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Molly Craig is a partner at Hood Law Firm, LLC. She focuses on trial practice in civil litigation and the defense of catastrophic product liability, professional liability, pharmaceutical and medical device, trusts and estates litigation, and employment litigation matters throughout the United States. She has an AV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory and is listed in *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, *International Who's Who*, *Benchmark's Top Women in Litigation*, and *ALM's Women Leaders in Law*. She is actively involved in various professional and civic organizations. She is a Past President of the International Association of Defense Counsel, a Past President of the Charleston Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Past President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a former member of the Board of Directors for the Defense Research Institute (DRI, the Voice of the Defense Bar), a former member of the Board of Directors of Lawyers for Civil Justice, a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council, and National Coordinator for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's project iCivics. She is a current member of the Board of Directors, a purpose-driven NIL Collective developing Clemson student athletes to positively impact others through community charities.



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Gillian Lindsay represents clients ranging from closely held businesses to Fortune 100 companies across various industries and throughout every phase of commercial litigation. In her practice, she handles complex disputes involving breach of contract, consumer and business torts, trade secrets, labor and employment disputes, commercial and equipment loan enforcement, judgment enforcement and collection, and trademark infringement.

Understanding the effect litigation can have on a business, she advises clients on strategies to minimize exposure, attain favorable settlements, and achieve other alternative dispute resolutions to avoid unnecessary litigation.

When litigation is necessary, she has the experience needed to protect her client's interests throughout the process. She has successfully represented clients before trial and appellate courts, the International Chamber of Commerce, International Court of Arbitration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, the Illinois Department of Labor, and Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Her litigation practice includes a focus on biometric privacy issues, specifically relating to the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). She navigates emerging compliance issues and counsels clients on insurance coverage and claims options. With the increased risk of BIPA class-action litigation, she brings her experience representing clients in class actions across a wide range of legal issues to effectively defend clients at trial, throughout pre-trial litigation, and during pre-litigation dispute resolution.

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Melanie D. Margolin serves as Thumbtack’s Chief Legal Officer. She has more than 20 years of broad legal experience leading legal teams and providing strategic guidance to executive teams at large public companies. Before Thumbtack, she served as SVP, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Wabash National Corporation and was Deputy General Counsel at Cummins —both publicly traded industrial companies. She has a proven track record of reducing corporate-wide legal, operational, and financial risks/losses and increasing bottom line gains. As a commercially minded business leader, she has been successful in negotiating and executing multi-billion-dollar commercial agreements, M&A transactions, and bet the company litigation settlements. Among her many achievements is being recognized time and again for her practical, no-nonsense, business-first approach to providing legal advice, and leading diverse teams to great results and collaborative success. She received a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law, a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and is a graduate of the Executive Finance program at Harvard Business School. She is based in Colorado with her spouse and their daughter is a sophomore in college. While she has used Thumbtack for a myriad of projects from gutter cleaning to yardwork, her favorite thing about Thumbtack’s approach is its mission of connecting customers to the right people for their problems — a mission she shares by being a great connector of people in both her personal and professional lives.

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Michele Coleman Mayes was born on July 9, 1949 in Los Angeles, California to Geraldine and Wilbert Coleman. Mayes graduated from MacKinzie High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1967. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1971 and her J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1974.

Ms. Mayes taught as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois for two years and then as an Adjunct Professor of Civil Trial Advocacy at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan from 1981 to 1987. She served in the United States Department of Justice from 1976 to 1982 as Assistant United States Attorney in Detroit and Brooklyn. She eventually assumed the role of Chief of the Civil Division in Detroit. In 1982, she entered the corporate sector as managing attorney of the Burroughs Corporation. Her career continued to evolve as the Burroughs Corporation and the Sperry Corporation merged, creating Unisys Corporation, for which she was appointed staff vice president and associate general counsel for Worldwide Litigation. In 1992, Ms. Mayes joined the Colgate-Palmolive Company as vice president and associate general counsel. One year later, she was promoted to vice president of Human Resources and their Legal Division for North America. In May 2001, Ms. Mayes was promoted to vice president, legal and assistant secretary, and elected a corporate officer. Two years later, she accepted the position of senior vice president and general counsel at Pitney Bowes. In 2007, she was named vice president and general counsel of The Allstate Corporation and senior vice president and general counsel for Allstate Insurance Company.

Ms. Mayes is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Margaret Brent Award and The Trailblazer Award. She was also named one of America's top black lawyers by Black Enterprise Magazine in 2003.

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Tasha Miracle is a senior managing associate in Thompson Hine LLP's environmental practice. She advises on all areas of environmental law at the local, state, and federal levels, but focuses primarily on assisting clients with CERCLA, RCRA, CWA, and CAA mobile source issues, including providing guidance on business, regulatory, and legislative matters; defending clients' interests in environmental enforcement actions; advising on compliance with environmental regulations; and assisting clients with transactions that have environmental components. Tasha is especially passionate about helping clients address their waste management (including recycling) and mobile source concerns.

Before joining Thompson Hine, she was an Assistant Attorney General in the Water Division of the Ohio Attorney General's Office's Environmental Enforcement Section, where she represented the Ohio EPA in civil enforcement cases and administrative appeals. Prior to that, as a William B. Saxbe Fellow in the Environmental Enforcement Section, she participated as counsel before the Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission on a variety of cases in different areas of environmental law and interacted regularly with various state-level policy makers.

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Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson has a great deal of experience representing private and public sector employer clients in both labor and employment matters. She defends clients against claims, including discrimination, wage-and-hour disputes, and wrongful termination. She provides advice and counsel to clients on various issues such as creating a diverse and inclusive workforce, accommodating employees with disabilities, and avoiding litigation. She serves as the lead attorney in labor negotiations between her public sector and private employer clients and their workforces.

She has litigated in areas of products liability defense, mass tort, and employment law defense around the country. As a first and second chair, she has represented equipment manufacturers, gasket manufacturers, and automotive manufacturers in product liability cases to verdict. Prior to private practice, she served as chief of Labor Personnel and Employment for a local government entity, creating policies and defending employment and labor matters for multiple agencies. She also served as senior litigator for one of the largest historically Black universities in the United States.

In addition to national clients, Deborah serves as general counsel to numerous national nonprofit companies, advising on a variety of matters related to employment and business litigation, mergers, copyright, trademark and branding, and concerns unique to the nonprofit sector. Deborah has earned a reputation among peers as a tough litigator who carefully prepares each case, but has also been recognized for collaborating with her clients to develop strategies focused on creating greater efficiency that result in the reduction of claims inventory, indemnity spend, and defense costs.

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In Andrea Zopp's current role at Cleveland Avenue, Ms. Zopp leads the organization's work investing in and supporting minority and women entrepreneurs and their companies. Previously she served as President and CEO of World Business Chicago, where she led the organization's mission of inclusive economic growth, supporting businesses, and promoting Chicago as a leading global city. Prior to joining WBC, she served as Deputy Mayor, Chief Neighborhood Development Officer for the City of Chicago.

Ms. Zopp has held executive and C-suite leadership positions at several Fortune 500 companies, including Sara Lee, Sears Holdings, and Exelon Corporation. As the former President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League, she led the nationally-recognized organization's focus on expanding economic opportunity in underserved communities. Andrea also served as a federal and state prosecutor.

Ms. Zopp currently serves on the boards of Relativity, a global e-discovery and document management software company, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, a federally chartered wholesale bank with \$90 billion in assets, and Intelligent Growth Solutions, a Scotland based, vertical farm manufacturer. She previously served on the boards of Empowerment and Inclusion Capital I Corp. (NYSE: EPWR), Andrew Corporation (NYSE: ANDW) and Urban Partnership Bank. She is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Chicago State University, and also serves on the boards of the Economic Club of Chicago, the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Black Ensemble Theater. She received her B.A. in History and Science from Harvard University and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.