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2017 Transportation Practice Group Seminar

May 10-12, 2017

**Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia
Scottsdale, Arizona**

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Technology is now a part of every transportation claim. While technology improves efficiency, service, and costs within the transportation industry, these innovations create opportunities for Plaintiffs in building a liability case. Through seminars targeting the trucking industry, Plaintiffs are becoming increasingly sophisticated in pursuing electronic data. This data from EDRs, EOBRs, cell phones, Drive Cams, and other technology offers a wealth of information for Plaintiffs to create liability theories and complicate defense strategies.

The 2017 seminar will focus on using the technology to our advantage and countering the Plaintiff's use of the silent witness: electronic data and video. We will guide you on how to incorporate technological strategies to win your case.

We will first hear closing arguments where both sides seek to convince a jury that the technology supports their argument. We also will learn how and when to turn to human factors or biomechanical experts to prove your case. The seminar will provide a window into what happens in the Plaintiff's room during mediation and also offer tips on how to select a Reptile proof jury. We also offer numerous breakout sessions on more narrowly focused topics. Above all, we want to provide the tools for you to reach more successful resolutions with your trucking claims.

Welcome to the 2017 Transportation Seminar.

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*Program Chair, ALFA International 2017
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ABOUT OMNI SCOTTSDALE RESORT & SPA AT MONTELUCCIA, SCOTTSDALE

Nestled at the base of breathtaking Camelback Mountain, in the exclusive enclave of Paradise Valley, Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia is an intimate oasis inspired by the exotic locale of Spain's Andalusia region. Reminiscent of a picturesque Andalusian village, the resort features arching entryways, tranquil fountains and floral walkways. When you escape to this exclusive and romantic destination, you won't have any reason to leave the Arizona resort as you walk down the Alhambra walkway on your way to bask in one of three pools, enjoy a soothing massage at the award-winning, Moroccan inspired Joya Spa or tempt your taste buds with culinary delights at world-class restaurants. Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia is a premier destination for luxury and romance, relaxation and recreation. Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia is located 20 minutes or 8.5 miles from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Travel by taxi cab is suggested from the airport to the hotel.

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

Camelback Suite

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FACULTY REHEARSAL

The Alhambra Ballroom

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Castillo Lucena

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Women's Initiative Margaritas and Guacamole Challenge

Chef's Kitchen

Join your colleagues in the Chef's Kitchen, a hidden dining oasis, to sample and compare each other's guacamole recipes while you sip on one of the Omni Scottsdale's signature margaritas. Find out who has what it takes to make the best guacamole! Please arrive by 4:30 to participate in guacamole making.



Sheila Kerwin

Women's Initiative Liaison
NILAN JOHNSON
LEWIS PA
Minneapolis, Minnesota



6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

ANDALUSIAN AZURE

WELCOME RECEPTION, BUFFET DINNER & REGISTRATION

Cortijo Plaza & Prado Restaurant

Andalusia, along Spain's southern coast, serves as the creative muse for the Omni Resort at Montelucia, and tonight we celebrate the rich culture of this region with food, drink and unmatched ambiance. Join us in the Cortijo Plaza for cocktails as we usher in another incredible ALFA International Transportation Seminar, followed by a buffet dinner in the locally-favored resort restaurant, Prado.

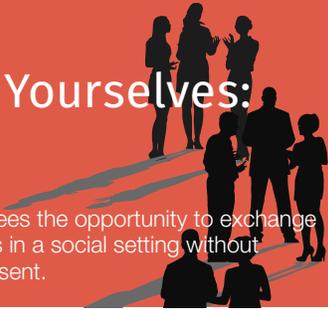
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Talk Amongst Yourselves:

CLIENT ONLY SOCIAL

Camelback Suite

This event allows client attendees the opportunity to exchange ideas and share best practices in a social setting without ALFA International lawyers present.



5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

ALFA INTERNATIONAL ALL ATTORNEY MEETING

Valencia A

All attending ALFA International attorneys are required to attend.



9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Camelback Suite

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Alhambra Terrace/Valencia Lawn

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Alhambra Terrace/Valencia Lawn

8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

The Alhambra Ballroom

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS: TECHNOLOGY TAKES THE STAGE

With technology and data now a part of most cases, the parties now must find effective means of presenting and explaining this evidence. Hear Closing Arguments from two ALFA attorneys in a contested liability case. The presentation will offer the opportunity to evaluate the power of data versus traditional physical evidence and testimony. We will later learn how a jury reacts to and analyzes the presentations.

Melanie Cheairs

Moderator
LORANCE & THOMPSON, P.C.
Houston, Texas

Joe Swift

Moderator
BROWN & JAMES, P.C.
St. Louis, Missouri

April Sexton

Claims Manager
USA TRUCK, INC.
Van Buren, Arkansas

9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. **BREAK**

9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE OTHER ROOM?

You are at mediation, and the mediator returns with a response that is “off the wall” to say the least. You wonder, what in the world is going on in that room. This session will focus on making your mediations more successful by helping you understand how the Plaintiffs are thinking and how to respond to these “off the wall” suggestions! Two certified mediators and experienced negotiators and two clients, one from a carrier and one from an insurance company, will offer their insight on mediation based on their experiences in handling all aspects of mediations in thousands of cases from across the country. You will learn about the dynamics within the Plaintiff’s room and how to become more effective at mediation. Plus, these panelists will share some other tricks of the trade in this high energy and informative discussion.

John Tarpley

Moderator
LEWIS THOMASON
Nashville, Tennessee

Linda Flatter

VP, Director of Claims
HALLMARK SPECIALTY
UNDERWRITERS
San Antonio, Texas

Cliff Bourke

Director of Legal Services
SOUTHEASTERN FREIGHT LINES
Columbia, South Carolina

Clark Aspy

NAMAN HOWELL SMITH
& LEE, PLLC
Austin, Texas

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

STRATEGIES FOR SELECTING A REPTILE PROOF JURY

The session addresses the psychology of jurors and how it is applied in voir dire and jury selection. Panelists will discuss strategies and methods used to help attorneys overcome communication obstacles and successfully de-select a more favorable jury for their case. Attendees will learn about the most significant biases jurors bring to the courtroom that influence how they perceive and resolve cases.

Marc Harwell

Moderator
LEITNER, WILLIAMS, DOOLEY
& NAPOLITAN, PLLC
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Leslie Leazer

*Director of Corporate
Claims and Litigation*
KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION
Phoenix, Arizona

Doug Betkowski

*Corporate Director of
Claims and Litigation*
SWIFT TRANSPORTATION
Phoenix, Arizona

Marygrace Schaeffer

Vice President
DECISIONQUEST
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Lesley Pfleging

LEWIS WAGNER
Indianapolis, Indiana

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

DEFENDING AGAINST INVISIBLE INJURIES: TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AND CHRONIC PAIN CLAIMS

We are witnessing a rising tide of traumatic brain injury and chronic pain claims. Plaintiffs present laundry lists of subjective symptoms that cannot be confirmed or invalidated with objective testing. We explore how to effectively use technological advances, testing and experts in different disciplines to counter these claims during discovery and trial.

Sean McDonough

Moderator
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

Colleen Shepherd

Assistant Vice President of Claims
VANLINER INSURANCE COMPANY
St. Louis, Missouri

Todd Williams

*Managing Attorney,
Casualty Litigation*
AUTOZONE
Memphis, Tennessee

Paul Robinson

MEYER, DARRAGH, BUCKLER,
BEBENEK & ECK, P.L.L.C.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH

Alhambra Terrace/Valencia Lawn

12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

GOLF (See insert)

Advance registration is required. Buses depart at 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. Lunch on the carts.

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (See insert)

Advanced registration is required.

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MARRAKESH MARKETPLACE

Cocktail Reception and Buffet Dinner

Pavilion

Tonight we escape to Morocco with a feast for the senses. Visually take in, then reach out and touch, the magnificent display of striking Moroccan tents, rich imported tapestries and long dining tables fit for a king. The scent of exotic florals and reindeer moss are intoxicating against the backdrop of this scene, set to the international sounds of our Middle Eastern band. Fire performers will emerge when least expected to entertain you with a punctuating crescendo on the night. See you in the souk!

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Camelback Suite



FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Alhambra Terrace/Valencia Lawn

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Alhambra Terrace/Valencia Lawn

8:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

The Alhambra Ballroom, Valencia C, Cordoba, Sevilla

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BEST PRACTICES FOR EVALUATING THE SIX FIGURE CASE: STRATEGIES FOR FINDING THE MOST VALUABLE INFORMATION IN THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE MANNER

Both the cost and exposure of jury trials has rapidly increased in recent years. How do we evaluate the large exposure without spending six figures before trial? Our ALFA International attorneys and clients provide strategies for cost effective jury research and case evaluation without breaking the bank.

Tamara Cook

Moderator
RENAUD COOK DRURY
MESAROS, PA
Phoenix, Arizona

Michael Woolley

General Counsel
CANAL INSURANCE
Greenville, South Carolina

Angela LeBlanc

Claims Manager
LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Danny Needham

MULLIN HOARD &
BROWN, L.L.P.
Amarillo, Texas

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

HOW MANY EXPERTS DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW IN A LIGHTBULB? HOW AND WHEN TO USE HUMAN FACTORS AND BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING EXPERTS

We consider under what circumstances do we need to go beyond the accident reconstructionist expert to defend on liability. Experts in human factors and biomechanical engineering raise the cost of defense and often, the admissibility of their opinions is in doubt. Our panel will discuss success stories of such experts being critical to a claim's resolution and also, caution against the temptation to "over-expert" a case.

Virginia Price

Moderator
HIGGS FLETCHER
& MACK, LLP
San Diego, California

Valeri Dicerbo

Senior Liability Examiner
SWIFT
TRANSPORTATION
Scottsdale, Arizona

Cynthia Paisley

Vice President of Transportation Claims
PROSIGHT SPECIALTY
INSURANCE
New York, New York

Carolyn Ramos

BUTT THORNTON
& BAEHR PC
Albuquerque, New Mexico

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 1

A.

HIGH LEVEL SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATION

Approaching the Plaintiff Early to Resolve High Exposure Cases

While operating your company's commercial vehicle, your driver caused or contributed to a horrific accident resulting in catastrophic injuries or death to several adults and children. What are the best strategies for containing your company's potential damage exposure? When is the optimal time to initiate contact with the unrepresented family or their lawyer? What are the best methods to achieve early, reasonable, and fair resolution of high-value damage claims before incurring significant legal fees and costs or facing a runaway verdict? How can you motivate the other side to agree to engage in productive, pre-suit settlement negotiations or mediation? Our panel of savvy, veteran claims professionals and ALFA International trial lawyers will share their ideas and insights about these and other related topics while inviting your input and discussion during this engaging, interactive session.

Bob Barton

Moderator
COSGRAVE VERGEER
KESTER LLP
Portland, Oregon

Frank Albanese

Vice President Claims
LANDSTAR RMCS
Jacksonville, Florida

Randy Mitchen

Liability Claims Director
FIRSTGROUP AMERICA
Dallas, Texas

Felice Cotignola

LESTER SCHWAB KATZ
& DWYER, LLP
New York, New York

B.

TOOLS TO TELL THE COMPANY'S STORY

Effective Use of Drivers, Safety Directors and the Company's Safety Records

Millions of miles are driven without personal injuries. Tens of thousands of deliveries are accomplished without destruction. At trial, this part of the story should not go untold. This session will cover courtroom techniques to accentuate a positive safety program and record.

Ed Laird

Moderator
CARTER CONBOY
Albany, New York

Rocky Coe

Claims Manager
CLAIMS SERVICES INC./
MCLANE CO.
Temple, Texas

Jesse Elison

Assistant General Counsel
QUALITY DISTRIBUTION, INC.
Tampa, Florida

Chris Keim

FRANTZ WARD LLP
Cleveland, Ohio

C.

KEEP ME AWAKE

The OSA Screening Dilemma

While EOBRs have substantially reduced the problem of tracking drivers' hours of service and violations of same, fatigue caused by obstructive sleep apnea remains a major issue for the industry. From major fleets to ma and pa operations, the adverse effects of sleep apnea can be devastating, but screening and prevention remains a matter of choice. Decisions for how to address the prevalence and effect of OSA on the driver population in the current climate is varied but may not remain so for long. Join us to address recent DOT announcements and industry responses to this ongoing challenge.

Hal Meltzer

Moderator
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN
& RICE L.L.C.
Kansas City, Missouri

Curtis Ruwe

Vice President and Corporate General Counsel
CRETE CARRIER CORPORATION
Lincoln, Nebraska

Debra Houston

Director of Risk Management
FIRST FLEET, INC.
Nashville, Tennessee

Jonathan Lieb

MCDOWELL KNIGHT
Mobile, Alabama

D.

WHAT'S NEW IN TRUCKING TECHNOLOGY

Crash Avoidance Systems, Lane Departure Warnings, Stability Controls, etc. Tech You Need to Know to Defend Your Case

How do these technologies impact the manner in which we investigate and reconstruct accidents, and how do they affect what ultimately takes place in the courtroom? This session will explore several newer technologies and generate a lively discussion, both pro and con, about the manner in which their existence and use are likely to bear on investigation, reconstruction and litigation of commercial motor vehicle accidents.

Steve Gealy

Moderator
BAYLOR, EVNEN, CURTISS,
GRIMIT & WITT, LLP
Lincoln, Nebraska

Mike Dargel

General Counsel
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Tulsa, Oklahoma

Janet Shelley

Manager – Liability Claims
OLD DOMINION
FREIGHT LINE, INC.
Thomasville, North Carolina

Sheila Kerwin

NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS PA
Minneapolis, Minnesota

10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

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10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 2

***Repeat group 1 sessions

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

BREAK

11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

BREAKING IT DOWN: ANALYSIS OF THE JURORS' THOUGHTS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS PRESENTED ON THURSDAY MORNING

We now will hear from our jury that deliberated following closing arguments. What does the jury believe is crucial in deciding this case? We will learn the significance of technological data versus witness testimony.

Melanie Cheairs

Moderator
LORANCE &
THOMPSON, P.C.
Houston, Texas

Joe Swift

Moderator
BROWN & JAMES, P.C.
St. Louis, Missouri

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USA TRUCK, INC.
Van Buren, Arkansas

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

ALFA INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY – PRACTICE GROUP MEETING

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7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Off-Site Farewell Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

Cameo

On the final evening of our seminar we invite you to Cameo, a stunning private estate that sits atop Mummy Mountain in Paradise Valley. With a perfectly-framed view of famed Camelback Mountain, this Hollywood regency home is the epitome of luxury with glamorous interior details and a breathtaking patio high above Scottsdale's most elite addresses. Enjoy cocktails outdoors before convening to dinner in the home's ballroom, a stunning black and white checker-floored space that is as intimate as it is regal. This experience is not to be missed! Attire is casual resort wear. Advance registration is required.



What is ALFA International?

ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms. Founded in 1980, ALFA International was the first and continues to be one of the largest and strongest legal networks. We have 150 member firms throughout the world. Our 80 U.S. firms represent 95 of the 100 largest metropolitan areas. Our 70 international firms are located throughout Europe, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Africa, Canada, Mexico and South America.

ALFA International's mission is to provide high quality, cost efficient legal services wherever our clients need them. The ALFA International model enables our members to use their local expertise to deliver highly effective legal solutions, often drawing upon the collective wisdom and experience of other member firms. ALFA International clients benefit from a geographically comprehensive network of exceptional law firms and accomplished trial and business counsel. Our member firms meet high standards to be part of the ALFA International network and are well respected by their peers in the legal and business community.

FACULTY BIOS

Frank Albanese is Vice President of Risk Management Claim Services (RMCS), a division of Landstar System, Inc. a national leader in freight transportation and supply chain solutions, headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. He is responsible for managing the claims operation for Landstar System, Inc., and its subsidiary operating companies. These risks include; Trucking/Auto Liability, General Liability, Cargo Liability and other risk exposures. Prior to joining Landstar, Frank held positions as Claims VP, managing a staff of claim professionals with regional and national insurers, focusing on large national accounts in the area of trucking fleets, automotive dealerships, manufacturing, municipalities, School districts, and construction. He served as a founding advisory board member of the Liability Insurance Research Bureau, chaired the Claims Committee for the Conference of Casualty Insurance Cos, served on the advisory board of the NAIIA and the State of Florida's Public Private Partnership's Catastrophe panel. He currently serves on the client advisory board for ALFA International's Transportation Group. Frank has a degree in Banking and Insurance from Mohawk Valley College and Business Administration from Utica College. He also holds a CPCU and AIC designation.

Derek J. Ashton is a partner with the Portland, Oregon ALFA International law firm of Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP. He has tried over 135 jury cases to verdict. Derek focuses his trial practice in the areas of transportation, products liability, complex personal injury, defense of accountants in regulatory matters, liquor liability, fraternity defense, false arrest, and white collar criminal matters. Prior to joining the firm in 2002, Derek served as a Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, where he litigated

major felony criminal cases including aggravated murder. He is among a select group of attorneys retained by The Portland Police Association to represent police officers involved in deadly force incidents. Derek is admitted to practice law in Oregon, Washington, and in federal court. He earned his Finance degree from the University of Oregon in 1983 and his law degree from the University of Oregon Law School in 1987. Derek is currently serving as the Chair of the ALFA International Transportation Practice Group.

Clark Aspy is a partner in the Austin, Texas, ALFA International law firm of Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee. He is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell, and has been repeatedly recognized by Texas Lawyers publication as a "Super Lawyer". Mr. Aspy devotes a substantial portion of his practice to trucking defense and transportation litigation and has been a member of the ALFA Transportation Group for a number of years during which time he has served as chair of the group and has been a frequent contributor to the publications and presentations of the Group. He completed the required training and mediator experience qualifications and has been certified as a mediator for over 20 years; during which period he has served as the mediator in hundreds of mediations. He obtained his BBA from Baylor University in 1981 and JD from the University of Tennessee in 1984.

Gary A. Bague is a partner at Haight, Brown, & Bonesteel LLP in Los Angeles. He is a past chair of the firm's Risk Management and Insurance Law Department, and continues to devote a large part of his practice to representing insurance carriers and corporate insureds with regard

to insurance coverage and complex litigation, both locally and as national coordinating counsel. He also enjoys advising clients regarding risk transfer in commercial transactions and construction contracts. He has served as a panelist for California's Continuing Education of the Bar, is a contributing author for the book, Causes of Action, James Publishing, and writes and lectures frequently on risk management, particularly as respects the construction, health, and manufacturing industries. Gary received his Juris Doctor from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with Honors, from the California State University at Los Angeles. He has been recognized with top lawyer honors by various organizations, and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell. He is a member of the ALFA International Insurance Practice Group, is a past chair of the ALFA International Construction Practice Group, and currently serves as Chair of the ALFA International Board of Directors.

Robert E. "Bob" Barton is a partner and seasoned litigator at Cosgrave Vergeer Kester, LLP, the ALFA International member firm in Portland, Oregon. He is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School and has been admitted to the State Bars of Oregon, Washington, and California (inactive). He served for several years as a Deputy Attorney General and Deputy District Attorney in California, as well as Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice before entering private practice. His present practice is primarily focused on the defense of lawsuits involving trucking, transportation, products liability, personal injury, commercial, industrial accident, and wrongful death cases. He has tried hundreds of cases to juries in

state and federal courts and has argued numerous cases before the Oregon Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Bob is a past-president of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) and of the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is a member of the Multnomah County Bar Association, the DRI, and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He has been a frequent speaker and moderator before several industry and bar organizations, including ALFA International. He is an executive member to the Notre Dame Law Association Board of Directors. He repeatedly has been designated as an Oregon Super Lawyer, and recognized by The Best Lawyers in America.

D. Cameron Beck, Jr. is with the firm of McCandlish Holton Morris, the ALFA International member firm in Richmond, VA, where he defends civil litigation matters and leads the firm's transportation practice group. He has an active federal and state court trial practice. Cam is a member of the ALFA International Transportation Steering Committee, TIDA, and DRI Trucking Committee. He is currently President-elect of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. His frequent lectures on transportation issues have included presentations to the Virginia Association Defense Attorneys, the Virginia Transit Association, the American Conference Institute, and ALFA International's annual Transportation Seminar. He also has been a contributor to the American Bus Association's Bus Ride magazine and ALFA International's Transport Update. Virginia Business magazine has recognized Cam as one of Virginia's Legal Elite for civil litigation, and he has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer annually for 10 years. Benchmark Litigation has listed Cam as one of only 30 "Litigation Stars" in Virginia.

He earned his B.A. from the College of William & Mary, and graduated cum laude from the Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Doug Betkowski is the Corporate Director of Claims and Litigation for Mohave Transportation Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Swift Transportation. He is responsible for claims oversight, processing and handling of all bodily injury and physical damage claims from intake to subrogation/recovery. This includes the case management /litigation planning and philosophy as well selection, retention and management of legal counsel. Doug has over thirty years of insurance claims and litigation experience at a national level. He has handled claims in every state and enjoys a broad experience across many types of claims.

Lou Bonnaffons is a native New Orleanian who received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Louisiana State University in 1988 and graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1992. For the first four years of his legal career, Lou worked for a small New Orleans law firm defending claims for the Regional Transit Authority. Lou also spent time working as a prosecutor for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office. Lou joined Leake and Andersson, the ALFA International member firm in New Orleans, in 1996 and was made a principal partner in January 2000. His practice focuses on transportation defense. He also handles insurance defense, premises liability and general litigation claims. Lou serves as Louisiana's catastrophic loss counsel for several trucking companies and insurers located throughout the country. Lou is licensed to practice in all Louisiana State and Federal Courts

regularly representing clients throughout the entire state. Lou has successfully litigated complex cases involving multi-million dollar exposure and enjoys a prominent mediation practice. He has received Martindale's highest AV rating for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards. In 2009 and 2014, Lou was recognized by his peers as one of the Top Lawyers in New Orleans for Transportation Law and Personal Injury Litigation as reported in New Orleans Magazine. Lou currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Practice Group for ALFA International, was the Program Chair for the 2016 Transportation Conference and is a member of the ALFA International Transportation Client Advisory Board. Lou has delivered presentations throughout the United States on topics involving Louisiana law and Transportation. Lou was elected by Louisiana attorneys to serve on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel and also held the title of Membership Committee Chairman. He is also a member of the TIDA, DRI, New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel, New Orleans Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association and the New Orleans Pro Bono Project.

Clifford L. Bourke, Jr. is the Vice President of Legal Services for Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc. In this role, he is responsible for managing all legal matters and transactions for the company and providing legal advice and guidance to Southeastern's leadership and to employees at all levels. In his current position, Cliff has provided his legal expertise to issues ranging from antitrust, breach of contract, labor & employment, and intellectual property matters, to accident and workers compensation litigated matters.

Melanie Cheairs is a partner at the Houston, Texas ALFA International firm of Lorance & Thompson P.C. Melanie's trial practice focuses on defending her clients in the Hospitality, Retail and Transportation industries against injury and commercial loss, resulting from Dram Shop Liability, Premises and Security failures, and Product Liability claims and includes employment and commercial business disputes. Melanie is actively involved in ALFA International, where she is an ALFA International Board Member and served as the Program Chair of the 2016 International Client Seminar. She also serves on the Steering Committee of the Transportation, Hospitality & Retail and Women's Initiative Practice Groups. She is a Member of the National Restaurant and Retail Defense Association, and the Claims Litigation Management Alliance, and the National Association of Professional Women. Melanie is a frequent author and speaker on issues related to Dram Shop Liability, and Trucking Liability. Following a career at Texas A&M as an NCAA All-American Swimmer, Melanie received her Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law. She is a Fellow with the Texas Bar Foundation. She is the immediate Past President of the Texas A&M Women's Former Students' Network.

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