ALFA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES FELICE COTIGNOLA, CAROLYN RAMOS AND MARY BETH WHITE HAVE BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRANSPORTATION ATTORNEYS

ALFA International is pleased to announce that Felice Cotignola, Carolyn Ramos and Mary Beth White, have recently been inducted into the American College of Transportation Attorneys (ACTA). Membership in ACTA is limited to 25 attorneys, who are all experienced transportation defense lawyers with at least 20 years of trucking industry service. These three distinguished women join ALFA International members Christy Comstock of Wales & Comstock, who was the first woman inducted into ACTA, and David Duke of Young Moore & Henderson, P.A., both of whom are also currently serving as officers of ACTA.

Felice Cotignola is a senior partner with ALFA International member firm, Lester Schwab Katz & Dwyer, LLP, in New York City. Felice specializes in trucking and transportation casualty and related issues. She is regional and catastrophic loss counsel for some of the largest motor carriers and truck insurance carriers in the United States. Felice Her practice spans the state and federal courts of both New York and New Jersey. Felice frequently lectures at national seminars and is currently on the Steering Committee for ALFA International’s Transportation Practice Group and was formerly a member of ALFA International’s Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA).

Carolyn Ramos is a shareholder and director with ALFA International member firm, Butt Thornton & Baehr PC, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she focuses her litigation and trial practice on the defense of transportation and other catastrophic personal injury cases. She was born and raised in New York City and earned her bachelor’s degree from Middlebury College, where she subsequently sat as a trustee and fellow for five years. Carolyn earned her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2000. Prior to law school, Carolyn was a Teach for America Corps Member in Washington, DC. She is a past-president of the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association and was given its Civil Defense Attorney of the Year award in 2018. She is very active in ALFA International, currently serving as a member of its Board of Directors, Program Chair for its Transportation Practice Group and past Chair of ALFA International’s Women’s Initiative Practice Group. Carolyn is bilingual, AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, has been included in Best Lawyers in America and has been named a Southwest Super Lawyer.

Mary Beth White is a shareholder with ALFA International member firm, Lewis Thomason, in Nashville, Tennessee. Mary Beth concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial and business litigation, with an emphasis on commercial transportation. She has successfully represented her clients at all levels of the court system in both state court and federal court and has successfully defended a number of large, medium and small motor carriers, other commercial motor vehicles, brokers, public transit systems and drivers in state and federal court. Mary Beth also helped implement the firm’s rapid response program currently used by many of the firm’s clients. Mary Beth serves on the Steering Committee for ALFA International’s Transportation Practice Group, currently serving as co-chair of the regional seminars. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she graduated with honors.

ACTA serves as a confidential, reliable and supplemental legal resource to the trucking industry. ACTA holds an annual conference for its members and industry guests and also authors publications on emerging transportation law issues.

ALFA International congratulates Felice, Carolyn and Mary Beth on this noteworthy achievement.