

2021 Annual Meeting Speaker Biographies

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Aisha Abdallah heads the Disputes Resolution department at Anjarwalla & Khanna, covering offices in Nairobi and Mombasa. Her practice focuses on commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on fraud, economic crime and disputes over land, the environment and natural resources.

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Aisha provides training, writes and speaks on a wide range of contentious issues, including international arbitration, corruption, economic crime and pro bono work. Aisha is recognised by Chambers Global and Legal 500 for her work.

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Devon Ackerman is a Managing Director and Head of Incident Response for Kroll Cyber's North America Practice. He is a hands-on digital forensic and incident response investigator engaged by Clients and Law Firms globally to consult on matters ranging from corporate espionage to network intrusions to ransomware to data breaches. He draws extensive experience in the investigation and remediation of cyber-related threats and attacks from his prior career with the FBI as well as currently with Kroll. Before Kroll, Devon served as a Supervisory Special Agent and Senior Digital Sciences Forensics Examiner with the FBI. He was attached to the FBI's Operational Technology Division's Digital Forensics Field Operations Unit responsible for management and oversight of Federal investigations and matters ranging from domestic terrorism, mass shootings, critical incident response events, and other investigations involving large-scale electronic evidence collection and forensic

analysis. While with the FBI, he was the course material revision architect and co-author of instructional material for the FBI's CART Tech Certification program and Digital Evidence Extraction Technician (DExT) training curriculums. Devon founded and manages AboutDFIR.com, one of the leading Digital Forensic and Incident Response repositories of related knowledge and information.

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Previously, Nicole worked as Executive Director of an intercultural consulting company in New York City for 10 years before relocating to Cleveland, Ohio to head up the intercultural training division at another firm.

She has traveled to over 40 countries, has lived in Mexico and Argentina, speaks conversational Portuguese and Spanish, and has worked with individuals from over 100 nations. She received her BA in Global Economics and her MA in Intercultural Relations. Nicole is a regular presenter, speaker, and writer on the topics of cultural awareness, cultural intelligence, doing business across borders, working on multicultural teams, and the future of global work.

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Jon Berkelhammer is a partner in the Greensboro, North Carolina office of Ellis & Winters. He is a graduate of the University of North School of Law and former law clerk to Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Jon has an active and varied litigation practice, representing clients in the state and federal courts throughout the United States. He devotes approximately half of his time defending product liability and catastrophic personal injury claims and the rest of his time handling an assortment of commercial disputes from trade secret litigation to class action defense. Jon has tried a number of cases to verdict and argued cases in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the North Carolina Supreme Court. In addition to the IADC, Jon is a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council and currently sits on the DRI Board of Directors as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director.

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Jan graduated in Law from Ghent University in 1989. Moreover, he holds a master's degree in European Law from Université Libre de Bruxelles (1990). He has more than 30 years of experience as a lawyer and more than 20 years as a partner of Benelux firm Stibbe.

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Mike handles complex cases in jurisdictions around the country. He has experience in the areas of products liability defense, mass tort litigation, employment law, medical malpractice, and insurance defense, as well as commercial and real estate litigation matters. In addition to his national clients, Mike also serves as general counsel to numerous local companies and corporations advising on matters related to employment and business litigation, real estate issues, and concerns unique to the Baltimore-Washington region. During more than 30 years of practice, he has represented large national corporations that run the gamut of industries and include 17 Fortune 500 corporations in numerous litigation matters. He has tried more than 80 cases to verdict for these corporations and has tried cases in 24 states, including in some of the most challenging jurisdictions in the United States, from Maryland to Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Mississippi, Florida, Ohio, California, Louisiana, Missouri, Arizona, and Washington, D.C., among others.

He has been recognized for his work by a number of organizations, including Profiles in Diversity Journal — Black Leaders Worth Watching™ Awards, Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Benchmark Litigation as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer, and The Legal 500. Active in his community, he is a Baltimore Urban League board member and foundation fundraising chair for the Homeless Persons Representation Project.

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Sharon L. Caffrey is co-chair of Duane Morris' Trial Practice Group. Ms. Caffrey concentrates her practice in the areas of mass tort, products liability and toxic tort litigation. Ms. Caffrey's experience ranges from serving as counsel for Baxter in medical device and biologics product liability claims, to serving as national coordinating counsel for Pliva, Inc., in its PPA litigation, to serving as one of a handful of national trial counsel for Ford Motor Company in their asbestos litigation, to handling major chemical exposure cancer claims for CSX Transportation, Inc. Ms. Caffrey has significant trial experience, including extensive experience as MDL counsel in both asbestos and PPA litigation. Ms. Caffrey has handled toxic tort litigation involving a number of chemicals including diesel exhaust, PHAs, benzene, talc, pesticides and solvents, on a trial team for a medical device manufacturer involving hip implant litigation, including the development of expert witnesses. Ms. Caffrey also represents a CSX Transportation, Inc. and Conrail Corp. in their Pennsylvania area litigation, ranging from complex preemption issues and the defense of significant third party personal injury claims. She was twice presented with an "Excellence in Trial Advocacy" award by CSX Transportation, Inc. and has been twice listed in Chambers USA in the category of Product Liability and Mass Torts – Nationwide. Ms. Caffrey also heads the COVID-19 Strategy Group for Duane Morris and regularly consults clients on issues related to COVID-19 liability prevention.

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Joe also provides individual representation to employees (current and former) of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in civil and criminal contexts, including U.S. Department of Justice and State Attorneys General investigations. In particular, Joe has extensive experience representing these individuals as defendants and non-party witnesses in lawsuits, and as Witnesses and Subjects in governmental investigations, including preparing and presenting individuals for proffers and before grand juries. While Joe has represented these current and former employees across multiple divisions and at multiple levels within pharmaceutical and device companies, he has a particularly significant amount of experience representing individuals from the Sales and Marketing departments of those companies.

Chambers USA has recognized Joe among the leading lawyers nationally for Products Liability & Mass Torts. He is the Chair of the IADC Diversity Committee and the Immediate Past Chair of the Membership Committee. Joe is also a former member of the DRI Board of Directors.

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Nathan represents businesses in matters related to commercial litigation, construction disputes, mechanic's lien and bond claims, insurance disputes, E&O claims, contract drafting and negotiation, and a wide range of general litigation, employment, and personal injury cases. He uses this experience to guide businesses in all phases of risk management and planning, including construction and business contract negotiations, indemnification agreements, and employee hiring and termination considerations.

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Dr. Matthew Davis is a private practice sleep specialist and neurologist, located in central New Jersey. He has an undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, received his MD from the University at Buffalo, and completed a residency and fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He is board-certified in Sleep Medicine and Neurology.

Dr. Davis spends most of his professional time in direct patient care. He sees general neurology patients but has a special passion for neurologic disorders of sleep, including narcolepsy and various sleep-walking syndromes. In addition to his patient work, Dr. Davis speaks to companies large and small, as well as community organizations, regarding the importance of sleep for adults and children, its relationship to quality of life, general health, and business and school performance.

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His practice is wide-ranging. He advises on seminal corporate, projects and financial transactions, disputes, and impactful law reform efforts – all across industries including banking, energy, telecommunications, consumer products, healthcare and transport.

He has served as an arbitrator and counsel on large arbitrations, both ad-hoc and institutional, in Nigeria and abroad. He is on four international panels of neutrals and has been a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) since 2004.

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Maw Shen is effectively bilingual in English and Chinese, and has more than 20 years of extensive experience in commercial litigation, with particular emphasis on restructuring, insolvency litigation, shareholders' disputes, commercial fraud, trust laws and litigation involving gaming issues. His clients include banks, accounting firms, listed companies, venture capitalists and gaming operators, among others.

Maw Shen's core practice areas complement that of the Firm's corporate advisory teams—the collaboration of which ensures that legal solutions that best accord with the clients' commercial objectives and requirements are offered. Maw Shen has been extensively involved in the restructuring of various listed entities over the years. These include: Hua Kok

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Maw Shen has been involved in a number of high-profile cases, including a recent case where the Singapore Court of Appeal adjudicated on issues concerning a company listed on the SGX, of financially assisting a purchaser's acquisition of its own shares. He was also involved in the successful defense of a US\$75 million claim for fraudulent conspiracy and acted for a liquidator in a successful claim (in excess of S\$50 million) for fraudulent/insolvent trading against the company's former directors.

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Patrick Hedren is the Vice President of Litigation and Deputy General Counsel at the National Association of Manufacturers. As part of the Manufacturers' Center for Legal Action, Mr. Hedren works to strengthen the NAM's ability to promote a competitive environment for the manufacturing sector in the courts.

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Sherry is ranked in Chambers USA 2021 in the area of Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide), in which clients describe her as "an amazing trial attorney who has great presence," and "creative, thoughtful and smart." Who's Who Legal recognizes her in both "Life Sciences - Product Liability" and "Product Liability Defence," noting that she is considered by peers to be "truly one of the best out there." Sherry is a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, and is also recognized in Benchmark Litigation in "Top 250 Women," "Top 100 Trial Lawyers," and "National Practice Area Star (Product Liability)," as well as LMG Life Sciences, where she is a "Life Sciences Star (Product Liability)." An active member of IADC, Sherry served on the 2020 Annual Meeting Steering Committee, as well the Trial Tactics & Techniques Committee as Vice Chair of Diversity (2019-2020) – and in 2017, she was selected as a faculty member of IADC's 45th Annual Trial Academy.

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Active in her community, Brandee previously served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gold Shield Foundation, a nonprofit organization aimed at providing financial and other support to the families of police officers and firefighters who are injured or killed in the line of duty. She also heads the firm's Atlanta office's implementation of the Wills for Heroes program, a project that provides complimentary wills for emergency first response personnel throughout the United States.

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In addition, he is a member of the IADC and CEA. In 2015 he was nominated Vice President of International in the Board of the IADC. He is a regular speaker at IADC- conferences at the regional and annual meetings as well as at the AIA and ABAS.

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Product Liability, Healthcare and Aviation are specific areas in which Carol has developed significant experience and garnered recognition. Carol is a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council. She provides advice and counsel to a broad variety of product

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Selected by The Best Lawyers in America© in Health Care from 2013-2021, she has represented healthcare clients for almost 30 years.

Aviation litigation is also a key part of Carol's practice. She was invited to and became a member of the International Aviation Womens Association. Carol represents aviation clients in disruptive passenger litigation, rotary wing crash litigation and fixed wing aircraft crash litigation. She has been invited and spoken internationally on aviation safety issues at industry sponsored programs in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Istanbul, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Chosen by her firm to serve on its Board of Managers in 2013, she became the first woman, in firm history, to do so. She is admitted to practice in Georgia, Nevada, Mississippi and Colorado; as well as federal courts.

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