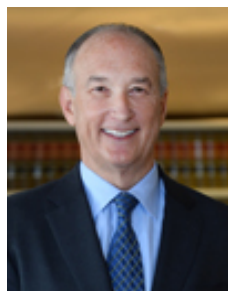


2021 CORPORATE COUNSEL COLLEGE SPEAKERS



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Andrew Kopon is a founding member of Kopon Airdo, LLC in Chicago. His trial practice focuses on complex civil litigation matters, including mass tort litigation, product liability litigation, wrongful death, and catastrophic injury cases, as well as pharmacy malpractice and employment litigation matters. He currently serves as national counsel for a religious risk pooling trust, overseeing its university and employment litigation, as well as serving as national counsel for an international pharmacy retail company. He has also served as national litigation counsel for an automotive product manufacturer.

Mr. Kopon is Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent™ rated and has been recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* and *Leading Lawyers Network* for multiple years. Mr. Kopon previously served as the President of the IADC, 2017-2018, and as a faculty member of the IADC Trial Academy in 2003. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the IADC Foundation and is also a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. He received his B.A. from Providence College and his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School.



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John T. Lay is a shareholder of Gallivan, White & Boyd. Mr. Lay has an active trial practice with extensive experience in business litigation, legal malpractice, false claims act litigation, and product liability. He has tried more than 100 cases to verdict. Mr. Lay has been recognized for inclusion in six categories of *Best Lawyers in America* from 2008-2021, including Lawyer of the Year in 2017 for Insurance Law, Lawyer of the Year 2019 for Personal Injury Litigation, Lawyer of the Year in 2019 for Product Liability, Lawyer of the Year in 2018 and 2020 for Mass Torts and Class Actions, and has received the honor of a South Carolina Top 10 *Super Lawyer*. He is recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Who's Who Legal: Life Science – Product Liability Defense*. Mr. Lay is also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL).

Mr. Lay served as President of the IADC from 2016-2017. He is also a past president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association.

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	<p>Andrew S. Chamberlin <i>IADC President</i> <i>Ellis & Winters LLP</i> <i>Greensboro, North Carolina USA</i> andrew.chamberlin@elliswinters.com</p> <p>Andrew Chamberlin is the President of the IADC. He is a litigation and trial lawyer at Ellis & Winters LLP. In addition to litigating and trying lawsuits, Andrew has experience as an advocate in arbitrations, mediations, and innovative pre-litigation settlement programs.</p>
	<p>John K. Abegg <i>U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform</i> <i>Washington, District of Columbia USA</i> jabegg@uschamber.com</p> <p>John K. Abegg serves as executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR). He is responsible for providing advocacy, strategy, policy development, and administrative leadership to support ILR's extensive initiatives, particularly with respect to its federal program.</p> <p>Before joining ILR, Abegg was chief counsel to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. There he managed the passage of multiple reforms to our civil justice system, including class action and bankruptcy reform legislation. He also worked on medical liability reform, immigration policy, intellectual property legislation, and law enforcement matters. In addition, Abegg oversaw the judicial confirmation process, including for six Supreme Court justices.</p> <p>Earlier in his career, Abegg served as legal adviser to a member of the Federal Election Commission, clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and was in private practice specializing in campaign finance litigation.</p> <p>Abegg received his law degree <i>cum laude</i> from Indiana University Mauer School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Indiana University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.</p>

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Tiffany Amlot is the General Counsel and John Crane Company Secretary, serving as the chief legal advisor and leading the John Crane legal team in providing support across all facets of the company. Tiffany joined Smiths Group in October 2017, as General Counsel, Group Litigation. In this role, she managed litigation matters for all Smiths' divisions globally.

Prior to joining Smiths, Tiffany was a partner at the multinational law firm Dentons U.S. LLP, representing corporate clients in disputes and litigation in a variety of sectors.

Tiffany holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociocultural Anthropology from Yale University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School.



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Mark Behrens co-chairs the Washington, DC-based Public Policy Group of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Mark has more than thirty years of experience working on civil justice issues and defense litigation. A substantial part of his practice is working to improve the civil litigation environment through legislation; in the courts through amicus curiae briefs on behalf of business, civil justice, and defense lawyer organizations; through legal scholarship and judicial education; and in the court of public opinion.

Mark chairs the IADC's Civil Justice Response Committee and serves on Lawyers for Civil Justice's Board of Directors. In 2016, Mark received the IADC's Joan Fullam Irick Award for his work as Civil Justice Response Committee Chair. In 2015, he received the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform's Individual Achievement Award.

Mark has authored or co-authored more than 150 amicus briefs on behalf of national and state business and civil justice organizations in cases before the United States Supreme Court, federal appellate courts, and state appellate courts. He has testified before the U.S. Congress and numerous state legislatures. He has also served as an expert witness in trials and arbitrations. He received a Burton Award for Legal Achievement and has published more than 50 scholarly articles in leading national journals and law reviews.

Mark received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1990 and B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1987.

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Michael L. Bell has about 25 years of both law firm and in-house legal experience. For the first 10 years of his career, Michael handled product liability matters, class actions, and insurance coverage issues in the Pittsburgh office of K&L Gates. Michael's first in-house position was with TRW Automotive in Detroit from 2005 to 2011, where he managed the defense of seat belt and airbag cases including 15 trials. Since 2011, Michael has been the head of litigation with Electrolux in Charlotte, where he manages the defense of appliance product liability cases and class actions.

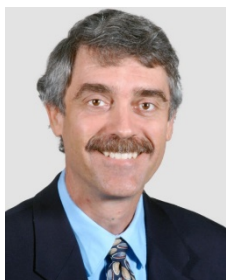


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Mollie Benedict is a partner in the Los Angeles, California office of Tucker Ellis LLP. Mollie represents clients in federal and state courts across the United States, frequently in the role of lead national counsel and as trial counsel in pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Mollie's complex business litigation practice also includes class action defense, false advertising, and product liability. She has written and argued appeals on issues including invasion of privacy, statutory immunities for physicians, and appropriate standards for medical expert testimony. Ms. Benedict is the IADC Foundation Board Treasurer, and a member of the Defense Research Institute's Drug and Medical Device Steering Committee. Ms. Benedict is the editor of two books in the DRI's Defense Library Series: *FDA Basics for the Drug and Medical Device Lawyer* and *Science Basics for the Drug and Medical Device Lawyer*. An advocate for women in the legal profession, she also contributed to DRI's Defense Library E-Book, *Women Rainmakers: Roadmap to Success*. Mollie received her BA from Northwestern University and her JD from UCLA Law School.

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Randall E. Bills, P.E., IAAI-CFI® received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University. He investigates electrical faults and malfunctions, particularly those suspected of causing a fire, equipment damage, or electrocution. He performs reconstruction of accidents to determine the mode, sequence, and/or component of failure resulting in the damage to equipment or individuals. He analyzes various types of electrical power equipment (i.e., transformers, circuit breakers, power lines, commercial, and residential electrical systems, etc.) and appliances on-site and/or in the laboratory to determine the cause or result of an incident (i.e., fire, equipment damage, or personal injury). He conducts tests to determine the reliability of products. He is a registered Professional Engineer in numerous states and has provided testimony in state and federal courts of law. He is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), IAAI - Ohio Chapter; National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Electrical Section Member and an NFPA 921 Committee member of the Technical Committee on Fire Investigations; National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Architects, Engineers, Building Official's Section; and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Research Section.

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**Nicole Brunson**

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Nicole M. Brunson is Head of Litigation & Disputes with Arrival. In this role, Nicole practices general litigation, product liability, and commercial litigation. She also advises on various corporate matters. Before joining Arrival in 2021, Nicole served as Associate General Counsel with Trane Technologies and an associate at Swanson Martin & Bell, LLP, a boutique litigation firm in Chicago, Illinois.

Nicole is a 2006 graduate of Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington (n/k/a/ Maurer School of Law) and 1998 graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana (BS Biochemistry). Nicole obtained an MBA in Marketing and Management from Christian Brothers University in 2002.

Nicole serves the business in mitigation of risk, management of litigation costs, and the provision of legal insight on business decisions ranging from strategy execution to relationship management. Nicole's varied background in physical science and sales and management provides a strong foundation for her role as a dispute resolutionist and business partner to her clients.

A big believer in "paying it forward," Nicole is active in the Association of Corporate Counsel Charlotte Chapter. She has been active with DRI since 2007 and IADC since 2012. She is also a member of ALFA International Client Advisory Boards. Nicole was awarded the *Charlotte Business Journal's* Rising Star in 2014 and named a 2019 nominee for Outstanding Corporate Counsel.

Nicole enjoys cooking, traveling, Peloton, and family time. She is a proud mother - four children and a boxer named Stella - and the wife of an extraordinary man, James.

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R. Matthew Cairns

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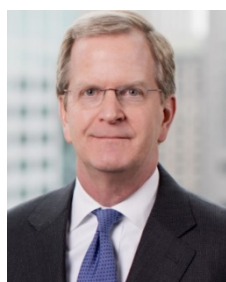
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Matt earned an AB in History and International Relations from Brown University in 1983. In 1986, he graduated *cum laude* from Case Western University School of Law where he was a Law Review Editor and Research Assistant in International Law and Commercial Law.

As Associate General Counsel for Litigation at Textron, Matt manages products liability litigation for Textron's Specialized Vehicles business unit, and assists in managing complex commercial litigation and class actions at the corporate level.

Matt previously worked at Gallagher Callahan & Gartrell from 2008-2017 after 22 years with Ransmeier & Spellman in Concord. His practice focused on defending spokes on the axis of evil in civil and administrative litigation. He practiced at every level of the New Hampshire court system and in the United States District Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, he appeared before numerous state agencies. Matt's specialties included complex products liability, employment law, commercial litigation, professional liability, appellate, fire and casualty, governmental liability, and civil rights. He has been recognized in *Super Lawyers* and *Bests*.

Matt was the President of DRI - the Voice of the Defense Bar from 2010-2011. He has been an IADC member since 2002, and was on the faculty of the 2013 Trial Academy.



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Dabney Carr is a litigation partner at Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP. Dabney has served as lead counsel to clients on a wide range of matters, including patent and other intellectual property disputes, cutting-edge environmental litigation, and product liability claims involving complex medical and technical issues. His broad litigation background and trial experience make him an effective courtroom advocate and pragmatic strategic advisor. Dabney has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* since 2007 in multiple litigation categories, including Commercial Litigation, Patent Litigation, and Product Liability Litigation and has been recognized as one of America's leading lawyers and ranked first band - Intellectual Property: Southern Virginia by *Chambers USA* since 2008. In addition to his leadership in the legal field, Dabney has been active in his community, especially on issues of education, serving as a volunteer mentor in the City of Richmond public schools, pro bono counsel to the first charter elementary school in Virginia, and as a gubernatorial appointee to a committee studying innovation in K-12 education. Dabney is also an elected member of the governing Council of the Virginia State Bar.

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William Childs

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Bill Childs is Senior Counsel in the Litigation group at 3M. He is involved in managing a range of litigation, including respirator/mask and fall protection. He also helped build and manage the ongoing effort to combat fraud and counterfeiting in the COVID-19 PPE marketplace. He was a recipient of Minnesota Lawyer's In-House Counsel honors for public companies for 2020.

Prior to joining 3M in 2019, he was a partner at Bowman and Brooke LLP in Austin, Texas, working primarily in products liability defense in pharmaceutical, medical device, highway safety, and other products. He was previously a law professor and associate dean at Western New England University School of Law for eight years, earning tenure. He practiced prior to that as a litigator at Williams & Connolly LLP and clerked for U.S. District Judge James M. Rosenbaum (D. Minn.).

Bill also produces a nationally syndicated radio show for kids and their grownups (sparetherock.com) and owns an associated record label that has generated more than \$200,000 in donations for non-profits.

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Morty Dubin is a first chair trial lawyer known for developing innovative and successful trial defenses for clients in high stakes product liability matters. He has tried and won cases for The Dow Chemical Company, Johnson & Johnson, and others throughout the most difficult jurisdictions in the United States. In recognition of his success and standards of practice, Morty has been elected by his peers into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Morty has been ranked nationally for Products Liability & Mass Torts by *Chambers USA*, which recognized him as "an experienced mass torts litigator with a particular strength in asbestos related matters." Clients interviewed by *Chambers* noted that he is "one of the top trial lawyers for our company" and "one of the best defense lawyers in the country in terms of mass torts." He has also been selected by *Benchmark Litigation* as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the United States and by corporate counsel as a BTI "Client Service All Star."

In addition to his product liability work, Morty also has experience with a broad range of other subject areas, including securities fraud and accountant liability work for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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Philippa Ellis is Assistant General Counsel - General Liability with The Home Depot in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to joining The Home Depot, Philippa was a defense litigator who served as first chair trial counsel for multiple Fortune 100 global companies, handling product liability, tort litigation, insurance, corporate liability, and commercial disputes. She is a long-time IADC member and counts serving as a faculty member for the IADC Trial Academy in 2009 as one of the most rewarding experiences as a member. Philippa also served as 2019 Director for the American Bar Association's TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy, held in Reno, NV at the National Judicial College. Philippa's professional approach, as outside and in-house counsel, has centered around serving as a thorough and relentless advocate for her clients' business interests. Philippa is licensed to practice in Georgia, Illinois, and Oklahoma. She obtained her Juris Doctor from The University of Oklahoma College of Law, and Master of Business Administration from The University of Georgia Terry College of Business.



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Ms. Friel joined the NFL in April 2015 as Special Counsel for Investigations, following her role as Vice President of the Sexual Misconduct Consulting & Investigations division for T&M Protection Resources and a distinguished 28-year career as a Manhattan prosecutor. She oversees investigations related to alleged violations of the League's Personal Conduct Policy. In addition, she assists in the development and delivery of educational sessions regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and other conduct-related areas to internal and external audiences. Prior to coming to the League full-time, Ms. Friel served seven months as Special Advisor to Commissioner Goodell on these issues.

Ms. Friel began her professional career at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. Hired by District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau in 1983, Ms. Friel specialized in sexual assault cases. She was the Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit for nearly a decade and its Deputy Chief for 11 years.

Ms. Friel earned a B.A. in history from Dartmouth College, graduating cum laude. At the University of Virginia Law School, she finished in the top seven percent of her class and was awarded the Order of the Coif upon receiving her Juris Doctor. She is also the mother of three adult children. Ms. Friel serves on the Board of Visitors of the Rockefeller Public Policy Center at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, the Board of Trustees at Regis High School in New York, New York and the Board of the NYC Police Athletic League.

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Andy Gendron is a member of Lewis Brisbois' National Trial Practice and Complex Business and Commercial Litigation teams, and an AV[®]-rated civil trial and appellate lawyer who has tried nearly 100 cases to verdict across a broad range of matters, with experience in stockholder and corporate-governance, commercial, fiduciary, product liability, environmental, and toxic-tort cases. He has managed the defense of mass and class actions, and served on the national-counsel teams and as subject-matter counsel for manufacturers of prescription pharmaceuticals and Class III medical devices; as liaison counsel in tobacco litigation pending in Maryland; and as Maryland counsel for real estate investment trusts, makers of petrochemicals, paints and pigments, earth-moving equipment, and industrial machinery. In this upcoming year, he will serve on the faculty of the IADC's Trial Academy.

Andy is active in the community, providing pro-bono legal services to immigrant clients, and serving as a youth minister, catechist, and lector for his church. He is a former trustee of Saint Mary's Seminary and University, led the Lawyers' Campaign for CollegeBound Foundation (which helps Baltimore City public-school students achieve a college education), and volunteered and served on the board of the Homeless Persons Representation Project.

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Rich Hobbs serves as the managing partner at Prevail Trial Consultants and is one of the founding members. In 2016, Rich wanted to address what he saw was a shortfall in the delivery of trial consulting services in the Tri-State area. Through his desire to simplify and improve all aspects of trial consulting, Prevail Trial Consultants was born.

Rich has provided expertise and trial consulting services on more than 300+ cases nationwide and internationally. His knowledge of in-court technology and substantial experience in high profile matters has led to his consulting with some of the nation's top law firms, Fortune 500 companies, and more.

Rich enjoys working in high pressure situations where speed, accuracy, and efficiency are critical to success. With extensive experience in both civil and criminal law, Rich is ready to help present your case in its most engaging form.

Career:

Managing Partner, Prevail Trial Consultants – September 2016 to Present

Litigation Support Analyst, White & Williams – 2014 to 2016

Litigation Support Manager, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Homicide Unit – 2010 to 2014

Education//Certifications//Experience:

TrialDirector Professional Certification

Microsoft PowerPoint Professional Certification – 2015

Adobe Illustrator & After Effects Certification – 2015

Paralegal Degree – 2016

BS Business Administration & Legal Studies, Temple University – 2013

More than 300+ cases worked

Support provided in 10+ states, 4+ countries

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George S. Hodges is Senior Partner in the law firm of Hodges Walsh & Burke, LLP, where he serves as Managing Partner and chairs the Firm's Product Liability and Toxic Tort Litigation sections. George concentrates his practice in the defense and trial of product liability, asbestos and toxic tort litigation, drug and medical devices, construction accidents, and commercial claims.

In 2021, George has once again been designated as one of the premier Products Liability Defense Attorneys in the world by *The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers*.

He has received the "AV" Martindale-Hubbell rating for many years, the most prestigious rating that can be awarded. He has served as lead defense counsel in multiple jurisdictions throughout the United States both as national and local counsel.

George is Past President of the International Association of Defense Counsel (2004-2005) and in 2013 served as Dean of the Corporate Counsel College of the IADC, where he invited and interviewed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as Keynote Speaker. George has also served as a Member of the Board of Directors of Defense Research Institute (DRI) and Lawyers for Civil Justice (LCJ). In April 2016, George was awarded the 1st Annual Dean's Award for extraordinary contribution to the IADC corporate membership.

George is a graduate of Regis High School in New York City, Fordham College, and Fordham University School of Law where he served as an Editor of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. He also served as a Captain in the United States Army in addition to his role as a leader in several defense organizations – George served as Chairperson of the National Jury Trial Innovations Project and as Chairperson and Principal Editor of *the Joan Fullam Irick Privacy Project* (Volumes I, II, and III).



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Molly Jones is Sr. Assistant General Counsel, Litigation for Bayer. She is currently responsible for the coordination of the defense of cases related to chemical liabilities and legacy company liabilities, insurance matters, and other business litigation. She has a focus in mass torts. In the past two years, she has managed a docket of novel PCB cases and has been active in legislative reform affecting Bayer and its litigation. Prior to joining Monsanto (and prior to Monsanto's acquisition by Bayer), Ms. Jones was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP in Saint Louis where she handled product liability and commercial litigation matters. Ms. Jones earned her JD from Washington University in 2003 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of South Florida. She is married to Sean Jones and enjoys spending time with her two kids, Addyson (14) and Finley (10). And she is READY to go back to the office!

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Lisa Jordan serves as Associate General Counsel for Supply Chain, Facilities, Real Estate and Water Rights at Molson Coors Beverage Company. Starting at Miller Brewing Company in 2003, Lisa participated in the transition to MillerCoors and now Molson Coors Beverage Company. During that time, she has supported every major functional group at the beer and beverage company, including marketing, sales and distribution, finance and M&A, and corporate secretary/governance. During her tenure, Lisa also worked as a strategist at Tenth and Blake Beer Company, the craft division of MillerCoors, supporting the business strategy of craft acquisition including serving as the MillerCoors board representative at Terrapin Beer Company. Lisa's role now includes supporting the North American supply chain and managing Molson Coors water rights in Colorado. During the pandemic, Lisa is serving as the legal representative on the company Covid Task Force.



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Harold H. Kim

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Harold H. Kim was elected president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR) in December 2019, after nearly 12 years of holding a senior leadership position within ILR. Under Kim, the Institute will continue to be a comprehensive, multifaceted global legal reform campaign with cutting-edge advocacy, research, communications, and voter education initiatives.

Kim is responsible for providing strategy, policy guidance, programmatic management, and leadership for ILR's comprehensive program aimed at improving the nation's litigation climate.


Before joining ILR, Kim was special assistant to the president in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. There he served as former President George W. Bush's liaison to the Senate on matters involving national security, the judiciary, civil justice reform, intellectual property, and criminal law enforcement. During his tenure, he helped win confirmation for several of President Bush's judicial and executive nominees and worked closely with Congress to advance the administration's policy priorities.

From 2003 to 2007, Kim served as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, deputy chief counsel to the late ranking member Arlen Specter, and senior committee counsel for then-Chairman Orrin Hatch. During the passage of the 2005 Class Action Fairness Act, Kim was the committee's chief civil counsel and advised Republican members during the bill's committee markup and Senate floor action. He also advised committee members in the areas of asbestos, class action, medical malpractice, and bankruptcy litigation reform.

Prior to government service, Kim was a senior litigation associate at the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Patton Boggs, LLP.

Kim is an elected member of the American Law Institute and the International Association of Defense Counsel. He is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine, and earned a J.D. from The Catholic University of America.

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	<p>Jerome J. Kraisinger <i>Avendra, LLC</i> <i>Rockville, Maryland USA</i> jerry.kraisinger@avendra.com</p> <p>Jerry Kraisinger is a Senior Vice President and the General Counsel of Avendra, LLC, an affiliate of Aramark since 2018. Avendra is North America’s largest professional procurement and supply chain services company serving all segments of the lodging and hospitality industry for over 8,500 clients, private clubs, higher education, gaming, multi-family housing, and building trades. Mr. Kraisinger is also a director and the President of Avendra Gaming, LLC. Before joining Avendra, Mr. Kraisinger was the Vice President of Development and the General Counsel of CapStar Hotel Company and the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of MeriStar Hospitality Corporation. He joined MeriStar in February of 2003, when it was the nation's third largest hotel real estate investment trust. Prior to joining MeriStar, Mr. Kraisinger was an Associate General Counsel of Host Marriott Corporation, now known as Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc., where he had been an attorney in its Law Department since 1986. Mr. Kraisinger had previously been in private practice with Holland & Knight in the firm’s Tampa, Florida office, where his practice focused primarily on matters involving bankruptcy and creditors’ rights. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Maryland, Florida, and the District of Columbia.</p>
	<p>Jess Krochtengel <i>Law360</i> <i>New York, New York USA</i> jess.krochtengel@law360.com</p> <p>Jess Krochtengel is an assistant managing editor at Law360, an international news organization that delivers breaking news and in-depth analysis on legal matters across dozens of practice areas and industries. She is a graduate of The University of Texas School of Law and has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina.</p>

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Cecilia Lahaye is an attorney at Bird & Bird LLP in Brussels, Belgium and specializes in employment law. She advises and litigates on a wide array of employment and social security law related matters, such as dismissals, compensation and benefits, and workplace health and safety hazards.

She is a regular contributor to leading Belgian legal journals and has participated as both panelist and moderator in various IADC programs on employment and diversity related topics. A graduate from the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven – magna cum laude) she has also obtained the Certificate of Proficiency in Supreme Court Proceedings as issued by the Supreme Court Bar of Belgium.



Veronica M. Lei

Eli Lilly and Company

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Veronica M. Lei is Assistant General Counsel - Litigation & Global Lead of Privileged Investigations at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana. She leads a global, internal privileged investigation team consisting of attorneys dedicated to examining the company's highest risk - and most complicated matters. She also manages the defense of Lilly in litigation and investigations from external entities, specifically in the areas of pharmaceutical pricing and in response to federal and state government requests for information. Ms. Lei previously advised on issues relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and counseled her company's Ethics and Compliance function. Prior to joining Lilly, Ms. Lei was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for more than six years in the Boston U.S. Attorney's Office, specializing in asset forfeiture and financial investigations. She began her career as a litigation associate at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP (now Dentons) in Chicago and then clerked for the Honorable Morris E. Lasker on the U.S. District Court in the District of Massachusetts. Ms. Lei graduated from Harvard University School of Law and from Columbia College, Columbia University.

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He and his firm have represented more than 300 of the world's largest law firms, hundreds of companies, and more than 30 countries, providing heads of state with communications, access, and insight into Washington.

Mr. Levick has been honored multiple times on the prestigious list of "The 100 Most Influential People in the Boardroom" and has been named to several professional Halls of Fame for lifetime achievement.

He is the co-author of four books including two on litigation communications, hosts daily podcasts for a variety of publications, and is a regular commentator on television and in print.

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Lori E. Lightfoot

*Mayor of the City of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois USA*

Since assuming office following her historic election, Mayor Lightfoot has undertaken an ambitious agenda of expanding opportunity and inclusive economic growth across Chicago's neighborhoods and communities, with early accomplishments including landmark ethics and good governance reforms, worker protection legislation, and closing a record \$838 million budget gap, as well as key investments in education, public safety, and financial stability. Mayor Lightfoot also placed Chicago on the path to a \$15 minimum wage by 2021.

In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, Mayor Lightfoot has led a coordinated, citywide response across government, business, and community organizations to effectively address its spread and broader public impact, including the creation of the Racial Equity Rapid Response Team, the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force, among other actions.

Prior to her election, Mayor Lightfoot most recently served as a senior equity partner in the Litigation and Conflict Resolution Group at Mayer Brown. Previously, she served as President of the Chicago Police Board, as well as the Chair of the Police Accountability Task Force.

Mayor Lightfoot also served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications, interim First Deputy of the Chicago Department of Procurement Services, Chief Administrator of the Office of Professional Standards, and as Assistant United States Attorney.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Mayor Lightfoot has been a resident of Chicago since 1986 and lives on the Near Northwest Side with her wife Amy Eshleman and their daughter.

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**Nancy E. Paridy**

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Nancy Paridy, JD, LLM, is an executive who brings diverse experience and insights to her multifaceted role. As a member of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's executive leadership team, Nancy serves as Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and General Counsel overseeing a diverse team of more than 300 employees. She is responsible for all legal matters, including healthcare matters, employment law, joint venture, acquisition, management and other transactional agreements, regulatory interpretation and guidance, intellectual property, litigation, and corporate governance. She also oversees and directs various additional functions, including human resources, ethics, corporate compliance, facilities and food service, as well as government and community affairs.

Nancy's leadership in healthcare and law has been honored through various awards. Most recently, she was named to the *National Law Journal's* list of Healthcare/Life Sciences Trailblazers. In 2020, she was a winner of the Salute! Women in Law Awards, which recognizes the top 50 exceptional women lawyers nationwide. She received the Top Women Lawyers in Leadership Award from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, which recognizes elite women lawyers who have created growth in their field and fostered new pathways through mentoring.

In addition to her work at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, Nancy writes and lectures about healthcare law, and serves as an adjunct professor at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Furthermore, in 2019 she was named the first woman Chair of the Loyola Academy Board of Trustees.

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Bob focuses his practice on mass tort, product liability, and complex commercial litigation. He frequently tries jury cases to verdict in state and federal courts around the country. He has tried a product liability wrongful death case to a defense verdict for a major automobile manufacturer. He was trial counsel in a multi-million dollar Lanham Act jury trial in the Eastern District of Virginia. The case resulted in the largest verdict in Virginia for 2009. Less than a year earlier, he tried a multi-million dollar tort case to a defense verdict also in the Eastern District of Virginia. Additionally, Bob tried a mold toxicity case to verdict in Fairfax County, Virginia. He was trial counsel in a case selected by the National Law Journal as one of the "Top Ten Defense Verdicts of 2002," and has served as counsel in numerous other jury trials around the nation. Bob defends mass and class action defendants and has served as part of the national defense teams for consumer and pharmaceutical products. In addition, Bob maintains an active appellate practice. He was lead appellate counsel six times in the Supreme Court of Virginia and has argued in the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Appeals, and the Fifth Circuit. He has filed amicus curiae briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court on matters related to patent interpretation.

Bob also maintains an active pro bono practice. In 2005, Bob founded a pro bono clinic in conjunction with the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to serve the needs of Hispanic immigrants. The Virginia State Bar and the City of Richmond Bar Association have recognized Bob's work with their highest pro bono awards.

Prior to entering private practice, Bob was a prosecutor for the U.S. Army in the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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Terrence O. Reed is the Managing Director of Employment Litigation for Federal Express Corporation and has been litigating for 21 years. He manages a team of employment litigation attorneys who represent FedEx in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals throughout the country and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Terrence has tried numerous jury trials in various jurisdictions including Memphis, Nashville, Philadelphia, Dallas, San Rafael, Manhattan, Long Island, Newport News, and Norfolk. In addition to employment litigation, Terrence specializes in class action litigation. Prior to joining FedEx's legal team, Terrence was in private practice at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis in Nashville, Tennessee where he specialized in complex commercial civil litigation. Terrence was a faculty member of the 2019 International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy, conducted on Stanford Law School's campus, and serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis Law School teaching fair employment practices. Terrence also serves as immediate past President for the Memphis chapter of the American Inns of Court, President for the Center for Excellence in Decision-Making, and Memphis Bar Foundation Board member. He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Memphis Law School, where he served as the Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board and an articles editor on the Law Review Board. Terrence earned his undergraduate degree from Tennessee State University, graduating *summa cum laude*.

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Ms. Jamey Seely currently serves as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Covetrus, Inc. Prior, Ms. Seely was the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Gates Industrial Corporation plc. and was the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary for ION Geophysical Corporation. She served in a business role as the Senior Vice President of Alternative Energy for NRG Energy, Inc. Prior to NRG Energy, Ms. Seely acted as Vice President and General Counsel at Direct Energy, and was a Partner in Corporate and Securities law with Thompson & Knight LLP.

Ms. Seely was named as the winner of the “2019 Outstanding Women in Business Awards, Large Corporation” by the *Denver Business Journal*, a “2019 Trailblazer in Business” by *Aspoioneer*, and “One of the 25 Most Powerful Women” by the Denver Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Seely was named a “Trailblazer in Energy Law” by the *National Law Journal* in 2017, one of the “Top 50 Women in Energy” by the Texas Diversity Council and one of the “Top Women in Energy for 2016” by *Texas Lawyer*. She was also recognized by *Diversity Magazine* as one of the “Most Powerful & Influential Women in Texas” in 2008 and as a “Diversity First Award” winner at the Texas Diversity & Leadership Conference. Ms. Seely won the “Champion of Diversity Award” in 2007, and was a two-time finalist for the “Best Corporate Counsel Awards” by the *Houston Business Journal* and the Association of Corporate Counsel.

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Alexandra Simotta is a lawyer trained in New York and Austria. Currently, she holds the position of Head of Legal Austria and Slovenia at SIX Payment Services (Europe), Austrian Branch, a European payment services provider and daughter company of Worldline Group. She advises the company in a variety of legal areas, especially in the FinTech field, amongst these matters of data protection, anti-money laundering, civil and civil procedural law, banking (supervisory) law, commercial law, contract law, and corporate law. In her role as Head of Legal, she has led SIX Group, Worldline, and SIX Payment Services through several (international) mergers and acquisitions and has enabled the introduction and placement of new technologies to the payments market. Moreover, she has led several company and group-wide projects, such as the revision of the general terms and conditions for credit cards, various outsourcing projects before the Austrian and Luxemburg Financial Market Authorities, as well as the adaption of the company's contracts to new European legislative developments, e.g. the General Data Protection Regulation and the Payment Services Directive II. She regularly manages teams of external counsel and has litigated several national and international cases for the company and group, e.g. Austrian version of a class action lawsuit.

Before her career at SIX, Alexandra has worked in private practice in the dispute resolution teams of two Austrian top tier law firms, where she has defended enterprises before Austrian and European Courts as well as before arbitral tribunals in matters of international law.



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Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson represents a broad array of clients in complex cases in jurisdictions around the country, primarily in the areas of commercial litigation, mass tort litigation, products liability, toxic torts, labor, and employment law. Ms. Thompson also coordinates commercial and product liability litigation outside the United States. She has earned a reputation among her peers as a tough litigator who carefully prepares each case with a common sense, efficient, practical focus to meet client needs and goals.



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Sabrina Strong, co-chair of O'Melveny's Consumer Class Actions Practice, handles complex business litigation, focusing on class actions and mass tort actions involving medical devices and pharmaceutical products, consumer goods, and a variety of financial services products. Sabrina has tried multiple high-profile cases to verdict, some of which have been recognized as "Top Defense Verdicts" by the Daily Journal. She currently serves as national coordinating counsel for Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals ("J&J") in 3,000+ opioid lawsuits pending in the federal multidistrict litigation and state courts throughout the country, and defended J&J in the nation's first opioid-related trial brought by the State of Oklahoma. Sabrina has acted as a representative for the company in the media, including the post-trial press conference and appearances on BBC, CBS This Morning, CNN, CNBC, NPR, and The Today Show.

Sabrina has handled numerous headline-grabbing state and federal appeals throughout her career, including a defense verdict on behalf of client AEG Live that concluded one of the most talked-about trials of the year and a five-month courtroom showdown against Michael Jackson's family in his wrongful death suit. Capitalizing on her unique combination of high-profile trial experience and sophisticated appellate work, Sabrina is regularly called upon to actively litigate cases as appellate counsel throughout trial for high-exposure matters across a wide variety of industries.

The Daily Journal named Sabrina as one of the "Top Women Lawyers" in 2020. Sabrina received her BA from UCSD and her JD from NYU.

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Sharon Stuart is a founding partner of Christian & Small, where she handles complex and class action insurance, business, product liability, and toxic tort cases. Sharon is also President and Claims Counsel of Attorneys Insurance Mutual of the South, a lawyer-owned company providing attorney malpractice coverage in Alabama and Tennessee. She is recognized in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America* – garnering multiple "Lawyer of the Year" honors, the Top 50 Mid-South Women *Super Lawyers*, and is one of *Benchmark Litigation's* Top 250 Women in Litigation. Sharon is active in the IADC where she has served as Chair of the Insurance and Reinsurance Committee. She is also active in DRI and the American Inns of Court. She is past President of the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association.



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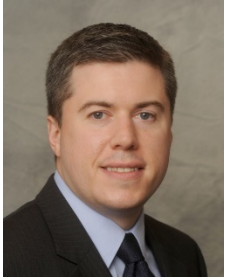
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Stuart helps attorneys get better at what they do (and enjoy the process) through his entertaining and educational CLE Performances. He speaks, teaches, and writes— *Thomson Reuters* published his book entitled, *Navigating the Legal Ethics of Social Media and Technology*.

Mr. Teicher is a Supreme Court appointee to the New Jersey District Ethics Committee where he investigates and prosecutes grievances filed against attorneys. Mr. Teicher is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law where he teaches professional responsibility, and he is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he teaches undergraduate writing courses.

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Fletch Thomson has been in-house counsel at Textron Inc. since May 2012, and currently serves as Senior Associate General Counsel. He counsels the corporate office and subsidiary businesses on a broad range of domestic and international litigation and transactional matters. His international work has included matters in Latin America, Canada, Europe, Australia, the Middle East, and Asia, and he previously served as interim General Counsel for top 100 global automotive supplier Kautex, a Textron subsidiary headquartered in Bonn, Germany. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fletch has served as Textron's in-house subject matter expert on state, federal, and cross-border coronavirus/SARS-CoV-2 regulations and orders.

Prior to going in-house, Fletch handled complex commercial litigation, intellectual property disputes, business litigation, and related matters in state and federal courts, including obtaining a \$50.5 million judgment for a client in a trade secret misappropriation case. Fletch also represented corporate clients in a full range of transactional matters. He received his B.A. from Lafayette College, his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and his L.L.M from Trinity College (Dublin).