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WELCOME BACK! We've missed you. We've missed the opportunity of getting to know each other better, have thought provoking in-person discussions and presentations, in-person networking and having fun together. Well hold on to your hat, we're back.

Our conference theme is identifying and dealing with the issues affecting the defense of transportation claims in light of the pandemic and going forward. Over the last two years we have seen many changes in the world, in the transportation industry and jury verdicts in transportation cases on the rise. What's driving this trend and why is it occurring now, when the world has been lauding trucking companies and drivers for the essential services they provide? Apparently, no good deed goes unpunished. Is juror trucking bias raging stronger than ever, or have juror's views concerning the value of money gone out of whack? During the next two days we will focus on these recent trends, we'll look to see what is coming ahead and we'll discuss defense strategies that may assist you moving forward.

We hope you appreciate the beauty of the resort and California. Please enjoy our optional activities and try something new and exciting, or do something you've done before and love. Interact and network with new friends and old and, most of all, have fun and embrace this opportunity. As we have been reminded during this pandemic, we should not take the great moments and things in life for granted. Welcome to the 2022 ALFA International Transportation Practice Group Seminar—we hope you find it enlightening and fun!



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ABOUT THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

Poised above coastal bluffs with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, Terranea (terraNAY-a) Resort debuted in June 2009 as the only luxury destination resort on the Los Angeles coast. The Mediterranean-inspired resort provides a sophisticated retreat for guests with a relaxed ambiance and panoramic seascape views. Terranea is located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, one of Southern California's most scenic and coveted coastlines overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. Guests will enjoy a tranquil escape in this natural haven, conveniently located 30 minutes from both Los Angeles International and Long Beach airports and just 30 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles.

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.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FACULTY REHEARSAL

Crystal Cove

2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

Lobby Bar West Terrace

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Santa Barbara Boardroom

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES:
CLIENT ONLY SOCIAL**

Point Terrace & Lawn

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**

Palos Verdes 7-8

All attending ALFA International attorneys are required to attend.



4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Women's Initiative Event
Cove Terrace

The Women's Initiative Practice group invites you to join your fellow women attendees for a glass of wine, lively discussion and a chance to reconnect before the seminar officially begins.



Katie Strawbridge
Women's Initiative Liaison
LEWIS WAGNER, LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana



6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
The California Coast Is Calling
WELCOME RECEPTION, BUFFET DINNER & REGISTRATION
Palos Verdes Terrace

Let the views of the Pacific Ocean and sounds of live music help you relax into the Southern California mindset tonight during the cocktail reception and dinner on the Palos Verdes Terrace. While taking in the beautiful scenery, enjoy catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances.

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Hospitality lounge
Channel Islands Suite

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**ATTENDEE BREAKFAST
BUFFET**

Palos Verdes Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Palos Verdes Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Palos Verdes Ballroom 4

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**Introductory
Remarks**



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Jessica Zaroski Bauer
Chief Executive Officer
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Chicago, Illinois

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Beware the Trojan Horse: Latest Tactics
from the Plaintiff's Bar**

The "Trojan Horse" is the latest trial-tactic by the plaintiffs' bar designed to maximize damages at trial. It is premised on one thing: emotional congruence. "The best part," according to the Trojan Horse literature, is that "the defense never sees it coming!" This panel will discuss how to recognize and combat Trojan Horse tactics, and to avoid an "emotionally congruent" jury sending a message you won't soon forget.



Nicholas Brauns
Moderator
HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK, LLP
San Diego, California



Mehdi Arradizadeh
Vice President of Risk & Safety
ANDERSON TRUCKING SERVICES
St. Cloud, Minnesota



Eugene Lee
Counsel
UBER
San Francisco, California



Jeffrey Levine
MATHENY SEARS
LINKERT & JAIME LLP
Sacramento, California

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

BREAK

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Make Or Break Your Case From The Hot Seat: Insight From The Deponent's Perspective

There is only one chance to make a first impression. Although your corporate representative may answer hundreds of questions properly, it only takes a few misstatements to derail your defense and dramatically increase the value of the case. This panel of trial lawyers and hot seat survivors will discuss the corporate representative deposition from the perspective of the safety/company representative. What do they really need from counsel to be fully prepared? What best practices help the deponent cast the company in the best light? Do the old school methods of "yes, no, it depends" really work in today's culture where so much more is expected of corporations and trucking companies? Has the pandemic and the past two years changed how the corporate representative can answer certain questions? Have the past two years altered our approach to the corporate representative's deposition?



Mary Beth White
 Moderator
 LEWIS THOMASON
 Nashville, Tennessee



Pam Bracher
 Executive Claims Leader
 KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION
 Chattanooga, Tennessee



Sam Faucette
 Retired VP of Safety and Compliance
 of Old Dominion Freight Line
 Thomasville, North Carolina



Darryl Vereen
 MOUNCE, GREEN, MYERS, SAFI,
 PAXSON & GALATZAN, PC
 El Paso, Texas

10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

BREAK

10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Managing The Stealth TBI Claim

Mental injuries are a fertile area for enhanced damage claims by plaintiffs. The trend in non-catastrophic cases, with few or no symptoms, is for plaintiffs' counsel to abandon medicine and science in favor of lay evidence to support otherwise undetectable mental injuries beyond general emotional distress connected with an accident. Memory loss, inability to work or function and personality changes are among these types of claims. This panel will discuss what these trends are, what plaintiffs' tactics are and what strategies the defense must consider to counter this rising wave.



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



Jennifer Eubanks
 Director of Claims
 CANAL INSURANCE
 Greenville, South Carolina



Jim Jarrow
 BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE L.L.C.
 Kansas City, Missouri

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Social Inflation's Effect On Jury Verdicts, Plaintiff's Bars Efforts And Strategies For Combating It And Court Reform

Has anyone noticed an increase in the number of run-away jury verdict awards over the last few years? This panel will discuss causes of this phenomenon, whether it's driven by the plaintiff's bar and what can transportation companies and attorneys do to combat it. The panel will also examine the status of court reform in the United States and whether reform and caps are the only way to avoid inflated verdicts.



Antwan Phillips
 Moderator
 WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP
 Little Rock, Arkansas



Rocky Coe
 Director of Claims
 MCLANE COMPANY
 Temple, Texas



Katie Strawbridge
 LEWIS WAGNER, LLP
 Indianapolis, Indiana

12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

ALFA International Headquarters Update



Jessica Zaroski Bauer
 Chief Executive Officer
 ALFA INTERNATIONAL
 Chicago, Illinois

12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH

Palos Verdes Terrace

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(See Optional Activities Brochure)

Advanced registration is required.



7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Poolside Fiesta

COCKTAIL RECEPTION
 & BUFFET DINNER

Family Pool

The sun will set but the party continues in paradise! Join your fellow attendees for cocktails and dinner at this poolside fiesta as we honor Cinco de Mayo.

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Hospitality Lounge

Channel Islands Suite

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Palos Verdes Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Palos Verdes Terrace

8:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Palos Verdes Ballroom 4

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Recent Trends During The Pandemic & Other Hot Topics

The pandemic has changed life as we knew it as well as the transportation industry and defending transportation related claims and lawsuits. This panel will examine recent issues and topics affecting transportation claims and the industry, as well those coming on the horizon.



David Ortega
Moderator
NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE, PLLC
San Antonio, Texas



Shelly Reynolds
Litigation Adjuster
CRETE CARRIER CORPORATION
Lincoln, Nebraska



Carole Ridgeway
Senior Claims Manager
MAVERICK TRANSPORTATION LLC
Little Rock, Arkansas



Michael Sullivan
GIBSON, MCASKILL & CROSBY, LLP
Buffalo, New York

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

BREAK

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 1

SESSION 1 Broker Liability Update – The Struggle Continues

In this session, we will discuss current proposed, rejected and enacted legislation regarding transportation brokers, including carrier vetting by brokers. We will continue the discussion of the status of attempts to expand the scope of bodily injury claims through 49 USC 14916, and we will discuss recent court decisions, good and bad, impacting brokers in bodily injury cases.



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



Krizia Landivar
NAMAN HOWELL SMITH & LEE, PLLC
San Antonio, Texas



Darren Mulford
Senior Director of Litigation
J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC.
Lowell, Arkansas

SESSION 2 Nuclear Verdicts: What The \$#!& Is Going On?

The emergence of the nuclear verdict is currently the hottest topic of discussion in civil litigation for both the plaintiff and defense bars. There are several factors to blame, including: 1) juror psychosocial factors, 2) growing litigation funding for plaintiff attorneys, 3) slow development of young defense attorneys, 4) political influences, 5) growth of Reptile tactics, 6) distrust of corporations, and 7) generational factors. This program will outline the influence of these factors on nuclear verdicts, provide practical solutions to avoid nuclear fallout for defendants, and will cover the impact of COVID-19, politics, and social injustice/unrest on juries.



Peter Dubrawski
Moderator
HAIGHT BROWN & BONESTEEL LLP
Los Angeles, California



Bill Kanasky
Senior Vice President of Litigation Psychology
COURTROOM SCIENCES, INC.
Orlando, Florida

SESSION 3 Preventability Determination And Inadmissibility

Let's give preventability determinations a complete makeover. Learn how preventability determinations can benefit motor carriers in civil litigation. We'll cover where the preventability determination originated, what it means, why it's important, and tips and tricks you'll want to know before your next 30(b)(6) deposition.



Rob Foos
Moderator
LEWIS WAGNER, LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana



Jane Stahl
General Counsel
SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP, INC.
Dalton, Georgia



Vallie Dugas
Associate General Counsel
MELTON TRUCK LINES, INC.
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Sheila Kerwin
NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS PA
Minneapolis, Minnesota

SESSION 4 Reptile Revised: Best Responses To Scaly Trick Questions

In this session, veterans of many trucking cases will assemble and comment on the best and the worst responses to the typical reptile questions posed by plaintiffs' attorneys. This compilation will be a useful tool for all, as we review the dos and don'ts in preparation of our witnesses for these inevitable questions.



Joe Farris
Moderator
FRANDEN | FARRIS | QUILLIN |
GOODNIGHT + ROBERTS
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Michael Dargel
General Counsel
MELTON TRUCK LINES, INC.
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Brittney Krause
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CRETE CARRIER CORPORATION
Lincoln, Nebraska



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

10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 2*Repeat Group 1 Sessions*

11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

There's a New Sheriff In Town: A Novel Approach to Settling Catastrophic Cases Early

For years, commercial transportation claims have taken a predictable route from cradle to grave. But, in recent years, several companies and carriers have learned something very important; that is, these types of cases seldom get better with age. Hence, they have started to look for exit ramps in cases much more quickly than ever before. One carrier will discuss its strategy to implement a national settlement counsel program. Another will talk about the company's very proactive approach toward resolution of difficult matters. An experienced panel of industry leaders will talk about strategies to identify exit ramps at each stage of the litigation process. This entertaining and interactive session will give the attendees solid tools to use in their exploration of exit ramps for their most difficult claim.



John Tarpley
 Moderator
 LEWIS THOMASON
 Nashville, Tennessee



Leslie Leazer
 Vice President of Claims & Litigation
 KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION
 Phoenix, Arizona



Trevor Uffelman
 General Counsel and Chief Claims Officer
 ATTIC RRG
 Missoula, Montana



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

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH*Palos Verdes Terrace*

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**GOLF CASUAL PLAY AT
 LOS VERDES GOLF COURSE**
(See Optional Activities Brochure)

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Afternoon Pool Party

(See Optional Activities Brochure)

Advance registration is required.

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Onsite Farewell Cocktails & Dinner

(See Optional Activities Brochure)

Advance registration is required.

FACULTY BIOS

MEHDI ARRADIZADEH is the Vice President of Safety and Risk Management at Anderson Trucking Service, Inc., a national motor carrier based in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mr. Arradizadeh oversees all claims, mediations, arbitrations, and trials at ATS, and carefully monitors the litigation techniques and trends he observes nationwide. He is also responsible for implementing and monitoring the safety and compliance programs on the operations side of ATS, and is therefore keenly aware of the needs of both the "claims" and "operations" side of a motor carrier. Having handled safety, claims and risk management in the trucking industry since 1994 for several major carriers, Mr. Arradizadeh has seen it all when it comes to litigation tactics.

CLARK ASPY is a member of ALFA International member firm Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC, in Austin, Texas. He is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, and has frequently been recognized by the Texas Lawyer publication as a "Super Lawyer." He devotes a substantial portion of his practice to transportation and products litigation defense and writes and frequently speaks on related topics. He obtained his B.B.A. from Baylor University in 1981 and his J.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1984.

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.

PAMELA BRACHER is part of a new team within the Knight-Swift claims structure, dedicated to working with high-level claims examiners (both in-house and with a TPA) and paralegals addressing catastrophic and other complex matters across the country. After law school, Pam practiced in Chattanooga, focusing her practice on railway transportation, commercial, and products liability litigation, and has tried cases in state and federal courts. After almost a decade in private practice, in 2006, Pam moved into an in-house legal role with a commercial motor carrier self-handling its transportation claims. Since then, within her 16 years in the transportation industry, Pam has held various leadership positions, overseen and defended truck accident and cargo claims, and worked closely with outside defense counsel to represent the trucking company, and its affiliate companies, at various stages of truck accident pre-litigation and litigation. In September 2021, Pam moved into this role in the transportation risk management sector supporting the Knight-Swift family of companies.

NICHOLAS BRAUNS is a transportation attorney with the ALFA International member firm, Higgs, Fletcher & Mack in San Diego, California, which he joined after graduating from the Washington & Lee School of Law. His practice focuses on assisting commercial carriers and their employees with catastrophic loss and regulatory compliance issues, including successfully defending their interests through trial. Mr. Brauns' 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, Mr. Brauns is happy to share his first-hand experience identifying and defending against these new tactics by the Plaintiff's bar.

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. He enjoys spending time with family, the outdoors, and coaching youth sports.

PETER A. DUBRAWSKI is a partner at the Los Angeles, California ALFA International law firm of Haight, Brown & Bonesteel LLP. His practice is concentrated in transportation, security, product liability, general negligence, and construction matters. He has tried numerous cases regarding significant transportation matters, cargo claims and complex, multi-vehicle accidents. Mr. Dubrawski has been an active member of ALFA International since 1991 and is a member of the Transportation and Products Liability Practice Groups. He is a graduate of UCLA and Southwestern University School of Law.

VALLIE DUGAS attended Loyola University School of Law and the University of Arizona Law School before becoming licensed to practice in 1997. She began her career as a lawyer defending maritime lawsuits. Later, Vallie worked at a respected Plaintiff firm where she prosecuted catastrophic, multijurisdictional suits until leaving to start a family. When she returned to work, Vallie began working as the Claims Manager for an insurance holdings company who owned several insurers nationally. In that capacity, she managed claims personnel and monitored claims to minimize exposure, assisted in the preparation of trial and resolution strategies both pre-suit and in litigated claims, and managed panel counsel. Vallie's past work experience complimented Leake & Andersson's transportation team and she joined the firm in 2014. During her tenure, she litigated claims for trucking transportation and logistics companies. Following a career in private practice, Vallie joined the ranks of in-house counsel with Melton Truck Lines, Inc., a flatbed trucking company that operates in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Vallie manages the litigation department and is Director of Safety. She is licensed in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma.

ALAN EASTERLY is a Managing Member of the ALFA International law member firm Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC. He practices out of its Chattanooga, Tennessee, office. His practice focuses on transportation, products liability, complex/mass torts, insurance, premises liability, auto liability, construction, and related matters. Mr. Easterly is a Martindale Hubbell AV-rated attorney, and is recognized by "The Best Lawyers in America" in the areas of Transportation Law, Products Liability Law – Defendants, Insurance Law, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants. He was named by Best Lawyers as the "Lawyer of the Year" in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in Transportation Law for 2020, and in Insurance Law for 2021. He is a Rule 31 Listed Mediator in the State of Tennessee, and active in the ALFA International Transportation, Hospitality and Retail, and Products Liability and Complex Torts Practice Groups. He received his BA from the University of Tennessee in 1985, and his J.D. from the University of Memphis in 1988.

JENNIFER D. EUBANKS is Director of Claims Legal at Canal Insurance Company, in Greenville, South Carolina. She assists the Claims organization with litigation management, litigation strategy, coverage issues and coverage training. She also manages appeals and coverage litigation involving Canal Insurance Company, including extra-contractual litigation, and is involved in Canal's

insurance product development. Prior to joining Canal, she was in private practice for 20 years, handling exclusively coverage matters, including extra-contractual litigation.

JOSEPH FARRIS is the Managing Partner of and has been a member of the ALFA International member firm Franden | Farris | Quillin | Goodnight + Roberts in Tulsa, Oklahoma, since 1976. He has extensive trial experience handling litigation matters covering a wide range of disputes. His primary focus has been in the areas of professional liability defense, over-the-road-trucking, bad faith and complex business litigation. He also has substantial experience in litigation involving construction contract disputes, products liability, family law, environmental, and employment law matters. Joe received his A.B. Degree in 1969 in History from the University of Missouri and his Juris Doctor degree with honors in 1976 from the University Of Tulsa College Of Law, where he served as Managing Editor of the Tulsa Law Journal. Joe is a Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and is a member of the Tulsa County, Oklahoma and American Bar Associations, a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys. He is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, all of the Federal Districts of Oklahoma; the 9th, 10th and the D.C. Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the United States Supreme Court. Joe has been recognized by Superlawyers as one of the "Top Ten" lawyers in Oklahoma for 2012–2021. Joe also served in the United States Army in Germany from 1969 through 1973 as a First Lieutenant, Military Intelligence.

SAM FAUCETTE has 43 years in the trucking industry with driver, training and safety management experience. Retired from Old Dominion Freight Line after 19 years, the most recent of those were 9 years as VP of Safety and Compliance responsible for the overall FMCSA, OSHA and safety policies and procedures for the 22,000 employee enterprise. His designation as the corporate representative 30(b)6, has allowed him to provide testimony in more than 60 depositions. He has held board positions with ATA executive committee, Board of Directors and chairman of the 2018 National Truck Driving Championships. Faucette was honored as the ATA National Safety Director of the Year in 2018 and received the ATA Leadership Award in 2020. He currently serves as the interim President of the North Carolina Trucking Association.

ROB FOOS is an equity partner at the ALFA International member firm in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lewis Wagner, LLP, where he focuses his practice on the representation of commercial carriers and commercial drivers in catastrophic injury, wrongful death and general litigation matters. Rob represents several national carriers and a host of local, inter and intrastate transportation companies. A frequent speaker at national seminars, Rob also works closely with clients, insurers and reinsurers to provide case law updates and presentations on the latest tactics in defending trucking related claims. Rob is licensed to practice in both Indiana and Illinois, has tried numerous cases in both venues, and has been inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates. A graduate of The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois, Rob has been involved in the defense of transportation companies and their insurers for

more than 16 years. Rob is an active member of ALFA International Transportation Practice Group's Steering Committee and Chair of the Transportation Group's Publications Committee. Rob is also an active member of TIDA, the Indiana Motor Truck Association, DRI, ABA and ALFA International.

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DR. BILL KANASKY, JR. is Senior Vice President of Litigation Psychology for Courtroom Sciences, Inc. and a nationally recognized expert, author, and speaker in the areas of advanced witness training and jury psychology in civil litigation. He consults on more than 200 cases annually in the areas of defendant witness training, jury decision-making research, and jury selection strategy. His empirically based consulting methods are specially designed to defeat plaintiff "Reptile" strategies, which have resulted in billions of dollars of damage awards across the nation. He earned his B.A. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his Ph.D. in Clinical and Health Psychology from the University of Florida.

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