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Litigation is an inevitable part of business. It often forces us to react to an opponent's timing, choice of forum and venue. Proper planning can change that dynamic, and put you in control of the dispute resolution process.

Designed to help you take charge of your litigation risks, this year's Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar focuses on building an optimal dispute resolution process from the ground up. In four panel discussions, we will take you through the mechanics of preparing for litigation risks before they arise, identifying means to resolve disputes before they get out of control, dealing with litigation when it rears its ugly head, and building a framework for settlement that protects your company now and into the future.

The underlying fact pattern for our discussions revolves around a business acquisition, including the drafting of a purchase and sale agreement. Attendees will learn about the critical choices to be made in the negotiation and drafting stage of the transaction, and

how those choices affect resolution of disputes that may arise. We will also explore effective techniques for ending disputes that do emerge, without expending an inordinate amount of resources, as well as crafting a settlement that alleviates future disagreements.

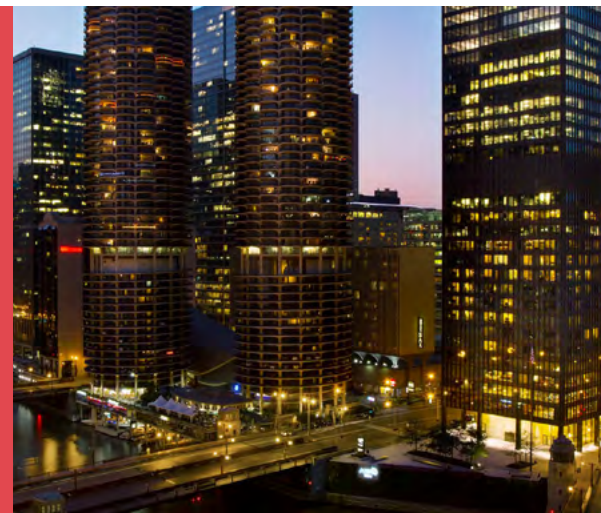
This year's program returns to the Langham Hotel in Chicago – one of the premier venues in the Windy City. In addition to our program, we have several leisure activities that allow you to experience some of Chicago's hidden treasures. We hope that you will join us for this exciting presentation, as well as the opportunity to network with your colleagues from other companies, to also gain their insights into successfully resolving disputes.

John H. Newcomer, Jr.

Program Chair, 2019 Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar
MORRIS JAMES LLP
Wilmington, Delaware

All About Chicago

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Chicago has emerged from its humble beginnings as a trade outpost and military base into an international hub for finance, industry, telecommunications and infrastructure. This bustling Midwestern metropolis offers world renowned architecture, dozens of theaters and music venues, professional sports teams, and a variety of sight-seeing destinations including Millennium Park and Navy Pier. The Langham Chicago is a luxury hotel located just steps from the Chicago River – and minutes from Chicago's business and financial centers. The unrivaled guest-room views of the downtown skyline will leave a lasting impression of the "Second City" long after your visit. Taking the Blue Line (O'Hare) or Orange Line (Midway) trains are recommended, especially during rush hours, and are easily accessible at Chicago's two international airports. Taxi cabs and ride share (Uber, Lyft, etc.) are also encouraged and are available from both airports.



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 maintain offices in 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cambridge Ballroom

**Welcome Lunch
& Registration**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Devonshire Ballroom

Program Sessions

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Welcome Remarks & Program Introduction

Kevin Owens
Vice Chair, ALFA International
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

John H. Newcomer, Jr.
*Program Chair, 2019 Business Litigation
Practice Group Seminar*
MORRIS JAMES LLP
Wilmington, Delaware

Joseph Fortner
Chair, Business Litigation Practice Group
HALLORAN & SAGE LLP
Hartford, Connecticut

1:15 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

Presentation of Hypothetical

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**SEGMENT ONE: Drawing Up the Plans—
Preparing For Disputes
Before They Arise**



When drafting an agreement, it is important to review the contractual provisions with an eye to how they will be interpreted if the agreement ever results in litigation. This session will include a discussion of often litigated contractual provisions, including indemnification clauses and seller representations and warranties, so that attendees can learn best practices in drafting these important clauses. Additionally, the panel will discuss provisions that can be negotiated to your advantage to shape future litigation that might occur, such as venue, choice of law, and arbitration clauses. The panel consists of both experienced transactional attorneys and business litigators, offering the perspectives of both those working to get the deal done and those assessing future risks.

Kandice K. Hull
MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Casey O'Connell
HALLORAN & SAGE LLP
Hartford, Connecticut

Stacy S. Constas
Associate General Counsel
STANDEX INTERNATIONAL
Boston, Massachusetts

Vona Ekpebe
Associate General Counsel
BEACHBODY, LLC
Santa Monica, California

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Round Table Discussions will occur throughout the program and will be led by the table captains listed right. Selected tables will report back to the larger group after each discussion period.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

TABLE CAPTAINS



Matthew J. Boettcher
PLUNKETT COONEY
Detroit, Michigan

Michael Catalfimo
CARTER CONBOY
ALBANY, NEW YORK

Robert Chapski
LEWIS THOMASON
Nashville, Tennessee

Brett Fallon
MORRIS JAMES LLP
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Joseph G. Fortner, Jr.
HALLORAN & SAGE LLP
Hartford, Connecticut

Michael Gibson
HIGGS FLETCHER
& MACK
San Diego, California

Kevin W. Holt
GENTRY LOCKE
Roanoke, Virginia

William Ireland
HAIGHT BROWN
& BONESTEEL
Los Angeles, California

Mark Moore
SEMMES, BOWEN
& SEMMES
Baltimore, Maryland

Jeff Newman
SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS
Newark, New Jersey

Chris Page
YOUNG MOORE AND
HENDERSON P.A.
Raleigh, North Carolina

Susan Ridgeway
AXILON LAW GROUP
Missoula, Montana

Robert Sabido
COSGRAVE VERGEER
KESTER LLP
Portland, Oregon

Stanley Siegel
NILAN JOHNSON
LEWIS, PA
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Robert Thompson
HAWKINS PARNELL
& YOUNG, LLP
Atlanta, Georgia



3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**SEGMENT TWO: Laying the Foundation—
Early Actions to Increase
Successful Dispute Resolution**



From the moment you glanced at your emails that final time for the evening and saw the demand letter and complaint from opposing counsel you knew time was critical. The last weeks before a lawsuit is filed, and the first few months after the lawsuit is filed, often provide the best opportunity to short-circuit the dispute as well as set the course if litigation must be pursued. Our panel will discuss proposed certain best practices for efficient, early problem identification and case assessment, strategies and tactics for potential quick solutions to problems and the dispute, positioning the company against the opposing party, as well as dealing with internal stakeholders and limiting outside critics.

John Osgathorpe

TAYLOR, DAY, GRIMM & BOYD
Jacksonville, Florida

Peter Ryndak

JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

Christy Nageleisen

Deputy General Counsel, Litigation
CINTAS CORPORATION
Cincinnati, Ohio

Matt Shurte

General Counsel
LANCASTER COLONY CORP.
Columbus, Ohio

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Summing Up
Day One**



**TRIVIA
NIGHT**



5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Initiative
Cocktail Reception**

Melbourne

Join your assigned Chicago-themed table to get to know your fellow seminar attendees and then participate in a trivia competition!

Susan G. Ridgeway

Women's Initiative Co-Liaison
AXILON LAW GROUP
Missoula, Montana

Kimberly A. Selemba

Women's Initiative Co-Liaison
MCNEES, WALLACE
& NURICK LLC
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Cocktail Reception
& Dinner Buffet**

Cambridge Ballroom

After the afternoon sessions we welcome you to join us for an evening of cocktails and conversations at The Langham Hotel. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast
Buffet**

Cambridge Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Program
Sessions**

Devonshire Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**SEGMENT THREE: Erecting Solid Framing—
Winning the Case Before
You Get to the Merits**



This segment will focus on the commencement of litigation, and specifically the critical early choices on where and how to get disputes resolved in the most efficient and effective way possible. Often early decisions must be made that could dramatically impact the timing, duration, cost, and even substantive outcome of disputes. These choices include the possibility of early mediation, the option of arbitration, and court venue decisions including state v. federal court and the location of the litigation. The pros and cons of the various options, including considerations of confidentiality, timing, costs, rights of appeal, and the need for injunctive relief, will be explored and discussed in depth by the panel of both international litigation counsel and in-house litigation and transactional counsel.

Scott Stimpson

SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS
Newark, New Jersey

John Sykes

CHARLES RUSSELL
SPEECHLYS
London, United Kingdom

Kevin B. Reid, Sr.

General Counsel
STURM, RUGER & CO.
Southport, Connecticut

Jane Stahl

Deputy Chief Counsel
SHAW INDUSTRIES
GROUP, INC.
Dalton, GA

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**SEGMENT FOUR: Functional and Attractive
Finishes That Last—
Building a Resilient Settlement**



After working diligently to resolve the case, it is now time to create the binding agreement that will put this matter to rest for good and, importantly, protect your client in the event other parties do not honor their commitments. This final session will discuss best settlement practices for litigation releases and settlement documents, how to ensure necessary terms are preserved and available while mediating or negotiating the resolution of a dispute, and how to draft the final Release and Settlement Agreement to meet business goals. In addition, we will discuss common pitfalls and lessons learned in drafting and attempted enforcement of Releases and Settlement Agreements, and touch on financial reporting requirements related to resolution of material litigation.

Ross Maddalena

MERRICK, HOFSTEDT
& LINDSEY, P.S.
Seattle, Washington

Charles H. Toliver, IV

MORRIS JAMES
Wilmington, Delaware

Dina Mack

Deputy General Counsel and
Chief Litigation Officer
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
Maplewood, New Jersey

Erik Lindseth

Senior Vice President &
General Counsel
LIFE TIME, INC.
Chanhassen, Minnesota

Eddy Hayes

LEAKE & ANDERSSON, L.L.P.
New Orleans, Louisiana



11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Summary and Concluding Remarks



1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

River Cruise Lunch – The Odyssey

(OPTIONAL)

Departs from the Chicago River Esplanade, right in front of NBC Tower (455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive) on the River (north side)

Get ready for an afternoon filled with the best Chicago has to offer! Explore the city from a different vantage point. This new Odyssey River Cruise Boat boasts 360 degree views of the city through its glass top. Following the conclusion of the educational sessions, attendees will take a short walk (.4 miles/10 minutes) down the river to board the boat for a buffet lunch and private tour on the Chicago River. *Boarding begins at 12:30 p.m. and the boat will depart promptly at 1:00 p.m. for the two-hour cruise.

* Prior registration is required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Art Institute of Chicago

DOCENT GUIDED TOURS (OPTIONAL)

111 S. Michigan Avenue

After disembarking the lunch boat, we encourage you to enjoy a leisurely walk (.8 miles/20 minutes) down Michigan Avenue to the Art Institute of Chicago. There you will have the opportunity to join our private docent guided tour of the museum's highlights. From Georges Seurat's "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" to Van Gogh's bedroom series and Grant Wood's "American Gothic", the Art Institute is home to a vast collection of popular and intriguing pieces for all to enjoy!

*Prior registration is required.



4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception, Plated Dinner & Murder Mystery at the Art Institute of Chicago

(OPTIONAL)

111 S. Michigan Avenue - Stock Exchange Trading Room

You read that correctly, tonight's dinner will feature a murder mystery that will weave in pieces of the seminar's hypothetical and characters discussed in the programming! A cocktail reception from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. will kick off the evening's activities. At 6:00 p.m. a "murder" will occur and during the plated dinner you will be given the chance to review clues, form a hypothesis and identify who you believe is the culprit. Dinner is a sit-down, plated dinner with a dual entrée offering of lemon rosemary stuffed chicken and seared arctic char. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions you may have during the registration process.

*Prior registration is required.

FACULTY BIOS

MATT BOETTCHER joined ALFA International's Bloomfield Hills/Detroit, Michigan firm Plunkett Cooney in 2000 as a shareholder. He is the co-chair of Plunkett Cooney's commercial litigation practice group. Matt is AV rated and Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and banking litigation. Matt's commercial practice has a broad reach, including corporate and partnership disputes, all manner of business torts and contract claims, class litigation, anti-trust, securities claims, claims arising under Articles 2, 3, 4 and 9 of the UCC, as well as a diverse variety of real estate and environmental disputes. Matt has successfully tried cases in the state and federal courts in Michigan and Ohio. He also has successfully argued in the Michigan Court of Appeals and in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Matt is licensed in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois and has litigated cases throughout the Mid-west. Matt is admitted to practice before various United States District Courts, the United States Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. In his spare time Matt serves as the President of the Clarenceville Board of Education.

BOB CHAPSKI is an equity shareholder in the Nashville office of Lewis Thomason, an ALFA International member firm, and serves on the firm's Board of Directors as well as chair of the firm's product liability practice group. Mr. Chapski regularly advises and represents businesses and individuals in a variety of litigation-related practice fields including product liability, tort, commercial/business litigation and employment law. He represents various national clients in complex, high-exposure federal and state court matters, and he has served as both lead trial counsel and appellate counsel. Mr. Chapski frequently speaks on topics related to business, personal injury and product liability litigation and, in addition to holding various bar memberships, he is a member of the International Association

of Defense Counsel and the Product Liability Advisory Council. Mr. Chapski has been honored by numerous organizations including Best Lawyers, Mid-South Super Lawyers and has an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Tennessee College of Law, graduating first in his class at both institutions.

STACEY CONSTAS is Associate General Counsel to the Standex International Corporation, and General Counsel to the Standex Electronics business segment. She also serves as the corporation's Corporate Governance Officer/Assistant Corporate Secretary. Standex International is a diversified global NYSE-traded corporation with revenue of \$800M and current business divisions across 15 states and 23 countries on 6 continents. During her nineteen years with Standex, Stacey has provided leadership and hands-on collaboration to create excellent operational results, by gaining an intimate understanding of operational needs, goals and culture to allow her to create fiscally responsible action plans. Among her key areas are corporate transactions, complex commercial contracts (including long term and exclusive sales and supply agreements with major international customers and vendors and the US government), corporate governance, employment (including all company employment compliance and claims, non-competes; and other related matters), litigation management of substantially all commercial; product liability; employment; and coverage litigation, loss prevention and risk management, environmental compliance, SEC/NYSE compliance, and corporate social responsibility. Stacey has regularly addressed trade secret issues involving new hires, departing employees, and commercial claims.

VONA EKPEBE is the Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Beachbody. Vona is an accomplished attorney with

experience representing Fortune 500 companies in complex litigation, contractual, employment, insurance, and marketing matters. Vona has handled all facets of the litigation process, including settlement negotiation, mediation, arbitration, trial, and appellate work. Vona has successfully managed class actions and EEOC employment actions, drafted and negotiated multi-million dollar commercial contracts, advised on key marketing campaigns, and developed HR policies and procedures to mitigate risk and exposure. Vona's broad practice and professional background has made her proficient in evaluating and providing effective solutions to a wide variety of legal issues. Vona earned her J.D. from UCLA School of Law (2005), where she was a Finalist in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Western Regional and National Competitions. She received her B.A. with High Honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara (2002) where she studied Political Science. She is admitted to practice in the State of California, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and in the United States District Court, Central District of California and Southern District of California.

JOSEPH G. FORTNER, JR. is a partner at Halloran & Sage LLP and the Co-Chair of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at the Connecticut ALFA International member firm. He is the Chair of the ALFA International Business Litigation Practice Group, and chaired its 2017 Seminar. He is a business litigator with experience in a wide range of business, intellectual property and related litigation matters in state and Federal courts, ranging from contractual disputes, business fraud and other commercial torts, technology-related matters, trade secret claims, trade regulation, unfair trade practices, employee termination, and product related commercial disputes. He represents clients in trademark and trade dress, copyright, patent, cyber defamation, domain name,

licensing, and other intellectual property matters, including in such segments as financial services, information technology, marketing, alternate power systems, firearms, music, and other manufacturing and services industries. Joe uses his experience to counsel clients regarding intellectual property issues and other business relationships, prosecutes trademark matters at the Patent & Trademark Office, and negotiates licenses, assignments and other intellectual property agreements. He has written and lectured on trademark and trade dress litigation, trade secrets, trademark dilution, antitrust issues, and e-commerce, including authoring the Connecticut portions of several ALFA compendiums regarding trade secrets. He is a graduate of Duke University, and received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law. When not practicing law, he works on his blues, jazz and country guitar skills, and performs with his wife (also an attorney) in their vocal and guitar duo, "Blind Date."

MICHAEL R. GIBSON, a partner at Higgs Fletcher & Mack, LLP, the ALFA International member firm in San Diego, California, focuses his practice on advice counsel, risk management, and complex commercial litigation, including business-versus-business disputes in the construction, real estate and hospitality industries. He also represents clients before state and federal administrative agencies when licensing and regulatory compliance issues are involved. A graduate of the University of Southern California and the University of San Diego School of Law, he is a frequent speaker on current legal topics and trends.

KEVIN W. HOLT is a partner at Gentry Locke Attorneys in Roanoke, Virginia and the chair of the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group. His practice includes all aspects of complex business litigation—contract, commercial, real estate and intellectual property litigation. He is active in ALFA and DRI. He is a former President of the Roanoke Bar Association and

is active in the Virginia State Bar, including as a faculty member of the professionalism course taught to new lawyers statewide.

Kevin is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the U.Va. School of Law.

KANDICE KERWIN HULL is the Chair of the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, ALFA International member firm, McNeese Wallace & Nurick LLC's Litigation Group. She focuses her practice on the corporate commercial litigation, with particular expertise in property rights disputes and eminent domain. In addition to her work in the trial courts, she also handles appellate litigation matters before the Pennsylvania State and Federal appellate courts and is the co-chair of her firm's Appellate & Post Trial Practice Group. Kandice is also a member of McNeese' Ethics Committee. Kandice is a 2000 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, and a summa cum laude graduate of Franklin and Marshall College. She has been honored as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the field of Appellate Law since 2010.

WILLIAM IRELAND is a partner and a member of the Business Solutions Practice Group at the Los Angeles ALFA International firm, Haight, Brown & Bonesteel. He is a past Chair of the ALFA International Business Litigation Practice Group. He is a commercial litigator with extensive experience in commercial, real property, employment and environmental matters. His clients include real property developers, public entities, property managers, financial services companies, importers, marketing and promotional companies, produce wholesalers, and public entities. His highest profile representation was successfully representing Beverly Hills Unified School District in the mass litigation arising from the operation of an oil well on District property next to Beverly Hills High School. When not practicing law, he volunteers for his local

Presbyterian Church; Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center in Abiquiu, New Mexico; and as a part-time masters swim coach.

ERIK A. LINDSETH is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Life Time, Inc. Life Time champions a healthy way of life for its members across 128 destinations in 36 major markets in the United States and Canada, delivering an athletic resort experience with healthy living options for the entire family. Erik joined Life Time in 2006 as Associate General Counsel to manage the company's litigation. As General Counsel since 2012, Erik has led Life Time's legal team which is responsible for handling or managing all legal matters for Life Time from club development and construction to operations. Before joining Life Time, Erik worked in private practice at Faegre Baker Daniels and as an Assistant Attorney General with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.

DINA MACK is Deputy General Counsel and Chief Litigation Officer at Quest Diagnostics, the world's leading provider of diagnostic information services. She leads a team of fourteen attorneys, paralegals and executive security personnel, and is lead counsel on litigation, compliance and human resource issues, with rotating supervisory responsibilities for other areas, including international, operations and medical quality. She provides advice to the senior management team, including the CEO and CFO, on legal and compliance issues, manages outside counsel, supervises all significant internal investigations, and reports to the Board on litigation matters. Among her litigation areas are shareholder derivative and securities class action litigation (including accounting fraud cases), qui tam litigation, intellectual property disputes, state and federal government fraud and abuse investigations, professional and product liability litigation, billing class actions, employment litigation, and general commercial disputes. Dina also works with the finance team on SEC materiality, disclosure and reserve issues, and

reports to outside auditors on all litigation matters. Dina received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, and is a graduate of Duke University School of Law.

CHRISTY M. NAGELEISEN is Deputy General Counsel, Litigation of Cintas Corporation and has been in that role since June 2014. In her current role, Ms. Nageleisen manages a team of lawyers and legal professionals who oversee the company's litigation and work on risk avoidance measures. Prior to joining Cintas Corporation, Ms. Nageleisen was a litigation partner at the law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp, PLL. During her years in private practice, Ms. Nageleisen handled commercial and property litigation.

JOHN H. NEWCOMER, JR. is a partner at Morris James LLP, ALFA International's member firm in Wilmington, Delaware, and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. John practices in the areas of commercial litigation and real estate. His experience in these dual fields provides his clients with a rare perspective in dealing with complex business and real estate matters. Understanding the dynamics of litigation, and how it impacts his clients' business strategies, gives John the ability to draft transactional documents with an eye towards avoiding problems before they arise. John's litigation practice involves a wide range of business, contract, and real property disputes. His experience as a certified mediator of the Delaware Superior Court gives John the additional insight to resolve his clients' disputes before they turn into costly litigation. Outside the practice of law, John enjoys riding motorcycles locally, nationally and internationally. John currently serves on the ALFA International Business Litigation Steering Committee and is the 2019 Program Chair for the Business Litigation Seminar.

JEFFREY H. NEWMAN is a partner, member of the executive and management committees, and Chair of the Real Estate

Department of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C., ALFA International's New York City and Newark, New Jersey-based law firm. Mr. Newman has been practicing in the area of real estate, real estate litigation, litigation strategy and positioning, and real estate finance for over 25 years, bringing to his practice a background in corporate and business law, coupled with a Master's Degree in Taxation. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Newman worked as a financial analyst at E.F. Hutton & Co. Mr. Newman represents institutional clients throughout the country, and has developed a national reputation through his representation of numerous retailers, developers, landlords and lenders, as well as the result of numerous speaking engagements. Mr. Newman has published numerous articles in both the Real Estate Review and Commercial Leasing, Laws and Strategy. Mr. Newman is Chair of the ALFA International Retail - Real Estate Practice Group, serves as his firm's ALFA International relationship partner, and manages the firm's relationships throughout the network. He is frequently a speaker at ALFA programs.

CASEY O'CONNELL is a partner in the Corporate and Business Transactions Group at Halloran Sage in Connecticut. He focuses his practice in the areas of business and commercial law, finance, and real estate, with an emphasis on middle-market mergers and acquisitions. Casey has a depth of experience in documenting and closing business transactions for clients located across the US Northeast and beyond, and his experience includes participation in cross-border transactions and in deals involving parties with domestic and international subsidiaries. He is adept at formulating contractual mechanisms to facilitate the organization, financing, operation and sale of various business entities. He advises lenders and borrowers in credit arrangements, and counsels employers in the creation of employment and non-compete agreements. Before entering law school, he was the

director of media relations for the New England Patriots, handling the organization's written media materials and helping to create and implement public relations strategies. Casey has been selected by Super Lawyers® as a "Rising Star" in the areas of Business/Corporate in each year since 2015. He was named as one of the Connecticut Law Tribune's "New Leaders in the Law" in 2015.

JOHN OSGATHORPE is a Managing Partner and Shareholder with Taylor Day, the ALFA International member firm in Jacksonville, Florida. In his practice, John protects the interests of companies, management teams, and business owners in a diverse array of commercial and torts disputes in Florida. His broad experience includes contract disputes, corporate control/fiduciary litigation, business torts, and real property disputes, as well as the defense of retailers, manufacturers, and trucking companies in significant injury claims. He is a member of the Florida Bar and Illinois Bar (inactive). John graduated from Indiana University (Economics) and Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. He served as an Associate Editor for the Indiana International and Comparative Law Review and studied law at East China University of Political Science in Shanghai and Temple University's School of Law-Tokyo. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for ALFA International. John is a member of several committees within the ALFA International Business Litigation Practice Group.

KEVIN G. OWENS is a senior shareholder in the Chicago law firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd., and is co-chair of the firm's Product Liability Practice Group. His trial practice includes the defense of catastrophic injury, consumer, industrial, medical device, and other product liability actions, construction and general negligence actions, and the litigation of commercial disputes in state and federal courts. His experience also includes the defense of construction product defect actions, and litigation of contract actions

at law and equity. He is also a certified mediator, having completed intensive mediation training and certification through Chicago's prestigious Center for Conflict Resolution. As a complex case mediator, Mr. Owens focuses his mediation practice on civil and commercial disputes involving product liability, complex and catastrophic injury cases, and construction matters. He is a graduate of Marquette University and DePaul University College of Law. Johnson & Bell, Ltd. is the Chicago member of the global legal network ALFA International. Mr. Owens is past Chairman of ALFA's Product Liability and Complex Litigation Practice Group, and is presently serving as Vice Chair of the ALFA International Board of Directors.

CHRISTOPHER A. PAGE is a partner at Young, Moore and Henderson, ALFA International's Raleigh, North Carolina member, where he is the Marketing Chair of its Retail/ Hospitality industry group. Chris is an experienced trial attorney, with special emphasis on representation of clients in the Hospitality and Retail industries, where he represents a number of national clients with all of their legal needs, including claims relating to employment, business disputes, trademark infringement, false advertising, premises accidents, and construction defects. After graduating summa cum laude from Duke University, Chris earned his law degree from the Yale Law School where he served as Senior Editor for the Yale Law Journal. Chris is the Chairman Emeritus of ALFA International's Hospitality & Retail Practice Group, and is the former Chairman of ALFA International's Marketing Committee. He also serves on ALFA International's Board of Directors. Chris is a frequent speaker at ALFA International seminars, and has created many presentations on a variety of litigation and management topics, including last year's opening session on the Innovation Imperative: Why Businesses Need to Create a Culture of Innovation to Survive.

KEVIN B. REID, SR. is the Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Corporate Compliance Officer for Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc., which is publicly traded on the NYSE (ticker symbol RGR) and one of the nation's leading firearms manufacturers. Mr. Reid has been with Sturm, Ruger for 18 years, serving as an Assistant General Counsel for six years, the Director of Marketing for one year, and in his current role for the balance. Mr. Reid manages the day-to-day legal affairs of the Company, including regulatory compliance, all types of litigation, intellectual property, and internal client counseling on commercial and other matters. Prior to joining Sturm, Ruger, Mr. Reid was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, where he specialized in product liability and commercial litigation. Mr. Reid holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Akron, a J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law, and a MBA from the University of Connecticut.

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