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# ***TRUCKING ON TRIAL***

## ***THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IN THE ERA OF BIG VERDICTS***

**2019 TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR**

April 24-26, 2019

The Broadmoor

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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## ABOUT THE BROADMOOR & COLORADO SPRINGS

Nestled in the shadow of the Cheyenne Mountains, Colorado Springs gives visitors access to countless outdoor adventures. From Pikes Peak to Garden of the Gods, the landscape and mild, sunny climate have made Colorado Springs a 'must visit' destination. Now, the area boasts not only a beautiful landscape but countless additional attractions including museums, art galleries, boutique shopping opportunities and the increasingly popular craft breweries and distilleries.

The Broadmoor is one such attraction. This historic property was built over 100 years ago and has undergone many changes since then. The first structure was built in the late 1890s as a casino but after burning down, was replaced with a less grand structure. In 1916 Spencer Penrose purchased the tract of land and built what is now known as the Broadmoor Main. Since its opening in 1918, the Broadmoor has been host to countless politicians, celebrities and guests, all of whom enjoy the breathtaking views, delicious meals and award-winning golf. ALFA International clients, attorneys and guests will have an opportunity to enjoy the best of the Broadmoor during this year's Transportation Seminar including dining at the Cheyenne Lodge, golf on the well-known East Course, after hours hospitality at PLAY and an afternoon at Seven Falls.

The Colorado Springs (COS) airport is the closest to the Broadmoor (11 miles/20 minutes) and a cab/uber are the suggested forms of ground transportation. The Denver airport is also an option (90 miles/90 minutes) and a rental car is suggested from this airport.

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The stakes in transportation risk management and litigation have never been higher and preparation for trial never more important. Complicated compliance, medical and technological issues join complex engineering, toxicological and reconstruction issues on the road to the courthouse where preparation intersects with jury selection, motion practice and good storytelling. Listen and learn from veterans in the industry and counsel who are routinely in the trenches for trial. Leave with new strategies and tactics and an update on the hottest industry issues.

### Christy Comstock

Program Chair, ALFA International 2019  
Transportation Practice Group Seminar  
WALES & COMSTOCK  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

### Cam Beck

Chair, ALFA International Transportation Practice Group  
MCCANDLISH HOLTON, PC  
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## PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### EARLY REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

Mountain View Terrace

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### FACULTY REHEARSAL

Rocky Mountain Ballroom A & B

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gaylord Boardroom

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### WOMEN'S INITIATIVE RECEPTION

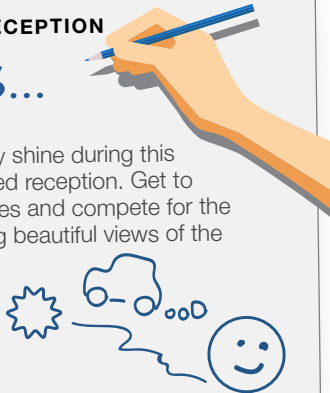
## PICTURE THIS...

Parker Suite

It's time to let your creativity shine during this interactive Pictionary themed reception. Get to know other female attendees and compete for the title of 'Artist' while enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.

**Kim Bartosh**

Women's Initiative Liaison  
WHITFIELD & EDDY LAW  
Des Moines, Iowa



5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## Talk Amongst Yourselves: Client Only Social

West Tower Lobby

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

Divide Room

All attending ALFA International attorneys are required to attend.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

*Put a Colorado  
Spring in Your Step!*



*Welcome Reception, Buffet  
Dinner & Registration*

Mountain View Terrace  
& West Ballroom

Enjoy an evening reconnecting with old colleagues and friends in the shadow of Cheyenne Mountain. The night will begin with libations and conversation on the aptly named Mountain View Terrace after which, attendees will proceed indoors for a buffet dinner and live music with local flair.

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

### Hospitality Lounge

PLAY at the Broadmoor



## THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Rocky Mountain Ballroom C & D

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Rocky Mountain Ballroom C & D

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### PROGRAM SESSIONS

Rocky Mountain Ballroom A & B

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Kara T. Stubbs**

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Richmond, Virginia

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**8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

## TECHNOLOGY AND THE TRUCK

Just when you thought you were caught up, it changed again. This session will present an intriguing real-world fact scenario as the backdrop for introducing several of the issues that will be covered in further detail over the course of this seminar – but, first, let’s talk cell phones.

### Introduction of Fact Pattern & Reframing the Issues: Cell Phone Evidence

Your driver is talking on the cell phone when the accident happens – automatic liability, right? Not so fast, do you know why the FMCSR regulations allow hands-free use? Is there any way to combat the “public” perception that cell use equals fault? This presentation will discuss the history of driver distraction analysis and science behind DOT’s decision to allow hand’s free communication.

Plaintiff’s Reconstructionist says it’s all your driver’s fault – let’s look at some new technologies available to help us dig a little deeper into those claims and show the jury what really happened.

- Accident reconstruction/animations – that’s really neat!
- ECM data versus satellite information (e.g., “Peoplenet”) – not infallible, look closer
- Responding to manipulation of modelling data – garbage in/garbage out
- Electronic log improprieties – are they all the same?

### Clark Aspy

*Moderator*  
NAMAN HOWELL  
SMITH & LEE  
Austin, Texas

### Leslie Leazer

*Senior Director of Claims and Litigation*  
KNIGHT-SWIFT  
TRANSPORTATION  
Phoenix, Arizona

### Cynthia Paisley

*Vice President of Claims*  
PROSIGHT  
SPECIALTY  
INSURANCE  
Morristown,  
New Jersey

### Robert Stacy

DANIEL COKER  
HORTON &  
BELL, P.A.  
Oxford, Mississippi

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**9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. BREAK**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

## ON BOARD AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS--GOLD MINE OR MINE FIELD? NAVIGATING THE LOGISTICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH ONBOARD SYSTEMS.

The onboard audio and video systems available today provide access to a treasure trove of data that be used as either a sword or a shield. Knowing exactly what information is stored, how it is stored and how to retrieve and analyze it is critical in determining how it can best serve the carrier and their attorneys in defense of a claim. Making sure to avoid potential hazards and pitfalls in the collection process can also make or break a case.

### Gregory D. Conforti

*Moderator*  
JOHNSON & BELL  
Chicago, Illinois

### Jeff Stupp

*Vice-President & General Counsel*  
CARDINAL  
LOGISTICS  
MANAGEMENT  
CORPORATION  
Concord,  
North Carolina

### Ken Crippen

*President & CEO*  
ATTIC RRG  
Missoula, Montana

### Shelley Bennett

*General Counsel*  
LYTX, INC.  
San Diego,  
California

### Raul P. Sedillo

BUTT THORNTON  
& BAEHR  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico

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**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

## THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE IN THE ROAD: DON’T BLOW UP VERDICTS

Every case has several issues that could explode at any moment. In this interactive session, two defense lawyers, a former plaintiff’s lawyer and now in-house counsel, and a sitting trial judge will explore three issues that could make or break your case. The panel will share secrets to dealing with some of the most explosive trial issues and will also seek your input.

### John Tarpley

*Moderator*  
LEWIS THOMASON  
Nashville,  
Tennessee

### Vallie Dugas

*Associate General Counsel, Director of Safety – Claims Management*  
MELTON TRUCK  
LINES  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### Eric Nau

*Corporate Counsel*  
PRIME INC.  
Springfield, Missouri

### Joe Swift

BROWN & JAMES  
St. Louis, Missouri

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**11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## “JUST A SOUL WHOSE INTENTIONS ARE GOOD...OH PLEASE DON’T LET ME BE MISUNDERSTOOD”

Juror biases against trucking companies and their drivers often give the plaintiff a head start and present a handicap for defendants. Defendants must recognize these handicaps and humanize the driver and the trucking company. Learn how two major trucking companies overcome these handicaps by their emphasis on safety, professionalism and the daily delivery of goods to our communities. National television commercials and advertising highlighting the history, safety awards, sponsorships and charitable activities of these large trucking companies as well as their compassion for their drivers and clients, personalize these otherwise faceless corporations. Hear how our jury consultant suggests voir dire can be used to reinforce these qualities and overcome jurors’ preconceived biases.

### Felice Cotignola

*Moderator*  
LESTER SCHWAB  
KATZ & DWYER  
New York, New York

### Janet Shelley

*Corporate Claims Manager*  
OLD DOMINION  
FREIGHT LINE  
Thomasville,  
North Carolina

### Sara Miemiec

*Director of Claims and Litigation*  
SCHNEIDER  
NATIONAL  
CARRIERS  
Green Bay,  
Wisconsin

### Marygrace Schaeffer

*Vice President*  
DECISIONQUEST  
Eden Prairie,  
Minnesota

### Duke Highfield

YCR LAW  
Charleston,  
South Carolina

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**BUFFET LUNCH**

Mountain View Terrace

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** (See insert)

Shot gun start at 1:00 p.m. on the East Course with scramble setup. Advance registration is required. Lunch on the carts.

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES** (See insert)

Advanced registration is required.



**COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND BUFFET DINNER**  
Cheyenne Lodge

The fun continues at this evening's interactive reception and dinner. Shuttles will transport you from the Broadmoor West porte a cochere and deliver you to the beautiful Cheyenne Lodge, located a short 5 minutes from the Broadmoor main campus. Gather round the fire at this evening's quintessential Colorado experience. You'll have a chance to get to know a wolf and various birds of prey during the cocktail reception followed by a buffet dinner featuring local favorites including wild boar and Rocky Mountain trout.

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Hospitality Lounge**  
PLAY at the Broadmoor



**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Rocky Mountain Ballroom C & D

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE INCREASE IN MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY?**

This dynamic panel, led by Dr. Gibson, will discuss new issues that are developing in the field of mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) including interpretation of neuropsychological testing and identification of peer reviewed neuropsychological studies that can aid in defeating or minimizing these cases. Dr. Gibson will identify many symptoms complained of by mTBI plaintiffs are the same as seen in the general population who never suffered a mTBI. The panel will discuss best practices in defending these cases and the current tactics plaintiff's lawyers are using in bringing these cases.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Rocky Mountain Ballroom C & D

**Warner Fox**  
Moderator

HAWKINS PARNELL  
THACKSTON & YOUNG  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Douglas P. Gibson, Ph.D.**

President/Clinical Health & Neuropsychologist  
MEDPHSYC OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond, Virginia

**Rocky Coe**

Claims Manager  
MCLANE COMPANY, INC.  
Temple, Texas

8:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

Rocky Mountain Ballroom A & B, Divide Rooms and West Ballroom

**Lance Eberhart**

HALL & EVANS, L.L.C.  
Denver, Colorado

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**PREPARE FOR IMPACT! USING ANIMATION TO TELL YOUR STORY**

Human beings are moved by visual cues. Placing jurors in a driver's shoes can be a powerful tool for your defense. This session examines the scientific, evidentiary, strategic, financial and emotional components of 3D animation in catastrophic truck accident litigation. Get tips, tricks and hacks from industry leaders and trial attorneys who have employed animation in serious cases with compelling results.

**Carolyn Ramos**

Moderator  
BUTT THORNTON & BAEHR  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Cheryl Archual**

Commercial Claims Consultant  
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE  
Portland, Tennessee

**Frank Albanese**

Vice-President of Claims  
LANDSTAR  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Joseph Farris**

FRANDEN FARRIS QUILLEN  
GOODNIGHT + ROBERTS  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 1**

**BREAKOUT A**

**THE ANTI REPTILE—  
FINDING EFFECTIVE  
WAYS TO EVIDENCE  
THE IMPORT  
OF SAFETY TO  
THE TRUCKING  
INDUSTRY**

Industry safety standards continue to become stricter and safety regulations continue to demand more from companies and their drivers. But the plaintiff's bar has somehow made it appear that the trucking industry is one to be feared and that it has moved away from the concern and attention to safety. This panel will not raise awareness of the Reptile—we know it's there. But rather, it will look at the most effective ways to provide testimonial evidence of the extraordinary efforts made by the industry to increase roadway safety.

**Melanie Cheairs**

*Moderator*  
LORANCE & THOMPSON  
Houston, Texas

**Bill Maleski**

*VP—Corporate Safety  
& Compliance*  
XPO LOGISTICS  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Benjamin Jones**

LEWIS THOMASON  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**BREAKOUT B**

**ALLEGATIONS  
OF REGULATORY  
VIOLATIONS & HOW  
TO EXCLUDE THEM**

This panel will discuss ways to combat and exclude a plaintiff's allegations of regulatory violations, particularly in situations where the alleged violation has no causal relation to the accident.

**Audra Dickens**

*Moderator*  
MCCANDLISH HOLTON PC  
Richmond, Virginia

**Bryan Hill**

*Inland Marine Account Manager*  
SEDGWICK CLAIMS  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Karla Eaves**

*Associate General Counsel*  
CARDINAL LOGISTICS  
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION  
Concord, North Carolina

**Karie Wilson**

ALVERSON TAYLOR & SANDERS  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**BREAKOUT C**

**TOXICOLOGY  
UPDATE**

This panel will discuss current events in the transportation industry as far as problems concerning prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, illegal drugs, testing methodologies, and current trends on what can be smoked, taken orally, injected, or otherwise introduced into one's body.

**James R. Jarow**

*Moderator*  
BAKER STERCHI  
COWDEN & RICE  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Dr. Carla J. Kinslow**

*Toxicologist & Director of  
Toxicology and Food Safety*  
RIMKUS CONSULTING GROUP  
Houston, Texas

**Dan Fowler**

*Risk Manager*  
CFI  
Joplin, Missouri

**Paul Robinson**

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

**BREAKOUT D**

**LOOKING AT THE  
WORLD THROUGH  
A WINDSHIELD**

While the perspective of the driver is often discussed, we rarely have an opportunity to talk to drivers until they have been involved in a critical occurrence. During this session, we will bring to you drivers who have been through litigation who will discuss a variety of topics related to their profession and their experience with the litigation process.

**Jay Skolaut**

*Moderator*  
HINKLE LAW FIRM  
Wichita, Kansas

**Sandra Brownell**

*Vice-President of Risk  
Management*  
PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP  
Centennial, Colorado

**Antwan Phillips**

WRIGHT LINDSEY JENNINGS  
Little Rock, Arkansas

10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 2**

\*\*\*Repeat group 1 sessions

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11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**BREAK**

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11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

**BABY IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!**

Learn from seasoned transportation experts and litigators as they discuss the hottest topics in this dynamic industry.

**Paul Yarbrough**

*Moderator*  
HALL & EVANS  
Denver, Colorado

**Rebecca Brewster**

*President & CEO*  
AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ATRI)  
Arlington, Virginia

**Raul Garcia**

*Risk Management Director*  
MESILLA VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Rob Garrett**

*National Director Safety  
& Risk Management*  
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Jim Crocker**

*Manager – Liability Claims*  
FEDEX FREIGHT, INC.  
Harrison, Arkansas

**Nicole J. Tung**

HALLORAN & SAGE, LLP  
New Haven, Connecticut

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12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**ALFA INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY-  
PRACTICE GROUP MEETING**

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**BUFFET LUNCH**

*Mountain View Terrace*

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1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**GOLF CASUAL PLAY** (See insert)

Shot gun start at 1:30 p.m. on the East Course, play your own ball. Advance registration is required. Lunch on the carts.

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1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES** (See insert)

Advance registration is required



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7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Optional Farewell Cocktails  
and Plated Dinner** (See insert)

*Lakeside Terrace & Dining Room*

Advance registration is required

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## **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 NAIA 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.

**Cheryl Archual** is a Commercial Casualty Claims Consultant for Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance. Her company insures feed mills, food processors, grain elevators, seed conditioning plants, refined fuel distributors/convenience stores, dairy processors, milk haulers, farm stores, nurseries and greenhouses, beverage bottle distributors, and so on... in other words, a lot of big rigs. Background is that of Director of Claims for 16 years

at a more than 1,000 truck company as well as prior Litigation Manager/Casualty Claims Manager of one of the premier trucking companies, JB Hunt. Cheryl has been with Nationwide for almost 13 years and only handles large losses, which include catastrophic losses (life, amputations, paraplegic, quadriplegic), and a majority of losses involve litigation.

**Clark Aspy** is a member of the Austin Texas office of Naman Howell Smith & Lee. He is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, and has frequently been recognized by Texas Lawyer publication as a "Super Lawyer". He devotes a substantial portion of his practice to trucking defense and transportation litigation and has previously served as chair of the ALFA International Transportation group. He obtained his BBA from Baylor University in 1981 and JD from the University of Tennessee in 1984.

**D. Cameron Beck, Jr.** is a Director with McCandlish Holton in Richmond, Virginia where he defends civil litigation matters and leads the firm's transportation practice group. He has an active federal and state court trial practice with over sixty jury trials. Cam is the current Chair of the ALFA International Transportation Steering Committee. He also is the Immediate Past-President of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. Cam is also a member of the DRI Trucking group and TIDA. 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 has been a contributor to the American Bus Association's Bus Ride magazine

and ALFA International's Transport Update. He earned his B.A. from the College of William & Mary, and graduated cum laude from the Washington & Lee University School of Law.

**Shelley Bennett** is responsible for Lytx's legal, legislative affairs, and regulatory compliance matters and also serves as corporate secretary and chief privacy officer. Lytx is a market leader in providing video and telematics solutions to the transportation industry. Shelley has over two decades of legal experience and has served in numerous leadership roles. Prior to joining Lytx in 2011, she practiced corporate and transactional law both at SAIC and at the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, public and private financing, joint ventures, licensing arrangements, and corporate governance matters. Shelley is a Michigan native and received a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from University of Michigan Law School.

**Rebecca Brewster** is President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). ATRI is the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, whose mission is research to improve the trucking industry's safety and productivity. Rebecca is the recipient of several awards including Fleet Owner magazine's 2016 Dozen Outstanding Women in Trucking, the 2013 Influential Woman in Trucking award and the 2010 J.R. Bob Halladay award given by the 50 state trucking associations. Rebecca has been with ATRI for over 25 years. Prior to that, she was the Public and Governmental Affairs Director for the Cary, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce and a Fleet Analyst with Moen, Inc. Rebecca has a B.A. in English from Wofford College



and she is a Fellow of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership. Rebecca is married to Kevin Brewster and they have two sons, T.C. (20), and Eric (15). The Brewsters live in Marietta, Georgia.

**Sandy Brownell** is Senior Director-Risk Management for Performance Food Group. Performance Food Group is a nationwide food distributor with approximately 2,700 power units in service. Ms. Brownell has years of experience in risk management both as an adjuster, claims consultant and for the past ten years in Corporate Risk Management. Ms. Brownell is an integral part of the management and defense of transportation claims. She received her BA in education from California State University, Los Angeles and has received her Associate in Claims and Associate in Risk Management Designations. Ms. Brownell is a frequent speaker on transportation and risk management issues.

**Melanie Cheairs** is a partner at the Houston, Texas ALFA International firm of Lorange & 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.

**Rocky Coe** is the Director of Claims Services Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of McLane Company and their Third Party Liability Claims Administrator. Responsibilities include overseeing all Auto and General Liability claims and litigation for McLane Company, Inc. and managing a staff of 8 claims professionals. Rocky has 25 years of insurance claims experience, with 15 of those years in commercial trucking. Rocky spent 10 years with Texas Farm Bureau Insurance handling and supervising Personal Auto, Homeowner, Farm & Ranch, and Commercial Auto and General Liability claims. He holds an Associate in Claims designation, Senior Claims Law designation, and completing the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter program for the CPCU designation. Rocky holds memberships with the Trucking Industry Defense Association, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Claims Law Society, and the CPCU Society. He is a graduate of Texas State University where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Exercise and Sports Science. Rocky is married to Kim and has two boys ages 16 and 21. He enjoys spending time with family, the outdoors, and coaching youth sports.

**Christy Comstock** is a partner in the Fayetteville, Arkansas law firm of Wales & Comstock with an emphasis on transportation litigation. She is a member of ABA TIPS, ABOTA, TIDA and the Transportation Lawyers Association, and is the Chair of the Arkansas Trucking Seminar. She has been recognized by Super Lawyers in the field of transportation

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