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The best view comes after the hardest climb. With little room for discourse, widening generation gaps and complex compliance requirements, many employers feel as if they are hiking a never-ending and increasingly steep slope. It takes a team to make it to a summit. How do we climb together? What tools do we need to survive the storms ahead? What have we learned from the territory we've conquered?

This program will encourage collaboration, discussion and learning from the lessons of the "unprecedented" time we have survived. Our panels will provide unique insights regarding balance —balance between diversity and equity concerns and programs and discrimination risks; balance between staving off unionization efforts and interfering with concerted protected activity; balance between mental health and the need for workplace productivity; balance between international concerns in an increasingly globalized society. Work with us to quiet the chaos, explore unfettered territory and build a strong core to return to life outside while enjoying the marvelous Banff Mountain ranges.



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*Chair, Labor & Employment Practice Group*  
 FRANTZ WARD, LLP  
 Cleveland, Ohio



**Courtney Nichols**  
*2023 Labor & Employment Seminar Program Chair*  
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## WELCOME TO BANFF!

Welcome to Banff - one of the most precious, protected places in the world. A visit here offers the chance to experience the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains and glacier-fed lakes, wildlife at its wildest and small-town charm that only Banff can offer. Located in the heart of Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the world-famous Fairmont Banff Springs hotel stands as a landmark in the picturesque alpine town of Banff, Alberta. Canada's "Castle in the Rockies."

## HOW TO GET HERE

Getting here is easy. You can fly into Calgary International Airport (YYC), which offers connecting service from most major cities. Banff National Park is then a scenic 90-minute drive along the multi-lane Trans-Canada Highway. ALFAI is pleased to offer airport transportation to make getting to the seminar even easier. More information will be provided post-registration.



**Note:** When booking return flights, please leave approximately 4.5 hours for travel from the hotel to the airport and clearing customs. Afternoon flights are recommended.

## 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 140 member firms throughout the world. Our 80 U.S. firms represent 95 of the 100 largest metropolitan areas. Our 60 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.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**CLIENT ADVISORY  
BOARD  
MEETING & LUNCH**

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2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**FACULTY REHEARSAL**

Van Horne Ballroom AB

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**

Van Horne Ballroom Foyer

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**ALFA INTERNATIONAL  
ALL ATTORNEY MEETING**

Baron Shaughnessy

All attending ALFA  
International attorneys are  
required to attend.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

*Majestic Mountain Welcome*

**Welcome Reception, Buffet Dinner & Registration**

Garden Terrace & Alberta Room

Welcome to the Canadian Rockies! Spend the evening reconnecting with old friends and networking with new acquaintances while enjoying the views of Bow River and the grand mountain peaks of the Palliser Range. The night will begin with a cocktail hour outside on the Garden Terrace, followed by a buffet dinner in the Alberta Room.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

*Women's Initiative  
S'Mores Indoors!*

Norquay

Kick off the seminar with your fellow female attendees for lively discussion, s'mores and a fun networking activity!



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

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**LATE NIGHT BOWLING**

Bowl Valley–Five Pin & Pints

Not ready for the night to end? Join your fellow attendees for bowling and a night cap... leave no pin standing!

Hospitality Hosts:



**Tamara Nelson**  
MERRICK, HOFSTEDT  
& LINDSEY, P.S.  
Seattle, Washington



**Tim Peebles**  
DANIEL COKER  
Oxford, Mississippi



**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Van Horne Ballroom C

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. – Meeting Attendees

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. – Spouses & Significant Others

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEE BREAKFAST**

Baron Shaughnessy

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

Van Horne Ballroom AB

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Introductory Remarks**



**Eddy Hayes**  
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**Jessica Zaroski Bauer**  
Chief Executive Officer  
ALFA INTERNATIONAL  
Chicago, Illinois

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**GENERAL SESSION 1**

**We've Come a Long Way, Baby –  
But There's Still a Way to Go**

Companies have made great strides in improving their diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and advancing diversity throughout their organizations. With this progress, however, comes the added risk of employee complaints, government investigations and litigation. This panel will draw from a variety of experiences to discuss DEI initiatives that have worked, what hasn't worked, and what Companies can do to manage their risk in a world where there is very little room for error. We hope this discussion will lead to an exchange of war stories and ideas that we can all use to further DEI initiatives that benefit our organizations as a whole.



**Cate Jackson**  
Moderator  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia



**Sarah Johnson**  
VP, Associate General Counsel  
NORDSTROM  
Seattle, Washington



**Cherise Latortue**  
Associate General Counsel, Employment  
FLYNN RESTAURANT GROUP  
San Francisco, California



**Jennifer Egbe**  
HUIE, FERNAMBUCQ & STEWART, LLP  
Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS**

Roundtable discussions will occur throughout the program and will be led by the table captains listed below. Selected tables will report back to the larger group after each discussion period.

**TABLE CAPTAINS**

**George Fagan**  
LEAKE & ANDERSSON, L.L.P.  
New Orleans, Louisiana



**Christopher Green**  
CRABBE, BROWN & JAMES LLP  
Columbus, Ohio



**Janet Hayes**  
LEWIS THOMASON  
Knoxville, Tennessee



**Joel Hlavaty**  
FRANTZ WARD LLP  
Cleveland, Ohio



**Paul Klockenbrink**  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia



**Jackie Longfellow**  
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN  
& RICE L.L.C.  
Kansas City, Missouri



**Byrona Maule**  
PHILLIPS MURRAH P.C.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



**Molly Manning**  
MULLIN HOARD & BROWN, LLP  
Lubbock, Texas



**Tamara Nelson**  
MERRICK, HOFSTEDT & LINDSEY, P.S.  
Seattle, Washington



**Agnes Padilla**  
BUTT THORNTON & BAEHR PC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico



**Brian Quisenberry**  
CLEMENT RIVERS, LLP  
Charleston, South Carolina



**Jaki Samuelson**  
WHITFIELD & EDDY LAW  
Des Moines, Iowa



**Amy Yarbrow**  
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts

9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

**GENERAL SESSION 2**

## Unionization in a Vacuum—Employee Organizing Efforts in the New Labor Environment

Since COVID-19, employers have seen a new reality when it comes to hiring and maintaining qualified employees. It seems everyone wants to work from home and expected wages are exponentially higher. Those employers that had been able to hire see their new hires moving to new jobs with higher rates of pay in short order. Many retail establishments and other businesses are having to curtail their hours of operation just because they cannot find employees to man appropriate shifts. As if the challenging labor market was not enough, enter unions... Democrat administrations have typically been pro-union and the current administration is no exception. Employers are facing unprecedented unionization efforts and the National Labor Relations Board seems bent on tilting the playing field in favor of unionization. Join us as we discuss the new challenges of keeping a union-free workforce.



**Schaun Henry**  
*Moderator*  
MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**John Ritenour**  
CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**Rob Bertram**  
*Chief Legal Officer*  
CAVA GROUP  
Washington, D.C.



**Mark Chumley**  
KEATING MUETHING & KLEKAMP PLL  
Cincinnati, Ohio

10:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

## 2023 Quick Fire Hot Topics

As our world and industry evolve, we continue to see significant changes in various facets of the law and the way it is practiced. This session will consist of short discussions on current hot topics and trends within labor and employment law. The specific topics will be confirmed approximately four weeks prior to the seminar.



**Joel Andersen**  
*Moderator*  
NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS PA  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



**Mike Chesney**  
FRANTZ WARD LLP  
Cleveland, Ohio

11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:55 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

## Client Roundtable

*DC Coleman*

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

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**LUNCH**

*Van Horne Ballroom C*



2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**NETWORKING & DUELING PIANOS!***Oh My!**Mt. Stephen Hall*

Join your fellow attendees for a fun and interactive afternoon with the Dueling Piano Kings! Come prepared with your favorite song names because this afternoon, your requests rule. This will be an afternoon you won't want to miss!



Hospitality Hosts:



**Courtney Nichols**  
 PLUNKETT COONEY  
 Detroit, Michigan

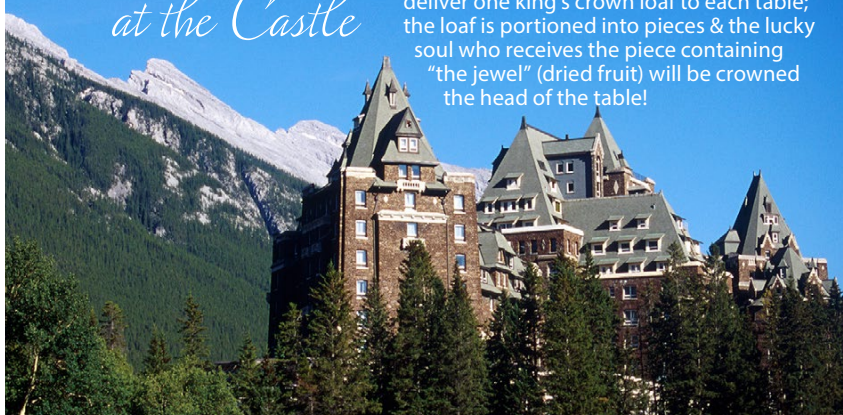


**Joel Hlavaty**  
 FRANTZ WARD LLP  
 Cleveland, Ohio

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

*Cocktails & Medieval Feast at the Castle***RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET***Riverview Lounge & Alhambra Ballroom*

Step back in time to 16th century England & enjoy an evening of merriment! Under the guidance of the King's Lord Chamberlain and the bagpiper, the tone will be set for a truly memorable evening. Loyal footmen deliver one king's crown loaf to each table; the loaf is portioned into pieces & the lucky soul who receives the piece containing "the jewel" (dried fruit) will be crowned the head of the table!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET***Van Horne Ballroom C*

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. – *Meeting Attendees*

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. – *Spouses & Significant Others*

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

*General Session – Van Horne Ballroom AB*

*Breakout Sessions – Baron Shaughnessy and Sir Edward Beatty*

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**GENERAL SESSION 3**

## How to Implement Compliance Measures Required by Recent Developments in European Employment Law in Entities Active on an International Scale

This panel presentation – which is intended to be an interactive session – will focus on recent developments in European employment-related legislation and case law, especially from the European Court of Justice, which led to new and burdensome requirements for employers when it comes to compliance, i.e. in relation to time recording requirements or the laws on vacation as well as documentation requirements and whistleblowing. This session not just be a mere description of laws but rather sharing experiences of in-house counsel and external advisors working on a global scale with international clients. As businesses expand around the globe, it is essential to get it right when establishing operations in other countries. Getting it right the first time will avoid costly mistakes when terminating an employee or closing an operation.



**Gero Schneider**  
 Moderator  
 TIEFENBACHER  
 Heidelberg, Germany



**Melanie Gassler-Tischlinger**  
 GPK PEGGER KOFLER & PARTNERS  
 Innsbruck, Austria



**Elliot Miller**  
 General Counsel, Senior Vice President  
 WOWZA MEDIA SYSTEMS  
 Denver, Colorado



**Anneli Lonnberg**  
 FYLGIA  
 Stockholm, Sweden

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

## What's Happening at ALFAI HQ

This session will provide an overview of many new and some improved offerings available on the ALFA International website as well as resources and opportunities available to our clients.



**Jessica Zaroski Bauer**  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 ALFA INTERNATIONAL  
 Chicago, Illinois

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
**SESSION 1 FOR REAL, WHERE ARE YOU FROM (AND HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THIS BREAKOUT SESSION)? MICROAGGRESSIONS IN THE WORKPLACE AND THE COURTROOM**

What are employers to do in a world full of Michael Scotts? Join us as we discuss the topic of microaggressions in the workplace, and explore whether and, if so, how microaggressions can potentially lead to legal claims that could result in employer-triggering macro-judgments and what employers can do to mitigate those risks.



**Tim Peeples**  
 Moderator  
 DANIEL COKER  
 Oxford, Mississippi



**Lisa Whittaker**  
 Director and Managing Counsel,  
 Employment and Labor Law  
 THE JM SMUCKER COMPANY  
 Orrville, Ohio



**Jane Kim**  
 WRIGHT LINDSEY JENNINGS  
 Little Rock, Arkansas

**SESSION 2 FAIR PAY, BETTER PAY AND PAID LEAVE**

The trend toward pay equity continues with jurisdictions enacting pay transparency laws and the continued robust enforcement of existing statutes like the NLRA and EPA. While Congress has been unsuccessful in passing paid family/medical leave on a national level, state legislatures have filled in the gap with a patchwork of paid leave laws. Employers, especially those operating in multiple states, are significantly impacted by these trends and this breakout session will explore the best strategies for addressing these ongoing challenges.



**Sarah Lamar**  
 Moderator  
 HUNTERMACLEAN  
 Savannah, Georgia



**Shane Willey**  
 COSGRAVE VERGER KESTER LLP  
 Portland, Oregon

**SESSION 3 HOW TO DISMANTLE A NUCLEAR BOMB**

"Nuclear verdicts" in employment cases are growing in frequency and severity. A couple of examples: a June 2022 verdict in California for \$464 million in a case alleging sexual and racial harassment; an October 2022 Texas verdict for \$366 million in a case alleging racial bias. While opinions about the causes of this "nuclear age" vary, employers must have a strategy for dealing with cases with very bad facts, including bad conduct, bad documents and bad management employee witnesses. In this interactive session on hyper-sensitive topics, our panelists will provide practical and litigation advice for real life scenarios for employers facing potentially nuclear cases.



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



**Janice Rickert**  
 Vice President of Litigation  
 BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.  
 Tampa, Florida



**Jennifer Lankford**  
 Associate General Counsel  
 CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE  
 Lebanon, Tennessee

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

**GENERAL SESSION 4**

## Ain't No Mountain High Enough: Addressing Mental Health Challenges in the Changing Workplace

Mental health in today's workplace is both a challenge and an opportunity. In this session, we'll explore mental health literacy for the workplace and the risks and rewards of incorporating various mental health programs and conversations into workplaces of all sizes. We will also discuss the most common legal issues facing businesses when addressing employee mental health.



**Katie Connolly**  
 Moderator  
 NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS PA  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota



**Kelly Hoffman**  
 Moderator  
 NORMAN HANSON & DETROY, LLC  
 Portland, Maine



**Stephanie Moulton Sarkis,**  
 PhD NCC DCMHS LMHC  
 Psychotherapist  
 Tampa, Florida

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCH***Van Horne Ballroom C*

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**OPTIONAL POST-SEMINAR TOURS**

Please refer to the optional activities brochure for more information.

*Advanced registration is required.*

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**OPTIONAL POST-SEMINAR DINNER**

Please refer to the optional activities brochure for more information.

*Advanced registration is required.*

12:05 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**JOEL ANDERSEN** is a Shareholder at Nilan Johnson Lewis PA, the ALFA International member firm in Minnesota, where he defends his clients nationwide in all types of employment and wage-and-hour litigation, and helps clients enforce restrictive covenants against former employees. He handles both individual and class litigation throughout the country, with extensive experience litigating in California. He also counsels clients in complying with discipline and discharge, wage-and-hour, workplace leave, and employment and severance agreement issues. Joel received his law degree from the University of Michigan.

**JESSICA ZAROSKI BAUER** joined ALFA International (ALFAI) in 2004 as a Coordinator of Events & Member Services. She then worked for several years as a Marketing Manager, Chief Events Officer and Chief Operating Officer. After 17 years with the association, she accepted her current role as Chief Executive Officer. In this position she is the strategic thought leader of the organization, working closely with the Board of Directors and the various ALFAI committees. She manages headquarters staff and maintains constant communication with association members. Jessica oversees the member recruitment, development and retention programs as well as the marketing and business development initiatives for the organization. Prior to joining ALFA International, she worked in the marketing department of the Chicago-based law firm of Gardner, Carton & Douglas, LLP (now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath). She is a graduate of the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business (Go Hawkeyes!) and is an avid college football fan. In her spare time Jessica can be found enjoying family time with her husband Harry and her two young daughters, Greta and Vivian. She also enjoys swimming in Lake Michigan, playing beach volleyball and watching Oscar nominated movies.

**ROB BERTRAM** is Chief Legal Officer at The Cava Group, Inc. In this capacity, he is responsible for developing and leading legal strategy to promote and protect the interests of Cava's multi-channel Mediterranean culinary platform. Previously, he was General Counsel for Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Inc. ("Ollie's"). In that capacity, he was responsible for overseeing the diverse range of legal, and many business affairs involving the company. Prior to joining Ollie's, Rob was an attorney in the corporate department of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC, in Harrisburg, PA, where he represented both growth and well established companies. Rob attended the Pennsylvania State University ("Penn State"), attaining a degree in economics, and received his JD from The Dickinson School of Law. He speaks frequently

on both contracting, corporate governance, and store operation issues. Rob mentors undergraduate students at Penn State.

**MIKE CHESNEY** is a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Frantz Ward LLP, the ALFA International member firm in Cleveland, Ohio. Mike represents management in all aspects of labor and employment law, including representing employers in court, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and other disputes. He advises companies, both large and small, on human resources issues and litigation prevention, including advice on terminations, compliance with employment laws, workplace investigations, and the preparation of policies and employment agreements. Mike has successfully represented employers in single plaintiff and class/collective actions in state and federal courts, arbitration matters, and before administrative agencies throughout the country.

**MARK CHUMLEY** is a partner with ALFA International member firm Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has experience representing management in all aspects of labor and employment law. He has handled numerous cases before state and federal courts and state and federal civil rights agencies, including claims involving allegations of sexual harassment, race, age, gender and disability discrimination, wrongful discharge, FMLA and wage-hour claims and various common law claims. He also represents employers in labor arbitration and is experienced in litigating the enforceability of arbitration agreements. In addition to litigating employment claims, Mark is actively involved in advising clients on employee handbooks, policies and practices designed to avoid employment claims and minimize liability. He also advises clients on matters, including employee discipline, discharge, investigations of allegations of harassment, discrimination and employee misconduct, and issues arising from the use of e-mail and the internet. In addition, Mark serves as co-leader of the firm's multi-disciplinary Evolving Media & Technology Team. Mark graduated with a B.A. from the University of Michigan and earned his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He is admitted to practice in Ohio and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

**KATIE M. CONNOLLY** is a Shareholder and Chair of the Labor & Employment group at Nilan Johnson Lewis PA, the ALFA International member firm in Minneapolis. Katie represents publicly traded and Fortune 500 companies across the nation in post-employment covenants and trade secret

litigation. In addition to her covenant and trade secret work, Katie routinely advises and litigates discrimination claims, as well as leave of absence and time-off claims, with a growing focus on pay equity issues.

**JENNIFER REID EGBE** is a partner with Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart, LLP, the ALFA International member firm in Birmingham, Alabama. Jennifer is no stranger to breaking down barriers. She was one of the first attorneys in her family and the first African American female at Huie to make partner. While her persistence and unrelenting stamina has served her well in her career, it has served her clients even better. Since joining the firm in 2007, Jennifer has earned the respect, loyalty and trust of those she stands up for every day. And, she has earned a trial record that strikes fear into anyone who stands against them. Initially specializing in the areas of automotive product liability, personal injury, medical malpractice, employment litigation defense and general insurance defense, Jennifer has served on trial teams that have multiple defense verdicts and summary judgment phase dismissals. Jennifer's practice has since expanded to include environmental litigation, consumer litigation, civil rights litigation, municipal litigation, heavy equipment product liability, business litigation and medical device litigation defense. Throughout her career, Jennifer has represented auto manufacturers across the country, hospitals throughout the state and has defended disputes involving allegations of First Amendment violations, excessive force, discrimination, flooding and water channeling, asbestos, business dissolution and all varieties of wrongful death claims. Her litigation practice runs the spectrum from case initiation through trial, and she is most in her element when strategizing, problem-solving and persuading under pressure. To date, Jennifer has been entrusted with defending clients in approximately 10 jury trials. She represents a wide array of entities, from global Fortune 500 corporations to municipalities to local start-up businesses and tackles each client's cases with the same intensity, fortitude and efficacy. A North Carolina native, Jennifer earned her B.A. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

**MELANIE GASSLER-TISCHLINGER** is head of GPK Pegger Kofler & Partners' labor & employment law practice. GPK Pegger Kofler & Partners is the ALFA International member firm in Austria. Melanie advises both Austrian and international clients in all fields of labor & employment law as well as related litigation and ADR. Her particular focus is directed at providing advice to entities active internationally as well as complex litigation



matters. Prior to becoming partner of GPK Pegger Kofler & Partners in 2008, Melanie worked for a mid-size international law firm in Vienna, where she was admitted to the Bar in 2005. Melanie speaks English, German and French and holds Austrian as well as Australian citizenship. She gained her law degree from the University of Vienna and also has an LL.M. in International Business & Tax Law from the Management Center Innsbruck, in cooperation with the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management Bankakademie. Melanie is a lecturer in the diploma program "Business Management and Law" and the master program "Legal Dimension of Entrepreneurship & Business Formation" at the Management Center Innsbruck, where she has been teaching international students in English for many years. She is a member of various legal networks, such as the Austrian Lawyers' Association. Melanie is currently a member of ALFA International's Marketing Committee.

**CHRIS GREEN** is a partner with the ALFA International member firm of Crabbe, Brown & James LLP in Columbus, Ohio. He joined the firm's equity partnership on January 1, 2023, becoming the youngest partner in the firm's over 100 year history. His practice focuses on general defense litigation in both state and federal court, and includes class action, employment, business tort, insurance, civil and constitutional rights, and complex tort matters. He also serves as associate general counsel to the National Fraternal Order of Police which represents 365,000 members nationwide. Chris grew up in Dublin, Ohio and received his legal training at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. While in law school, Chris was a managing editor of the Ohio State Law Journal. Chris is a "double Buckeye" having attended The Ohio State University for his undergraduate studies, as well. Chris is a member of ALFA's Future Leaders Forum, Labor & Employment Steering Committee, and Transportation practice groups.

**EDWARD T. HAYES** is a partner at ALFA International member firm Leake & Andersson, L.L.P. where he leads the firm's international trade and business practice. The firm's international trade and business practice focuses on a wide variety of international issues, including customs matters; import/export transactions; international sales of goods and services; disputes under bilateral investment treaties; antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings before the Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission; and World Trade Organization dispute settlement. Mr. Hayes also maintains an active international public policy and government relations practice, where he advises businesses and local governments on international trade capacity

and international economic development issues, including the business implications of international multilateral and regional free trade agreements. In January 2014 the country of Ukraine appointed Mr. Hayes to serve as the Honorary Consul to Ukraine for the State of Louisiana. Mr. Hayes is charged with promoting and preserving the interests of Ukraine and her citizens throughout the State of Louisiana.

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