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# Masuda Funai Hosted Legal Symposium for General Counsel

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On June 9, 2016, Masuda Funai hosted a Legal Symposium for General Counsel from across the country at The Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois. The Symposium was focused on issues facing U.S. subsidiaries of Japanese multinationals. Several General Counsel participated in each of the three one-hour panels, which were moderated by a Masuda Funai attorney.



## ***Panel 1: Compliance Concerns; Business Ethics***

Michael E. Fox, Screen GP Americas

Diane Knox, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas)

Helen Reetz, Sysmex America, Inc.

Moderated by Steven L. Katz, Masuda Funai



**Panel 2: Governance and Parent-Subsidiary Matters**

Jerome E. Barnett, Marubeni America Corporation  
Edmund Baumgartner, Valent U.S.A. Corporation  
Richard O. Briggs, Kubota Tractor Corporation  
Moderated by Mary W. Shellenberg, Masuda Funai



**Panel 3: Protection of Intellectual Property**

Yuichiro Takayanagi, Panasonic Intellectual Property Corporation  
Blake Thatcher, Omron Management Center of America

"Our panelists provided outstanding insights and comments, drawing on their experiences as General Counsel for some of the county's most prominent Japanese companies," said Masuda Funai President, Thomas McMnamin. "We had a wonderful group of clients and guests, and the Symposium exceeded our expectations."

Following the panels, James J. Grogan, Deputy Administrator and Chief Counsel for the Illinois Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois, reviewed current professional responsibility issues.