

Joel Stern Bio

Since March 1, 2014, Joel Stern is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, Inc. (NAMWOLF). NAMWOLF, founded in 2001, is a nonprofit trade association comprised of over 155 minority and women owned law firms in 40 states. NAMWOLF'S mission is to provide corporations the premier place to go to locate and hire minority and women owned law firms of the very highest caliber. These firms offer a wide array of legal services in several practice areas including litigation, labor and employment, intellectual property, complex transactions, insurance and corporate law just to name a few. Joel's primary focus is to further NAMWOLF's mission of connecting in-house counsel to experienced top-notch attorneys across the United States.

Prior to NAMWOLF, Joel was Principal of Stern Legal Consulting, where he provided hands on consulting services to law firms and law departments. He was also an executive coach to attorneys and business executives throughout the United States.

In one of Joel's most recent consulting assignments, he was asked to join Hewlett Packard as a Vice President, Commercial Contract Services to revitalize and transform HP's Commercial Contract Services Team. In this role, Joel successfully transformed a global team of 300 professionals who focused on structuring, negotiating, managing and remediating HP's largest and most complex client services agreements.

Prior to this role, Joel was the Global Deputy General Counsel and COO Legal at Accenture. Joel managed the Americas Legal team and also had primary responsibilities as the Chief Operations Officer of the 420+ member global legal group managing all operations of the Legal team including finance, IT, human resources, communications, facilities and support services. Additionally, he managed all outside counsel relationships across the globe. During his tenure at Accenture, he was also tasked with revitalizing and then leading the Accenture Contract Management group.

Throughout Joel's accomplished career, he personally championed key diversity and inclusion initiatives including leading Accenture Legal Group's award winning diversity and inclusion programs. He has been a Board Member of NAMWOLF since 2010 and formerly chaired the NAMWOLF In-House Advisory Council.