



# 2024 Fund Governance and Regulatory Insights Conference

March 7-8 | Park Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC

## Thursday, March 7

7:15 – 8:30	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	Gallery Foyer
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Carolyn McPhillips, MFDF	Gallery Ballroom
8:40 – 9:40	<b>Third Party Oversight</b> Ndenisarya Bregasi, K&L (Moderator) Judy Benson, Barrington Partners Savonne Ferguson, Neuberger Berman Susan Sweeney, MassMutual	Gallery Ballroom
9:45 – 10:45	<b>Product Innovation</b> Pamela Chen, Kirkland & Ellis (Moderator) Adam Backman, Lord Abbett Brian Harris, SSGA Devin McCune, Broadridge	Gallery Ballroom
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Break</b>	Gallery Foyer
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Conversation with Former SEC Commissioner</b> Andrew “Buddy” Donohue Troy Paredes	Gallery Ballroom
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Alpha in the 21st Century</b> Russ Wermers, UMD Robert H. Smith School of Business Center for Financial Policy	Gallery Ballroom
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Salon 1-5
1:30 – 2:45	<b>Yes! AND – The Improvisational Leader</b> Karen H. Majidzadeh, ImprovEdge	Gallery Ballroom
2:45 – 3:15	<b>Break</b>	Gallery Foyer
3:15 – 4:15	<b>Board Effectiveness – Future of Boards</b> Dalia O. Blass, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (Moderator) Angela Brock-Kyle, Guggenheim Funds Bill Hobbs, EY Ellen Needham, The 2023 ETF Series Trust I & II Marcus L. Smith, Eaton Vance Funds	Gallery Ballroom
4:20 – 5:15	<b>Board Effectiveness Breakout Options</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Current Practices in the Advisory Contract Renewal Process<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David Freese, Morgan Lewis</li><li>Sean Graber, Morgan Lewis</li></ul></li><li>Board Self-Assessment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David Trerice, PwC</li></ul></li><li>CCO Relationship<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Philip Wellman, MassMutual Funds</li></ul></li></ol>	Salon 1-2 Drawing Room Salon 3-4



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## Thursday, March 7 (cont.)

6:00– 8:30                      **Welcome Reception**  
*Dinner is included*

## Friday, March 8

7:00 – 8:00                      **Directors Only Breakfast**  
7:00 – 8:00                      **Breakfast**

8:00 – 8:30                      **2024 Legislative Updates and Election Preview**                      Gallery Ballroom  
Mahlet Makonnen, Williams & Jensen  
Sara Vargo, MFDF

8:35 – 9:30                      **AI Oversight for Fund Boards**                      Gallery Ballroom  
Alex Gavis, Eversheds Sutherland (Moderator)  
Jana Borer, Deloitte  
Vall Herard, Fidelity Saifr  
Eddie Ramos, Calvert Funds

9:30 – 10:00                      **Break**                      Gallery Foyer

10:00 – 11:20                      **Breakout session options**

<b>1. CEF, Private Funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan Brizek, Simpson Thacher</li></ul>	Drawing Room
<b>2. Audit Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matt Giordano, KPMG</li></ul>	Salon 3-4
<b>3. Current and Future Landscape of ETFs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brett Eichenberger, Cohen &amp; Co</li><li>• Kevin Gustafson, K&amp;L Gates</li></ul>	Salon 1-2

11:30 – 12:00                      **Fireside Chat with SEC Division of Investment Management Director Birdthistle**                      Gallery Ballroom

12:00                      **To-Go Lunch**