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2025 TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR

APRIL 30–MAY 2, 2025 | THE RESORT AT PELICAN HILL | NEWPORT COAST, CALIFORNIA

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WELCOME TO THE RESORT AT PELICAN HILL!

The Resort at Pelican Hill, perched on the picturesque Newport Coast of Southern California, is a luxurious retreat offering breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Known for its elegant Italian-inspired architecture, the resort boasts world-class amenities, including a 36-hole championship golf course, an expansive spa and exquisite dining options. The surrounding neighborhood is an affluent area featuring pristine beaches, upscale shopping at Fashion Island and charming local attractions like Crystal Cove State Park. Nature lovers can explore scenic hiking trails or enjoy tide pooling along the coastline. With its serene atmosphere and proximity to vibrant cultural and recreational opportunities, Pelican Hill is a destination that perfectly blends sophistication and relaxation. The Resort at Pelican Hill is a quick 10-mile drive from the John Wayne Airport-Orange County (SNA).

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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At the ALFA International 2025 Transportation Seminar, we are charged with being better problem-solvers, thought leaders and being transparent about our roadblocks. It's time to subscribe to the #ALFAIEFFECT – which means that as key stakeholders, we must realize that mitigating transportation risk is a team sport –no one can do it alone, no one company should bear the risk alone and so what can you offer? Please leave your privacy settings at home, we are here to be vulnerable and productive. During the seminar, you will be collaborating with excess insurers, opposing counsel, brokers, motor carriers and experts on ways that we can effectuate change and take control of the narrative. We want you to leave with your own personalized best practices. What is your #ALFAIEFFECT?

We look forward to you joining us from April 30-May 2, 2025, at the beautiful Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Coast, California for full days and nights of well-rounded educational sessions, networking with colleagues and many good times in a stunning environment. See you there!



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 Chair, Transportation Practice Group
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2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FACULTY REHEARSAL

Mar Vista Ballroom

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

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

Mar Vista Upper Patio

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Mar Vista Lounge

Open to members of the Transportation Client Advisory Board & Practice Group Leadership.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES: CLIENT ONLY SOCIAL

Mar Vista Terrace

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

Mar Vista Ballroom

All attending ALFA International attorneys are required to attend.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Positively Positano

WELCOME RECEPTION, BUFFET DINNER & REGISTRATION

Mar Vista Circle Drive and Lower Patio

Welcome to an unforgettable evening inspired by the vibrant charm of Positano, where the Amalfi Coast's beauty meets heartfelt hospitality. Tonight, let the spirit of "Positively Positano" embrace you with its joyful ambiance, delicious flavors and coastal elegance as you connect with old friends surrounded by the beauty of The Resort at Pelican Hill.

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Andrea Restaurant

Let the good times continue as you join your fellow attendees for a night cap and a light bite!

Hospitality Liaisons:



Sean McDonough
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP
Boston, Massachusetts



Clark Aspy
NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE, PLLC
Austin, Texas

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE EVENT

Bocce & Bubbles

Bocce Ball Court

Bocce ball is a classic and entertaining sport enjoyed by many. Join your fellow women attendees for some Bocce & Bubbles to kick off a few fun-filled days ahead!



Michelle Storm
Women's Initiative Liaison
MONACO COOPER LAMME & CARR, PLLC
Albany, New York

THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Mar Vista Lower Patio

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE BREAKFAST

Mar Vista Event Lawn

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

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Mar Vista Ballroom and La Cappella

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Introductory Remarks




Grace Garcia
Chair, ALFA International Board of Directors
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Chair, Transportation Practice Group
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Nashville, Tennessee



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Lesley Pflieger
Program Chair, 2025 Transportation Seminar
LEWIS WAGNER, LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana


8:15 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

State of the Union


Leaders from the ALFA International Transportation Client Advisory Board will provide a state of the union from their perspective related to case evaluations in a nuclear world and reporting to excess.



Lance Eberhart
Moderator
HALL & EVANS, LLC
Denver, Colorado



Bryan Currie
Assistant Vice President, Claims
NATIONAL INTERSTATE INSURANCE
Richfield, Ohio



Vallie Dugas
Vice President and General Counsel
MELTON TRUCK LINES, INC.
Tulsa, Oklahoma



8:35 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Up and Down the Ladder— Excess Outlook

Our excess tower panel will discuss how they determine whether to try or settle cases including their perceived key predictors in a nuclear world, as well as best practices for their insured motor carriers and defense counsel.



Larry Warren
Moderator
 NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE, PLLC
 San Antonio, Texas



April Arnold
Senior Director Claims & Litigation
 MOHAVE TRANSPORTATION
 INSURANCE COMPANY
 Phoenix, Arizona



Michael Cortese
SVP, Head of Casualty Claims
 WESTFIELD SPECIALTY
 Alpharetta, Georgia



Matt Spector
SVP, Primary and Excess Casualty Claims Leader
 CHUBB
 Jersey City, New Jersey



Rocky Coe
Director of Claims
 MCLANE COMPANY
 Temple, Texas



Stephanie Capobianco
Assistant Vice President, Casualty Claims
 BERKSHIRE HALTHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE
 New York, New York

9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Up and Down the Ladder— the International Viewpoint

How does the international market view U.S. risk? Several leaders from the ALFA International Transportation Client Advisory Board will engage in a thoughtful Q&A regarding best practices.



Philip Davidson
Moderator
 HINKLE LAW FIRM LLC
 Wichita, Kansas



Charles McDonagh
Class Underwriter
 AEGIS LONDON
 London, United Kingdom



Ryan Johnson
Assistant General Counsel
 HUB GROUP
 Oak Brook, Illinois



Chip Campbell
Director - Assistant General Counsel
 OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC.
 Thomasville, North Carolina

9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**BREAK****10:05 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Attendees will have the opportunity to select from two tracks. Within each track, attendees will hear two presentations and discuss the topic in small groups to establish key takeaways and best practices.

CHOOSE ONE TRACK TO FOLLOW FOR THE NEXT SET OF SESSIONS.

TRACK ONE

BROKER LIABILITY AND LEASING

10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

CURRENT STATE OF BROKER LIABILITY

Our speakers will address the latest updates in broker and shipper liability, including trends related to FAAAA preemption of state law claims.



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



Bruno Renda
 FOWLER WHITE BURNETT, P.A.
 Miami, Florida



Penny Sturdevant
Director of Claims
 STG LOGISTICS
 Indianapolis, Indiana

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. TABLE CAPTAINS REPORT BACK****10:55 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. BREAK****11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.**

IS YOUR AGREEMENT BULLET PROOF?

The recent emergence of naming “upstream” defendants in serious accident claims means that common brokerage and leasing contract terms are more important than ever. After all, most “upstream” defendants have no direct knowledge of the underlying accident at all. We will discuss best practices for insulating entities such as CMV lessors and freight brokers from both accident and cargo-related litigation that includes a list of “must-have” contractual terms.



David Chapman
Moderator
 LEWIS THOMASON
 Knoxville, Tennessee



Jill Gerdrum
 HALL & EVANS, LLC
 Missoula, MT



Monique Finkelstein
Claims Analyst
 SUPERVISOR CLAIMS
 RYDER SYSTEM, INC.
 Centennial, Colorado

11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. TABLE CAPTAINS REPORT BACK**

TRACK TWO

CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE DEPOSITIONS AND FOCUS GROUPS

10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

POWER OF FOCUS GROUPS

During this session, we will evaluate and strengthen your case by effectively utilizing focus groups to gain insights into jurors' attitudes, along with other proven methods for testing and refining your case strategy.



Meghan Lewallen
 Moderator
 FRANTZ WARD, LLP
 Cleveland, Ohio



Rob Foos
 LEWIS WAGNER, LLP
 Indianapolis, Indiana



Troy Robertson
 SVP Claims & General Counsel
 COVENANT
 Chattanooga, Tennessee

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. TABLE CAPTAINS REPORT BACK

10:55 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. BREAK

11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

IS MY 30(B)(6) DESIGNEE A SWORD OR A SHIELD? CAN THEY BE BOTH?

We have all prepared for and defended 30(B)(6) depositions, and we continue to learn about how important they are. But what happens when we read between the lines of the transcript, or use the designee's testimony in a proactive manner? This presentation seeks to explore how we can use 30(B)(6) testimony to posture the case how we want it postured, the issues and buzzwords that win or lose the day and becoming more organized with our designees.



Charlie Kraft
 Moderator
 BUTT THORNTON & BAEHR PC
 Albuquerque, New Mexico



Kellie Janke
 Director of Jury Consulting
 – West Coast
 MAGNA LEGAL SERVICES
 San Francisco, CA



Reginald J. Powell
 East Region Risk Manager
 UPS
 Chicago, Illinois

11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. TABLE CAPTAINS REPORT BACK

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFET

Mar Vista Lower Patio

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

GOLF

See optional activities brochure for details.

Prior registration is required.

1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

See optional activities brochure for details.

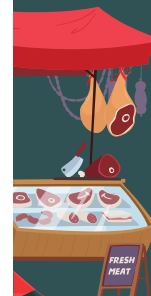
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7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Pacific Nights Street Festival

RECEPTION & DINNER

Via Bellagio



Take to the streets of Via Bellagio for a lively street festival, just outside the bungalows at The Resort at Pelican Hill! Along with your fellow attendees, enjoy an evening of networking, entertainment and various delicious dinner stations.

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Andrea Restaurant

The fun's not over yet! Join your fellow attendees for a night cap or a light bite before turning in for the evening.

Hospitality Liaisons:



Lance Eberhart
 HALL & EVANS, LLC
 Denver, Colorado



Mary Beth White
 LEWIS THOMASON
 Nashville, Tennessee



7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST BUFFET*Pacific Terrace*

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS*Mar Vista Ballroom, La Cappella, Various Outdoor Locations*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Insights from the Other Side

In an effort to break down the 4th wall, our panelists will engage with a reputable Plaintiff Attorney on insights from the plaintiff side on how we are doing as an industry.

**Jeff Levine**

Moderator
 MATHENY SEARS LINKERT & JAIME LLP
 Sacramento, California

**Kelly Lowrey**

Associate General Counsel
 C.R. ENGLAND
 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Gary Dordick**

Plaintiff Attorney
 DORDICK LAW CORP
 Los Angeles, California

**Nick Brauns**

HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK, LLP
 San Diego, California

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

BREAK

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ROUND 1

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS—ROUND 1

Attendees will have the opportunity to roundtable and openly discuss a specific hot topic with a focus on having an open dialogue amongst their respective tables in an effort to collaborate on best practices.

Please choose one roundtable topic from the list below.

TOPIC 1

WE HEARD FROM THE PLAINTIFF BAR—NOW WHAT?

This roundtable will discuss the feedback from the Plaintiff Q&A panel presentation from earlier in the day and discuss how to overcome the challenges raised.

**Jordan Mayfield**

Moderator
 NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE, PLLC
 Waco, Texas

**Curt Ruwe**

Vice President and General Counsel
 CRETE CARRIER CORPORATION
 Lincoln, Nebraska

**Heather Miranda**

Senior Vice President of Risk Management
 FIRST STUDENT
 Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Jay Skolaut**

HINKLE LAW FIRM LLC
 Wichita, Kansas

TOPIC 2

PRIMING THE PLAINTIFF AND PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL

This roundtable will discuss how to deal with difficult counsel during depositions, negotiations, or even pre-suit demands, and how to overcome those hurdles to get what you want!

**Melanie Cheairs**

Moderator
 MAYER LLP
 Houston, Texas

**Cheryl Ubick**

Senior Claims Manager
 TFI INTERNATIONAL
 Eagan, Minnesota

**Jamie Schilling**

MCU Claims Manager
 COTTINGHAM & BUTLER
 CLAIMS SERVICES
 Dubuque, Iowa

**Matt Selby**

FRANTZ WARD LLP
 Cleveland, Ohio

TOPIC 3

THE LATEST MIGRAINES IN LIFE CARE PLANNING—DOES YOUR HEAD HURT NOW TOO?

This presentation will cover some of the latest reoccurring migraine-inducing additions to life care plans, including medical funding, questionable injections (PRP, ablations etc.), lack of life expectancy adjustments, inflated anticipated charges and more.

**Sheila Kerwin**

Moderator
 NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS PA
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Matt McColgan**

GERMAN, GALLAGHER & MURTAGH, P.C.
 Philadelphia, Philadelphia

**John Schneider**

CEO and Principal
 AVALON HEALTH ECONOMICS
 Morristown, New Jersey



TOPIC 4 **DEALING WITH SHOT GUN DEMANDS AND A FULL BENCH OF EXPERTS**

This roundtable will discuss how to tackle receipt of last-minute demands, including all the surprises that tag along from newly disclosed experts to time sensitive plaintiff-imposed response deadlines.



Andy Douberly
Moderator
 DICKINSON & GIBBONS, P.A.
 Sarasota, Florida



Meghan Hvizdos
Vice President- Transportation Claims
 MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.
 Dallas, Texas



Alan Nolley
Senior Litigation Counsel
 FLYNN RESTAURANT GROUP
 San Francisco, California

TOPIC 5 **IS YOUR TRAILER EXPOSING YOU TO PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS?**

Products liability claims arising from trucking accidents are nothing new, but recent verdicts suggest a shift in how plaintiffs prove their cases against motor carriers. This session will discuss the recent nuclear verdicts against Wabash and Daimler and present strategies to protect your company from the same fate.



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



Jen Eubanks
Director, Legal Claims
 CANAL INSURANCE COMPANY
 Greenville, South Carolina

TOPIC 6 **WEB OF LIES: EXPOSING FRAUDULENT CLAIMS**

This roundtable will discuss a Blockbuster-like plot threaded around greed, fabricated truths, and a series of planned, unfortunate events. As a group, we will explore the trend of staged accidents and the litigation tactics that can be used when dealing with a fraudulent claim, as well as how to preserve evidence and secure dismissal of fraudulent claims. What have you seen?!



Misha Logan Johnson
Moderator
 LEAKE ANDERSSON
 New Orleans, Louisiana



Alissa Thomas
Liability Manager
 PEPSICO, INC.
 Purchase, New York

TOPIC 7 **WHEN AND HOW ARE YOU ASKING THE PLAINTIFF ABOUT MONEY?**

This roundtable will discuss methods for asking the Plaintiff for money during the various stages of your claim, and discuss how your audience [whether Judge, mediator or jury] perceived that information.



David Wilson
Moderator
 HAWKINS PARNELL & YOUNG, LLP
 Atlanta, Georgia



Maura Battersby
 PLUNKETT COONEY
 Bloomfield Hills, Michigan



Misti Ramirez
Chief Operating Officer/Co-Founder
 EMA RISK SERVICES
 Phoenix, Arizona

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

BREAK

10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

ROUND 2 **ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS—ROUND 2**

Please choose one roundtable topic from the list above.

10:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

BREAK

11:10 a.m. – 11:25 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

11:25 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Reflections from the Roundtables

This session will include featured key takeaways generated by your collaborative discussions during the hot topic roundtables, as presented by the hot topic moderators.

11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFET

Pacific Terrace

1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES & OPTIONAL DINNER

If you are staying over on Friday evening, please see the optional activities brochure for events taking place throughout the afternoon and evening.

Prior registration is required.



2025 TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR BIOS

APRIL ARNOLD is the Senior Director of Claims & Litigation for Mohave Transportation Insurance Company (AZ), which serves the claims and insurance needs of Knight-Swift Transportation and its affiliated motor carriers. April has 20+ years' experience in the transportation and insurance industry. Prior to joining Knight-Swift in July 2024, she was the Vice President of Risk Management at Daseke Inc., a flatbed and specialized carrier. April humbly serves the industry as President of Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) and advocates for fairness in claim settlements. April is married to Heath Arnold, Safety Director for ABF Freight. They reside in Arkansas with their beautiful fur-baby (blue heeler) and have a small cattle ranch.

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.

NICHOLAS BRAUNS is a transportation attorney with Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLP, the ALFA International member firm in San Diego, California. His practice focuses on assisting commercial carriers and their employees with catastrophic loss and regulatory compliance issues, including successfully defending their interests through trial. Nick's clients include commercial carriers with operations throughout the lower 48 states, as well as regional and local carriers based in Southern California. With three of his last four jury trials since 2018 being against practitioners of the "Trojan Horse" method, Nick is happy to share his first-hand experience identifying and defending against these new tactics by the plaintiff's bar.

CHIP CAMPBELL is Director – Assistant General Counsel of Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. ("OD"). OD is based in Thomasville, North Carolina. OD was started in 1934 by Earl Sr. and Lilian Congdon (husband and wife) with one truck and the steadfast commitment to keep their promises to customers. OD has since grown into the 2nd largest LTL carrier in the United States. OD's family of employees is 22,000+ with a fleet of 11,000+ tractors and over 260 service centers throughout the United States. Chip's primary roles at OD are working with the Liability Claims Department and the Workers Compensation Department. Prior to OD, Chip worked in private litigation practice for 13 years in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is most proud of his two teenage daughters and wonderful wife.

STEPHANIE CAOBIANCO is an Assistant Vice President, Casualty Claims, with Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance in New York, New York. Stephanie has nearly fifteen years of experience in the insurance industry, starting her career as an insurance defense attorney, transitioning into handling primary and excess casualty claims, and now leading a team in the same space. She is originally from Michigan where she was a graduate of Michigan State University, earning her B.A. in Political Science/Pre-Law and Wayne State University, where she earned her J.D.

MELANIE CHEAIRS is a partner with Mayer LLP, the ALFA International member firm in Houston, Texas. Melanie is an experienced trial lawyer, defending her clients in the Hospitality, Retail and Transportation industries

in both commercial and injury related catastrophic loss matters. Melanie was honored as the 2016 Recipient of ALFAI's Nathan Fishbach Attorney of the Year Award. Melanie was also the program chair of ALFAI's 2016 International Client Seminar and previously chaired ALFAI's Hospitality and Retail Practice Group. In addition, she also served as chair of ALFAI's Marketing Committee.

ROCKY COE is the Director of Claims Services Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of McLane Company Inc. He is responsible for leading and directing the overall claim operations and ensuring efficient and high-quality claim and claim litigation outcomes. He has 30 years of insurance claims experience, with 17 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 DRI, Trucking Industry Defense Association, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Claims Law Society, and the CPCU Society. He participated in client advisory boards for ALFA, ISO, and DRI. He is a graduate of Texas State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science.

MICHAEL CORTESE is Senior Vice President, Head of Casualty Claims, supporting Westfield Specialty Excess Claims businesses. Michael has over 35 years of insurance claims and leadership experience in both Excess and Primary Casualty claim handling. Most recently, was the Claims Litigation Technical Director for IAT Insurance Group as well as manager of Commercial Transportation. Prior to IAT, Michael spent 15 years handling and leading claims at AIG and XL Insurance. Michael earned his B.S. Degree in Kinesiology from University of Maryland.

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