Registration Opens

3:00 – 4:00p.m.

Historic Tax Reform and Its Impact on Private Equity Funds

A timely update to include discussions about the holding periods and State tax treatment of carried interest; QSBS gain exclusions; the limitations on interest deductions; and the reductions in the corporate tax rates for LLCs, partnerships, and various corporate structures. Yes, tax discussions can be riveting.

[Joan Arnold, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Session Moderator](#)

[Rick Klahsen, BKD](#)

[William Sanders, Polsinelli LLP](#)

4:00 – 5:00p.m.

1871 - Chicago's Next Story. A Keynote Address

The story of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 isn't really about the fire. It's about what happened next: A remarkable moment when the most brilliant engineers, architects and inventors came together to build a new city. Their innovations – born of passion and practical ingenuity – shaped not just Chicago, but the modern world. What started 140 years ago continues to this day.

Founded in 2012, 1871 was created to support Chicago's startup community. Since that time, it has become the hub for the city's thriving technology and entrepreneurial ecosystem. Today 1871 is the home of more than 500 high-growth technology startups spanning all industries and stages of growth. Located in the iconic Merchandise Mart, our 130,000 square foot facility is also the headquarters of nationally recognized accelerators, industry-specific incubators, tech talent schools, a number of Chicago-based VCs, and satellite offices for seven local universities. 1871 is also partnered with over 100 corporations, which serve as vital supporters, bolstering the startup community and enabling us to provide a robust range of resources to our community.

[Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871.](#)

5:00 – 7:00p.m.

Deal Making Chicago Style: A Beer Tasting Networking Reception

Join your colleagues and sample some of the Windy City's finest fare, while finding your next deal. Beer Tasting tables are hosted by select lower middle market Limited Partners, Investment Bankers, and Fund Managers, so don't miss your opportunity to connect with them one-on-one.

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Thursday, May 31

- 7:30a.m. **Conference Registration Opens**
- 7:45 – 9:00a.m. **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15a.m. **Welcome and Sponsor Recognition**
Andrew Shackelford, LaSalle Capital Partners, Midwest Regional President
- 9:15 – 10:15a.m. **Trade, Tariffs and Shifting Policy:
Impact of the Administration's Trade Policy on Your Portfolio Companies**
From digital trade barriers to whiffs of a "trade war," small and medium sized businesses will be affected by current and prospective trade policy. This session will provide a comprehensive review of key issues that investors need to know so that they can better prepare their portfolio companies. Issues include what are the implications of the Administration's tariffs on steel, aluminum, and products from China? How will China's threat of retaliation impact companies that do business in China or with Chinese entities? How could reducing digital trade barriers benefit businesses with their shipments across borders? Our expert speaker is actively engaged with the Administration and Congress, and works diligently to assist companies affected by the U.S. actions as well as prospective Chinese retaliation.
Stephen Claeys, Wiley Rein, LLP
- 10:15 – 10:45a.m. **Networking Refreshment Break**
- 10:45-11:45a.m. **Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives Affecting Private Equity Investors**
SBA's President will provide an update on the Association's activities and initiatives in working with Congress and the SBA.
Brett Palmer, President, Small Business Investor Alliance
- 11:45a.m. – 12:30p.m. **Keynote Presentation**
Inside the Mind of a Hacker: What Should Corporate America Know?
Certified Ethical Hackers emulate the minds, motives and actions of malicious attackers to test the security of your network and employees. What do hackers really want...beyond credit card or social security numbers? What are the types, trends and techniques of today's hackers? What are the risks associated with emerging technologies? Our speaker will share his expertise on these topics as we witness a real-world hack. Dave Chronister, an Ethical Hacker, has provided hacking and information security services, auditing, incident response, forensics and training to clients worldwide. His expertise has been featured in various media outlets including: *CIO Magazine, Information Security Magazine, InfoWorld Magazine, Computerworld*, Bloomberg TV, FOX News, CNBC, CBS and CNN.
David Chronister, Parameter Security
- 12:30 – 1:30p.m. **Networking Luncheon**
No speakers, no formalities, just valuable networking with colleagues while enjoying a great meal.
- 1:30p.m. **Conference Adjournment**