

Northwestern Law School's Inaugural Practical Compliance Institute

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 375 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611
02.12.2026 | 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This inaugural and unique program will examine the intersection between organizational change and compliance. Designed for pragmatic leaders in legal operations, compliance, and risk, this half-day program will provide operational insights and tools for navigating evolving regulatory and legal risks. This program brings together for the first time insights from Northwestern's Master of Science in the Law (MSL) and Master of Science in Learning and Organizational Change (MSLOC) programs. With both faculty insight and real-world experience, this is a must-attend for compliance professionals.

Attendees will leave with frameworks and tools for their compliance efforts, helping them move from check-the-box exercises to sustainable change.

Questions or to register, please contact Maricela Slota.

Agenda

3:00 to 3:15 | Registration and networking

3:15 to 3:30 | Welcome and Opening Remarks Compliance is the quintessential organizational change.

- **Liisa Thomas**, *Chair Privacy and Cybersecurity Team*, Sheppard Mullin and Adjunct, Northwestern Law School
- **Leslie Oster**, *Director, Master of Science in the Law*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

3:30 to 4:30 | Panel I: Organizational Change as Driver for Success

This session includes both faculty and alums from Northwestern's program in organizational change. Panelists will explore how organizations navigate change, and common resistors to change. They will provide practical frameworks and tools that can help make change sustainable, giving attendees both academic insights and practical tools.

- **Terrance Roche**, *Founder*, Green Rock Innovation, Lecturer, LOC Grad Programs, Northwestern University
- **Diane Knoepke**, *Lead Coach and Consultant*, Paperweight Advising and Faculty Instructor, MSLOC Program at Northwestern University
- **Olivia Bilyk**, *Senior Change Consultant*, TiER1 Performance and alum, MSLOC Program at Northwestern University
- Moderator: **Liisa Thomas**, *Chair Privacy and Cybersecurity Team*, Sheppard Mullin and Adjunct, Northwestern Law School

4:30 to 5:30 | Panel II: Practical Compliance In Action

Panelists will bring real-world insights of using organizational change tools to implement compliance programs. They will explore practical strategies from aligning business objectives with compliance goals to celebrating small wins.

Speakers:

- **Keikoh Park**, *Former VP, Head of Ethics and Compliance Program Office*, CBRE
- **Michael Smith**, *Vice President, Compliance*, Wintrust

5:30 to 5:45 | Closing Remarks

- **Liisa Thomas**, *Chair Privacy and Cybersecurity Team*, Sheppard Mullin and Adjunct, Northwestern Law School
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5:45 to 6:30 | Cocktails and Networking

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Practice Areas

Privacy and Cybersecurity