

# Next Generation Manufacturing Summit 2017

## Speaking Engagement

Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park; West Allis, WI  
October 4, 2017

*BizTimes Media's* Next Generation Manufacturing Summit will provide an interactive panel discussion with CEOs from southeastern Wisconsin companies who will share their best operation strategies and provide insightful solutions on how they compete in a global marketplace, and strive to be world-class manufacturers in the 21st century. Attendees will learn from industry leaders who are creating processes that not only attract talent but drive innovation in their business.

The panelists for this discussion include Jim Hawkins, CEO of Kenall Manufacturing, Jim Leef, President of ITU AbsorbTech, John W. Mellowes, CEO of Charter Manufacturing Company, Inc. and David Werner, Manufacturing and Supply Chain Director of Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Division (IATD) – 3M. The panel will be moderated by Joseph Weitzer, Ph.D., Dean for Center of Business Performance Solutions of Waukesha County Technical College.

The summit will conclude with attendees having the opportunity to select and participate in four out of 15+ roundtable discussions covering leadership, business culture, and innovation.

**Maintaining Your Workforce – Employment Law Update**, Laurie E. Meyer. Whether starting a business or improving the practices of your long-time company, you have an opportunity to add value to your business by restricting certain employees from joining a competitor and/or sharing your proprietary knowledge. In recent months, several court decisions have tightened the reins on what provisions are enforceable within non-compete agreements. If you have not audited your non-compete agreements as of late, now is the time to do so. Laurie Meyer provides insights on how to protect your company's interests through restrictive covenants.

**Considerations in Business Transition Planning**, Ann M. Rieger and Karin Gale of Schenck, S.C., will provide the latest insights as you consider various options for transitioning your business. This will include discussion regarding succession planning for family held businesses, the use of management buyouts, the use of ESOPs, and considerations related to third party sale options including sales to private equity firms, competitors or individual investors.

## PROFESSIONALS

Laurie E. Meyer  
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