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**2024 BUSINESS LITIGATION  
PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR**

**SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2024**

**STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE  
PARK CITY, UTAH**

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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 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.

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**2024 Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar**

**September 11-13, 2024 | Stein Eriksen Lodge | Park City, Utah**

Litigation can be a messy endeavor, with many unexpected twists and turns along the way. It is impossible to predict with true certainty the path that each decision will take you down and the final outcome of each decision made along the way. Companies must balance risk and reward and make an informed decision, always keeping in mind the ultimate goal. While we may strive to avoid litigation when possible, doing so is not always in the best interests of your business. Sometimes, entering the litigation labyrinth is unavoidable – either because you need to open the door and step inside to protect the company – or because someone else drags you in.

This seminar will explore all aspects of the litigation labyrinth beginning with how businesses can avoid crossing the threshold in the first place. Because litigation is often unavoidable, we will discuss the flexibility required to untangle the web and successfully exit litigation, including ensuring the future success of the company by enforcing favorable judgments. Finally, we will explore the emergence of AI in business litigation and how to ensure our ethical responsibilities are fulfilled.

On top of the engaging presentations, we offer a number of opportunities for you to connect with colleagues, whether through participation in round table discussions, over a meal or during optional leisure activities. We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Stein Eriksen Lodge in Park City, Utah to explore the litigation labyrinth, as well as the picturesque Deer Valley.



**John Newcomer**  
*Practice Group Chair, ALFA International Business Litigation Practice Group*  
MORRIS JAMES LLP  
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**Jennifer Pedevillano**  
*Program Chair, ALFA International 2024 Business Litigation Practice Group*  
HALLORAN SAGE  
New Haven, Connecticut

**WELCOME TO STEIN ERIKSEN!**

Situated amid the captivating beauty of Park City, Utah and just 40 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport, the Stein Eriksen Resort emerges as a beacon of luxury and elegance in the embrace of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Renowned for its exceptional service and world-class amenities, the resort offers an unparalleled experience that seamlessly blends alpine charm with modern sophistication.

The surrounding town of Park City exudes a captivating blend of historic charm and contemporary vibrancy. Once a silver mining town, it has transformed into a cultural hub that boasts a lively arts scene, upscale boutiques and a diverse culinary landscape. As time allows, explore Main Street which is lined with beautifully preserved Victorian buildings, art galleries, cozy cafés and unique shops. Whether indulging in the luxurious amenities of the resort or immersing yourself in the town's rich culture, you are sure to create lasting memories in this idyllic destination.





12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## BLPG Attorney Meeting & Lunch

Gold/Silver

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Faculty Rehearsal

Stein Eriksen Ballroom A & B

All moderators are encouraged to use this time to set up a meeting with their panelists to review their session materials.

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## Registration

Stein Eriksen C

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## Client Only Social

Alpine

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

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## ALFA International Attorney Meeting

Freestyle Theatre

All attending ALFA International attorneys are encouraged to attend.



5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## ALPINE and VINES

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE EVENT  
Flagstaff Room

"Wine" down from summer among friends new and old in the Flagstaff Room, while looking at the beautiful mountainscape that is Deer Valley. Stein Eriksen sommeliers will guide you through a wine tasting sure to invigorate your senses, which will be put to the test. Alpine-chic attire is encouraged!



**Megan Stumph-Turner**  
Women's Initiative Liaison  
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE LLC  
Kansas City, Missouri



6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

## WELCOME to The ROCKIES!

WELCOME RECEPTION, BUFFET  
DINNER & REGISTRATION

Odin Deck

Step into the Splendor of the Rockies! Join us for an evening of reconnecting with old friends and forging new connections amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Deer Valley. The festivities kick off with a cocktail hour, followed by a buffet dinner.

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## BREAKFAST BUFFET

Gold/Silver

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## FIRST TIME ATTENDEE BREAKFAST

Flagstaff Room

All first-time client and attorney attendees are encouraged to attend this breakfast to connect and get to know each other.

8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

## PROGRAM SESSIONS

Stein Eriksen Ballroom A & B

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

## Introductory Remarks



**Eddy Hayes**  
Chair, ALFA International Board of Directors  
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**Jessica Zaroski Bauer**  
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HALLORAN SAGE  
New Haven, Connecticut

8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

## Presentation of Hypothetical

8:55 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

SEGMENT 1

## Negotiating the Shifting Minefield of Non-Competes, Trade Secrets and Confidentiality

Trade secret and confidential information, along with the skills and know-how of critical employees, are the life blood of many (if not most) businesses. Over the past decades, nondisclosure, noncompete and trade secret agreements and protocols have been implemented to protect those important assets, sometimes to the point of over-reach and abuse. In part in response, courts, legislatures and regulators have limited the scope of permissible restrictions and, more recently, have been attacking them more broadly. Not only has this given rise to uncertainty, but in response, some companies have tried alternate restrictive approaches which themselves can be problematic and uncertain. This panel will charge headlong into this evolving maze of laws, decisions, regulations and public policy concerns, describing a landscape where existing means are under judicial and legislative attack, and discussing efforts by some companies to find substitutes to protect what they consider to be important information. After considering the current environment, we will offer proactive ideas of ways that businesses can reasonably safeguard their critical information, while avoiding the (actual or perceived) excesses which tend to invite judicial and regulatory criticism.



**Joseph Fortner**  
Moderator  
HALLORAN SAGE  
Hartford, Connecticut



**Jaime Skinner**  
General Counsel  
BRENTTAG NORTH AMERICA  
Reading, Pennsylvania



**Fletcher Thomson**  
Vice President and General Counsel  
TEXTRON EAVIATION  
Providence, Rhode Island



**Clementine Uwabera**  
STAFFORD ROSENBAUM LLP  
Madison, Wisconsin



**Doug Halijan**  
BURCH, PORTER & JOHNSON, PLLC  
Memphis, Tennessee

9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

SEGMENT 1


## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Lead by table captains.


**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

Round table 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**




**Matt Boettcher**  
PLUNKETT COONEY  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan




**Robert Chapski**  
LEWIS THOMASON  
Nashville, Tennessee



**Matt Fisher**  
STAFFORD  
ROSENBAUM LLP  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



**Joseph Fortner**  
HALLORAN SAGE  
Hartford, Connecticut




**Kevin Holt**  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia



**Mark Hurst**  
STOLL KEENON  
OGDEN PLLC  
Louisville, Kentucky




**Bill Ireland**  
HAIGHT BROWN &  
BONESTEEL LLP  
Los Angeles, California




**Ross Maddalena**  
MERRICK, HOFSTEDT  
& LINDSEY, P.S.  
Seattle, Washington



**John Newcomer**  
MORRIS JAMES LLP  
Wilmington, Delaware



**Steven Schwartz**  
BROWN & JAMES, P.C.  
St. Louis, Missouri



**Stan Siegel**  
NILAN JOHNSON  
LEWIS PA  
Minneapolis, Minnesota


9:55 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**SEGMENT 2** **Protecting Attorney-Client Privilege When Wearing Your Business Advisor and Legal Advisor Hats**


In-house attorneys often find themselves in communications involving both legal and non-legal advice. Such hybrid/dual purpose communications are rife with pitfalls for in-house counsel and the companies that employ them. Courts appear often to be inclined to rule against protecting such communications. The panel will look at scenarios common to in-house counsel which pull in-house counsel communications into the gray area and beyond. Additionally, the panel will examine strategies to attempt to protect the gray areas and avoid getting pulled into the gray areas in the heat of day-to-day operations.



**John Osgathorpe**  
*Moderator*  
TAYLOR, DAY, GRIMM & BOYD  
Jacksonville, Florida



**Drew Hicks**  
*Senior Litigation Counsel*  
CINTAS  
Mason, Ohio



**Ashley Currin**  
*Assistant General Counsel*  
ASSA ABLOY ENTRANCE SYSTEMS, US INC.  
Salisbury, North Carolina



**Dan Peterson**  
COSGRAVE VERGEER KESTER LLP  
Portland, Oregon

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**SEGMENT 2** **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**SEGMENT 3** **We've Been Hacked! Choose Your Own Adventure Navigating a Data Breach**

This presentation will provide an interactive and (hopefully) fun chance for the audience to “Choose Your Own Adventure” as we collectively navigate a data breach and learn from the breaches of the past and the presenters’ own experiences. This presentation will touch on all aspects of data breaches and related cyber security issues of a cyber security event including effective policy drafting to avoid breaches in the first place (or to prevent repeating them), what to do in the immediate aftermath of discovering a breach, then moving on to managing the breach response and notification obligations and the many issues that arise from that and, finally, culminating in defending lawsuits arising from data breaches. The presenters will take you through the entire lifecycle of data breaches so that when you leave, you will have successfully (hopefully) handled the breach at issue and be ready for your next adventure!



**Cody Cooper**  
*Moderator*  
PHILLIPS MURRAH P.C.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



**Krystle Dalke**  
HINKLE LAW FIRM LLC  
Wichita, Kansas

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**SEGMENT 3** **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCH**

*Stein Eriksen Terrace*

1:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

See optional activities brochure for details.  
Prior registration is required.





7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**COCKTAILS & DINNER BUFFET**

Flagstaff Mountain Deck

After a fun day of activities, come together as a group for a cocktail hour and buffet dinner on the Flagstaff Mountain Deck. The views and company are not to be missed!

MOUNTAIN PEAKS  
& DELICIOUS GREATS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Wellness   
Worldwide Activity

Hotel Lobby

Start your day on the right foot with a morning group run starting at Stein Eriksen Lodge. Join fellow attendees for a refreshing jaunt through scenic trails surrounded by towering pines and crisp mountain air. All fitness levels are welcome!

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Stein Eriksen Terrace

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

Stein Eriksen Ballroom A & B

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**SEGMENT 4 Adapting in the Arena: Strategies for Confronting Jury Trial Twists**

Join us as we explore the unpredictable world of jury trials in this interactive presentation. We will discuss fundamental trial strategies as we face a series of decision-making prompts that mirror real-life courtroom scenarios. We will examine the nuances of jury selection and demographic considerations, ways to leverage diversity within your legal team to connect with jurors effectively and how to remain flexible and ready to adapt when presented with unexpected turns. As much as preparation is key to a successful trial, there are inevitable variables outside of our control that cause us to confront unintended forks in the road. In these circumstances, we must measure the risks and rewards of deviating from the script and choosing one path over another. Our presenters will share their perspectives on decision-making during trials and their experience with different outcomes.



**Carlos Vera**  
Moderator  
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.  
Crown Point, Indiana



**Justin McCarthy**  
General Counsel  
HOYA VISION CARE  
Plano, Texas



**Evan Bloch**  
Assistant General Counsel  
PPG INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**SEGMENT 4 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**BREAK**

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**ALFA International HQ Update**

This session will provide an overview of many new and some improved offerings available at ALFAI as well as resources and opportunities available to our clients.



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

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**SEGMENT 5 Judgments are Only Worth the Paper They're Printed on ...  
Until You Enforce Them**

Congratulations! You have a judgment ordering someone to pay you money. Now what? This session will explore how to lay the groundwork to put yourself in the best possible position to enforce your judgment. From creating enforcement plans to seizing assets, dealing with the bankruptcy or death of a debtor and forcing the sale of real estate, you will walk away from this session with countless tools to ensure that you leave no stone unturned in your quest for recovery.



**Amanda Loughmiller**  
Co-Moderator  
QUILLING, SELANDER, LOWNDS, WINSLETT & MOSER, P.C.  
Dallas, Texas



**Annette Mijanovic**  
Co-Moderator  
HAIGHT BROWN & BONESTEEL LLP  
Los Angeles, California



**Patrick Thesing**  
Director of Compliance and Litigation  
DAVIS & JONES, LLC  
Arlington, Texas



**Mark Dietz**  
Associate General Counsel  
DEUTSCHE POST DHL GROUP  
Plantation, Florida

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**SEGMENT 5 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**



11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**SEGMENT 6 | Am Not a Robot:  
The Ethical Use of AI in Litigation**

The panel will discuss the rise of AI applications for use in business litigation, and how to use those programs in conformity with a lawyer's responsibilities under the Rules of Professional Conduct. Topics addressed will include the Rules governing protection of confidential information, the supervision of subordinates, the duty of candor to the court, the obligation to be familiar with current technology and the prohibition against discrimination, all in the context of the use of artificial intelligence.

**Kandice Hull***Moderator*MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**Katie Bechina***Senior Counsel - Litigation*GARMIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Olathe, Kansas**John Lawler***Vice President and Assistant General Counsel*PENSKE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS  
Reading, Pennsylvania**Megan Stumph-Turner**BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE LLC  
Kansas City, Kansas

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**SEGMENT 6 | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Summary & Closing Remarks****SPEAKER BIOS**

**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.

**EVAN BLOCH** is Assistant General Counsel, Litigation at PPG Industries, Inc., a Fortune 200 company with 2023 revenue of \$18 billion. Evan is the head of litigation for the company and globally oversees a wide range of risk management functions for all of the company's business units. PPG manufactures and distributes a broad range of coatings and specialty materials. Founded in 1883 as Pittsburgh Plate Glass by Captain John B. Ford and John Pitcairn in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, today PPG is a global supplier of paints, coatings, and specialty materials. Through leadership in innovation, sustainability and color, PPG helps customers in industrial, transportation, aerospace, consumer products, and construction markets and aftermarkets to enhance more surfaces in more ways than does any other company. PPG maintains its global headquarters in Pittsburgh, operates in more than 70 countries around the world, and employs 53,000 people.

**CODY COOPER** is a director at the ALFA International Oklahoma City firm, Phillips Murrah PC. Cody is an experienced litigator and a licensed patent attorney who represents individuals and companies in a wide range of business litigation and intellectual property matters. His practice primarily concentrates on complex, commercial litigation in state and federal courts as well as intellectual property, including litigation and patent, trademark and copyright prosecution, and cybersecurity and privacy matters.

**ASHLEY CURRIN** is Assistant General Counsel for Assa Abloy Entrance Systems US Inc., headquartered in Monroe, North Carolina. Assa Abloy has operations in over 70 countries and is the leading manufacturer of automatic doors. Assa Abloy is also the largest provider of access essentials, such as mechanical and digital locks, cylinders, keys, tags, security doors, and automated entrances. Ashley handles a wide range of matters at Assa Abloy, which includes leading



and negotiating complex commercial transactions and all labor and employment matters, including management of workers' compensation claims and litigation, and leads commercial litigation for North America and Canada. Before joining Assa Abloy, Ashley was Associate General Counsel on the Financial Technical team, specializing in Payment Products. She also has extensive experience in product liability litigation and has directed litigation for Fortune 500 companies in multiple industry sectors (oil and gas, retail, grocery chain, and transportation technology). Ashley received her BA from North Carolina State University, where she graduated as the Valedictorian, and her JD from Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ashley lives in North Carolina with her husband and three sons, all named after her beloved alma mater, NC State!

**KRYSTLE DALKE** is an attorney at Hinkle Law Firm LLC, the ALFA International member firm in Wichita, Kansas. As a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM) and Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) focusing on United States privacy laws, Krystle helps clients tackle legal compliance issues and navigate the United States' sectoral approach to privacy while also balancing each client's business and operational needs. No two businesses are alike and Krystle appreciates the uniqueness each client brings to the equation. Krystle also performs data risk assessments and breach assessments and counsels clients faced with security events that require notice to impacted individuals. Krystle's ultimate goal for her clients is achieving a successful business model while also reaching and maintaining legal compliance.

**MARK W. DIETZ** is Associate General Counsel for the DP DHL group of companies in the US and will be celebrating his 20th year with DHL in March 2024. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fairfield University in Connecticut and his JD from Western New England College in Springfield Massachusetts. In his role as Associate GC, Mark's primary responsibilities include the management of all non-employment litigation across the US for 5 DHL business units. Mark was in private practice in Connecticut for 10 years before leaving for warmer weather and joining DHL in Florida. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and is also admitted in Florida as House Counsel. Mark is also currently serving on the ALFAI Transportation Practice Group Client Advisory Board.

**JOSEPH G. FORTNER, JR** is a member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group of the Hartford, Connecticut ALFA International law firm of Halloran Sage, as well as the chair of its intellectual property practice. He is a member of the ALFAI Board of Directors, a prior chair of the Business Litigation Practice Group, the 2025 International Client Seminar Program Chair, and is listed in the 2024 Best Lawyers

in America for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, and Trade Secrets Law. Joe is an experienced business litigator and trial lawyer in a wide range of business, intellectual property and related commercial matters in state and federal courts, ranging from trade secret claims, contract disputes, business fraud and other commercial torts, technology-related matters, trade regulation, unfair trade practices, employee termination and product-related commercial disputes. Joe represents clients in trademark and trade dress, copyright, patent, cyber defamation, domain name, licensing, and other intellectual property matters. 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 trademarks and trade dress, trade secrets, trademark dilution and e-commerce, including authoring the Connecticut portions of several ALFAI compendiums regarding trade secrets. Joe 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 guitar and mandolin skills and performs with his wife (also an attorney) in their vocal and guitar duo, "Blind Date."

**DOUG HALIJAN** is a member of Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC, the ALFA International member firm in Memphis, Tennessee, where he has practiced since 1994. His practice focuses on intellectual property matters and complex commercial litigation. He has served as lead counsel in trade secret and unfair competition cases involving a wide range of subject matter, including manufacturing processes, software, apparel, information technology, systems design and testing, and confidential business information. He also regularly litigates trademark and copyright infringement cases, and counsels clients on trademark selection, licensing and dealer/distributor issues. He has moderated U.S. Department of Commerce programs on U.S. intellectual property law in Ukraine and in the Republic of Georgia. He has also served since 2007 as an adjunct professor of Intellectual Property Law at the University of Memphis School of Law. In 2016, he was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to the Tennessee Rules Commission, and is presently chair of the subcommittee on the rules of civil procedure. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rhodes College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Articles Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Following law school, he clerked for Hon. Julia S. Gibbons, then-chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

**EDDY HAYES** is a partner from Leake & Andersson, L.L.P., the ALFA International member firm in New Orleans, Louisiana. He focuses on both litigation and international trade and business matters. Eddy represents clients in products liability, insurance, maritime, and

commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the Gulf South region. Eddy also has extensive experience handling MDL, class action and mass casualty cases. In addition to his litigation practice, Eddy 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 corporate and customs matters; import/export transactions; international sales of goods and services; and antidumping/countervailing duty proceedings before the Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission. Eddy also maintains an active international public policy and government relations practice, where he advises businesses and local governments on international trade policy economic development issues, including the business implications of free trade agreements.

**DREW HICKS** is Senior Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer for Cintas. In this role he is responsible for designing, implementing, and monitoring Cintas's processes to comply with all applicable laws and regulations across the United States. Prior to his current position, Drew served as Senior Litigation Counsel for Cintas which required providing advice and counsel on a broad array of legal issues, with a particular focus on helping to manage the company's litigation matters. Before going in-house, Drew was in private practice with ALFAI law firm Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati where he litigated on behalf of public and private companies for over 15 years.

**KANDICE K. HULL** of ALFA International's member firm, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is Chair of her firm's Litigation Group and leads their eminent domain practice. She is also a member of her firm's ALFAI Committee. Her practice involves the representation of corporate clients in business litigation, with a particular focus on real estate related litigation and appellate matters. She has represented businesses in cases involving contract disputes, eminent domain, quiet title, and other property rights claims. In addition to her work in the trial courts, she handles appellate litigation matters before the Pennsylvania State and Federal appellate courts. Kandice is Associate Firm Counsel for McNees, handling ethical and conflict issues. 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.

**JOHN LAWLER** is currently the Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at Penske Transportation Solutions, a Pennsylvania based multi-billion-dollar transportation company with approximately 500,000 vehicles on the road at nearly 1500 locations across the

United States and Canada. John is a graduate of Jay College of Criminal Justice and Villanova University School of Law. John joined Penske in 2007 after several years in a law firm practicing commercial litigation and has progressed through roles of Corporate Counsel, Senior Corporate Counsel, Associate General Counsel and now Vice President and Assistant General Counsel. At Penske, John is primarily responsible for large scale contract negotiations and drafting for all product lines and purchases and for managing commercial litigation and other legal disputes throughout the United States and Canada.

**AMANDA LOUGHMILLER** is an Equity Shareholder at Quilling Selander Lownds Winslett and Moser, P.C. the Dallas, Texas ALFA International firm, where her practice focuses on defending corporations, credit unions, financial institutions, debt collectors and consumer reporting agencies in consumer and commercial litigation. She is also a seasoned mediator resolving complex business litigation matters, relating to breach of contract, bankruptcy, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, and Telephone Consumer Protection Act. She earned her B.A. at Baylor University in 1997 and her J.D. from Texas Tech School of Law in 2000. She is admitted to practice law in all Texas state and federal courts, various federal courts across the country, as well as the 4th, 5th and 11th Court of Appeals. She is an active member of the ALFAI Business Litigation Practice Group Steering Committee and the Women's Initiative Steering Committee. Amanda also serves as the chairperson for Quilling's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and has presented to financial groups around the country on unconscious bias.

**JUSTIN MCCARTHY** is the General Counsel for Hoya Vision Care, a leading provider of high-quality spectacle and contact lenses, integrated systems, training, and services to eye care professionals. Justin has been with Hoya Vision Care since 2022. Prior to that, he spent 25 years in progressively responsible roles in the legal department of Dentsply International Inc. and Dentsply Sirona Inc., leading its legal department for his last 5 years with the company. Justin is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law and Franklin & Marshall College.

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