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John T. Lay, Jr. is a shareholder of Gallivan, White & Boyd, a firm with five offices in two states. Mr. Lay has an active trial practice with extensive experience in commercial litigation, legal malpractice, bad faith litigation, and product liability. He has been recognized for inclusion in six categories of *Best Lawyers in America*, including “Lawyer of the Year” in Insurance, and received the honor of a South Carolina Top 25 “Super Lawyer.” He is also recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *Who’s Who Legal: Life Science – Product Liability Defense* and *America’s Top 100 Attorneys*. Mr. Lay is President of the International Association of Defense Counsel, Immediate Past President of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and a past President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association. Mr. Lay and his wife, Sharon, have three children—Eliza, Thomas, and James.

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Michael Brown is a nationally recognized litigator who has built his reputation handling complex cases in jurisdictions around the country. Mr. Brown has significant 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.

During his more than 25 years of practice, Mr. Brown 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 60 cases to verdict for these corporations and has tried cases in 23 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. Overall, Mr. Brown has obtained defense verdicts in an overwhelming majority of these matters—over 95 percent— including a defense verdict in a landmark products liability asbestos action in Alameda County, California, in 2006. He has continued to try cases in Maryland and across the country, with 15 cases pending for trial in 2017. In addition to these national clients, Mr. Brown also serves as general counsel to numerous local companies and corporations, advising on a variety of matters related to employment and business litigation, real estate issues and concerns unique to the Baltimore-Washington region.

Mr. Brown is chair of Miles & Stockbridge's Diversity Committee, overseeing the firm's commitment to elevate diversity and inclusion from an initiative to a way of life. Last year, Miles & Stockbridge was named by Law360 as the number two firm in the country for black attorneys. He also serves on the boards of Mother Seton Academy, the Greater Baltimore Urban League and the fundraising committee of the Homeless Persons Representation Project.

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Mr. Hood graduated with a B.A. from the University of the South in 1999. He then earned his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2002. Upon completion of law school, Mr. Hood earned his LL.M. in Admiralty from Tulane University School of Law, where he was awarded the Edward A. Dodd Jr. Award, graduating with the highest grade point average of his graduating class. He joined the Hood Law Firm in 2003.

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Ed Sledge represents businesses in high-exposure civil disputes in a variety of industries, from private equity groups and product manufacturers to financial services institutions, to name a few. Mr. Sledge's national practice focuses on complex business and commercial litigation in courts across the country; he also routinely represents businesses in personal injury and wrongful death matters. With his strategic, problem-solving approach and ability to anticipate and see the big picture, he helps his clients successfully navigate complex, high-stakes disputes.

Mr. Sledge is a frequent lecturer and author on civil litigation and trial issues. In the past couple of years, he has co-authored an article for the IADC's *Defense Counsel Journal* on extraterritorial jurisdiction under RICO and for the *Alabama Lawyer* on forum selection clauses. He has spoken at IADC meetings about trying a complex commercial case, a RICO case and handling consumer finance disputes under Dodd-Frank, and has addressed the Alabama Association of Corporate Counsel regarding insurance coverage issues in third-party litigation. He has also spoken at the Military Law Symposium regarding Veterans Courts and presented at the Alabama Lawyers' Hall of Fame.

Mr. Sledge is the Past-Chair of the IADC's Business Litigation Committee and the past Chair of the Alabama State Bar's (ASB) Leadership Forum Section. For the last three years he has received the ASB's President's Award, which is presented to members of the bar who best exemplify the ASB motto, "Lawyers Render Service." He has also been listed in *Alabama Super Lawyers* "Top 50," *Best Lawyers in America*® and several other publications.

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A founding partner of the firm, Mr. Dreyer has served as lead trial counsel in virtually every state, and has successfully tried many complex cases over the course of his 32 year legal career. He is a nationally respected authority in the field of trial law, and a frequent presenter on a variety of trial-related subjects, skills and strategies. He has served as adjunct professor at Baylor Law School and was selected for the faculty of the International Association of Defense Counsel 2012 Trial Academy.

Mr. Dreyer's litigation practice includes nationwide representation of a major domestic automotive manufacturer. He also serves as trial counsel for members of the petroleum industry, a domestic motorcycle manufacturer, large truck manufacturers, as well as a variety of other domestic and foreign manufacturers and suppliers of products. In addition, he has served as trial counsel for personal injury claims and commercial property damage disputes that exceed primary coverage limits. More recently his practice has expanded into professional malpractice and employment defense as well as franchise disputes.

Mr. Dreyer is a member of the Texas and Oklahoma Bar, and the American Bar Association. He has been selected for Texas *Super Lawyers* since 2006 and *Best Lawyers in America* since 2008. He was named an original Leon Jaworski Fellow for the Baylor School of Law's prestigious Practice Court Program.

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Mark Fava was named chief counsel for Boeing's South Carolina site in July 2010, working as part of the leadership team in managing all legal matters related to the site. He is admitted to practice in South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington, D.C., and has an AV Martindale-Hubbell rating.

Prior to Boeing, Mr. Fava practiced aviation law as a partner at a major southeastern law firm in Charleston, S.C. From 2001 to 2004, he worked as the chief operations attorney for Delta Air Lines, Inc., during and after 9/11. Early in his career, Mr. Fava clerked for the Honorable David C. Norton, Judge, District Court for the District of South Carolina. He served on active duty in the United States Navy from 1985 to 1991 as a Naval Flight Officer in the P-3 Orion. He is the former commanding officer of a Navy P-3 squadron and holds the rank of Captain. Mr. Fava has an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Naval ROTC Scholarship and a law degree from the University of South Carolina. He has taught legal writing and oral advocacy at the Charleston School of Law and Aviation Law as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

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Throughout his career, both as a private practitioner and as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Frongillo has been called upon to handle a multitude of complex, high-stakes cases involving a wide range of legal issues in jurisdictions across the country. In 2013, he served as Special Counsel to the Massachusetts House of Representatives Committee on Ethics in an investigation of possible misconduct by a State Representative. Since 2010, he has represented the Massachusetts Legislature in a federal grand jury investigation of alleged corrupt hiring practices involving the Massachusetts Office of the Commissioner of Probation. In other high-profile matters, Mr. Frongillo has successfully represented the majority owners of an NBA team in a dispute concerning a trade of one of the NBA's top players; the engineers who designed the ceiling of the Big Dig's connector tunnel near Logan Airport in Boston that collapsed in 2006; a Fortune 50 company in an investigation by the SEC of alleged securities fraud stemming from the financial crisis of 2008; a bank in the Nation's largest bank failure; a University in an investigation of alleged financial impropriety by its former president; and a non-profit Rhode Island hospital indicted on federal public corruption charges. A former trial advocacy instructor at the Attorney General's Institute for Trial Advocacy, Mr. Frongillo is well known for his thorough preparation and courtroom skills. In 2009, he obtained an acquittal of a senior executive of W.R. Grace in a landmark three-month criminal jury trial, *United States v. W.R. Grace*, in which his client was vindicated on charges of knowing endangerment under the Clean Air Act and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

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Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Ms. Harding worked in the Labor Relations Department at The Walt Disney Company, an American multinational diversified mass media company. Before becoming a lawyer, she was a television producer for 13 years, including producing an Emmy award-winning weekly magazine series in Chicago for a major network. In Los Angeles, she and her husband owned several businesses, including two restaurants in a national chain.

While experienced in litigation and workplace consultation, her skills in communicating effectively to various constituencies and resolving problems have also garnered favorable results for clients. They particularly appreciate her ability to understand the facts and nuances of cases, which helps to avoid unnecessary litigation, and prevent future workplace problems.

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Mr. Maddox represents clients in the financial institutions and mortgage industry is both trial practice and compliance. The trial practice has led him to trial and appellate courts in over 40 different states from Florida to California, and from Washington to Washington, D.C. These cases involve numerous causes of action including TILA, HOEPA, FDCPA, FCRA, RESPA, RICO, predatory lending, mortgage related fees and services, insurance packing and state deceptive trade practice laws. In addition, he has litigated all facets of the mortgage industry: origination, warehouse lending, pooling and servicing agreements, loan repurchase disputes, investor disputes, secondary market representations and warranties, servicing matters, commercial mortgages, settlement services issues and mortgage fraud. These matters are in various contexts including pre-litigation complaints by borrowers, state agencies and consumer advocacy groups, class action, consumer litigation, bankruptcy and representing the investor/servicer as plaintiff in seeking recovery for fraud, title insurance coverage, repurchase and contract/commercial disputes.

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Prior to joining the firm in 2008, Mr. Ohlemeyer was Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Altria Group, where he was responsible for coordinating litigation issues facing the Altria group of companies. He worked closely with management, investors, outside counsel, and the media in an effort to successfully manage the variety of legal challenges facing Altria and its operating companies, in particular tobacco products liability litigation.

Prior to joining Altria, Mr. Ohlemeyer was a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, where he successfully defended product liability cases tried to verdict in state and federal courts across the country. He is currently a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia Law School, where he is a Lecturer-in-Law on mass torts. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greenwich Country Day School, and also President of the Board of Governors of the Little Orchestra Society, New York's oldest teaching orchestra.

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