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“TEAMWORK FOR TOMORROW: LEGAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS”

The landscape of the lawyer-client relationship is changing. By virtue of in-house legal department consolidation, budget constraints and the need for outside counsel to understand and work seamlessly toward client objectives which have sometimes collided with traditional law firm approaches to furnishing legal services, a new paradigm is emerging. A paradigm where outside counsel must shift the manner in which it delivers and charges for the provision of legal services. This new paradigm will affect many of the transactional and litigation projects assigned to outside counsel.

ALFA International is proud to present its eighth Retail-Real Estate Practice Group Seminar, Teamwork for Tomorrow: Legal Strategies for Success. At this seminar, representatives from business and industry and their legal partners will explore the challenging issues in real estate and recent trends which are currently enhancing risk, as well as address the most recent discussion topics, whether in the “C-Suite,” the General Counsel’s office, or the leadership of a law firm.

ALL ABOUT PALM BEACH:

Once a nearly uninhabitable swampland, Palm Beach became a tourist destination at the turn of the 20th century under the influence of Henry Morrison Flagler, an oil and railroad tycoon. Flagler built several resorts on the island of Palm Beach, and expanded his railroad system to connect the area to the rest of the country, making Palm Beach “America’s First Resort Destination.” Today, The Ritz-Carlton offers guests a picturesque playground where sun-seekers, polo fans, watersport enthusiasts, shoppers and those just wanting to relax, can gather to indulge in the beauty of Palm Beach. The resort offers 7 acres of lush tropical gardens, an exclusive beach on the Atlantic Coast, 2 outdoor pools, and provides plush accommodations and exceptional customer service that will make your experience truly memorable. It is located just 8 miles south of Palm Beach International Airport (PBI). Ground transportation is available at the airport in the form of taxi, private sedan, or shuttle bus.
Wednesday, June 6, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
WOMEN’S INITIATIVE COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Ocean 2

Women attendees are invited to arrive in Palm Beach a bit early in order to make connections with their female counterparts at this special pre-conference cocktail reception.

Julie M. Kennedy
Women’s Initiative Practice Group Liaison
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

6:35 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET
Courtyard Pool

Welcome to Palm Beach! We hope your travel arrangements will allow you to arrive in time to enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner buffet with your fellow program attendees.

Thursday, June 7, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST
Salon 3

This expanded breakfast offers all attendees the chance to arrive early and enjoy a greater networking opportunity.

8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
GENERAL SESSION
Salons 1 & 2

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS

Michael J. Murphy
Chair, ALFA International Board of Directors
CARTER, CONBOY, CASE, BLACKMORE, MALONEY & LAIRD, P.C.
Albany, New York

Julie M. Kennedy
Chair, ALFA International Retail-Real Estate Practice Group
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
BREAK

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
CORPORATE COMPLIANCE, INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND THE EXPLOSION OF QUI-TAM

This panel will explore the opportunities and challenges presented to a company faced with an employee-whistleblower making allegations of misconduct by other employees or management that could expose the company to criminal and civil liability. We will analyze the pros and cons of initiating an internal corporate investigation, the ways in which such an investigation should be conducted, who should conduct the investigation, potential ethical issues involved in conducting such an investigation, whether and how to prepare a final investigative written report for the company’s management and board, and what to do with a written report if one is prepared. The panel will pay particular attention to issues relating to media publicity, government investigations if the whistleblower chooses to disclose information to the government, legal representation of company personnel during the course of the internal and government investigations, and how to handle potential qui-tam actions by the whistleblower and government if the company is involved in a business receiving government funds.

Moderator:
Hervé Gouraige
SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS P.C.
Newark, New Jersey

Bart M. Schwartz
Chairman
GUIDEPOST SOLUTIONS LLC
New York, New York

Patrick J. Gnazzo
Principal
BETTER BUSINESS PRACTICES LLC
McLean, Virginia

Richard Hayes
Assistant United States Attorney
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
New York, New York

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
BREAK
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

STRING OF PEARLS
In this fast-paced session, the panelists will briefly and succinctly highlight recent trends in the economy, and developments in case law, as well as provide the application and effect of fresh decisions.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA
Hoyt S. Neal
RENAUD COOK DRURY
MESAROS, PA
Phoenix, Arizona

SOCIAL MEDIA
(Inadvertent Release of Sensitive or Confidential Information)
James Jarrow
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN
& RICE, LLC
Kansas City, Missouri

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT: EMPLOYERS FACE A NEW REALITY IN DEALING WITH THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER
Sean J. Milano
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

CIVIL LIABILITY
(Unexpected Risks of Internet Marketing)
C. Michael Ellingburg
DANIEL COKER HORTON & BELL
Jackson, Mississippi

UPDATE ON FEDERAL REGULATIONS AFFECTING RETAILERS
Sean W. Martin
LEITNER, WILLIAMS, DOOLEY & NAPOLITAN, PLLC
Chattanooga, Tennessee

PITFALLS AND PLANNING FOR THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF LOAN WORKOUTS ANDRestructuring
Vicki L. Berman
DEAN, MEAD, EGERTON
BLOODWORTH, ET AL.
Orlando, Florida

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Salon 3
Following the String of Pearls, all attendees will be placed at roundtables to discuss various aspects of the String of Pearls and Corporate Compliance/Internal Investigations panels. A representative from each table will be selected to give a brief synopsis of the discussion points and proffered comments and/or solutions.

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH BUFFET
Salon 3

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ONLY SEMINAR
The Plaza Ballroom
This in-house counsel only seminar will allow in-house counsel to privately discuss topics of particular interest to them and their practice management including AFA's and enhancing relationships with outside counsel. The seminar will be lead by two in-house counsel who will raise issues from the co-panelists as well as all attendees, and seek to find best practice solutions.

Co-Moderators:
Sheryl Garland
Associate General Counsel
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP
Indianapolis, Indiana

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
CONCURRENT ALFA ONLY SEMINAR
Salons 1 & 2
This ALFA attendee only session will focus on practice group leadership and business development suggestions and initiatives, as well as other related topics of interest.

Co-Moderators:
Julie Kennedy
Chair, ALFA International Retail-Real Estate Practice Group
JOHNSON AND BELL
Chicago, Illinois

Jeffrey H. Newman
Program Chair, ALFA International Retail-Real Estate Practice Group
SILLS CUMMINS & GROSS P.C.
Newark, New Jersey

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
BREAK
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

REPORT OF IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: DE-BRIEFING SESSION
At this session, in-house counsel will report to the group at large and share the issues raised and various solutions offered.

Co-Moderators:
Sheryl Garland
Vice President, Senior Counsel
NORDSTROM, INC.
Seattle, Washington

Mark A. Payne
Associate General Counsel
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP
Indianapolis, Indiana

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON BREAK
Courtyard Pool Lawn
Join your colleagues for drinks and conversation sponsored by ALFA at a specially designated area poolside, or relax on your own and enjoy the hotel amenities and the South Florida late spring weather.

5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET
Resort Pool
After a day spent exploring the challenging issues and recent trends in retail-real estate it’s time to unwind with a relaxing dinner by the pool and chat with your fellow program attendees while enjoying the warmth of Palm Beach.

Friday, June 8, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST & ROUNDTABLES
Salon 3
A grouping of tables will be specially designated to allow attendees to participate in a discussion of their choice. Each table will be led by an ALFA attorney and/or client advisory board member. Topics will include an expansion of those presented during the String of Pearls and Corporate Compliance/Internal Investigations sessions as well as those specifically chosen by attendees. This format will allow attendees to spend “one-on-one” time with each other and with client advisory board members.

8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

PART I: AFA’S AND THE NEW LEGAL PARADIGM

Introduced by:
David McDowell
RENAUD COOK DRURY
MESAROS, PA
Phoenix, Arizona

Moderator:
Pamela H. Woldow
General Counsel
EDGE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In-House Panelist:
Mark A. Payne
Associate General Counsel
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP
Indianapolis, Indiana

In-House Panelist:
Kerry Braxton
Senior Counsel and Risk Manager
FEDEX OFFICE
Dallas, Texas

9:10 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

BREAK

9:25 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PART II: HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Introduced by:
Ryan Winter
HALL & EVANS LLC
Denver, Colorado

Moderator:
Pamela H. Woldow
General Counsel
EDGE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In-House Panelist:
Jerry M. Cyncynatus
Associate General Counsel,
Real Estate Leasing
DDR CORP.
Beachwood, Ohio

In-House Panelist:
Margaret McCulla
Corporate Counsel
COSTCO WHOLESALE
Sterling, Virginia
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
BREAK

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
PART III: LEGAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Introduced By:
Jill D. Laney
COSGRAVE VERGEER KESTER LLP
Portland, Oregon

Moderator:
Pamela H. Woldow
General Counsel
EDGE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In-House Panelist:
Jack Miller
General Counsel
ZARA
New York, New York

In-House Panelist:
C.J. Childers
Senior Corporate Litigation Counsel
FAMILY DOLLAR STORES, INC.
Charlotte, North Carolina

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
END OF BLOCKBUSTER SESSION

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
CLOSING REMARKS

Jeffrey H. Newman
Program Chair, ALFA International Retail-Real Estate Practice Group
SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS P.C.
Newark, New Jersey

11:30 a.m.
LIGHT LUNCH AND TASTY GOODIES FOR THE TRIP HOME

An opportunity to enjoy a light lunch, take some treats for the trip home and say “goodbye” to your friends and colleagues.

6:00 p.m.
FAREWELL DINNER

If you are planning to extend your stay over the weekend for a personal vacation, we invite you to join your ALFA colleagues for a casual, buffet dinner at the Ritz’s on-premises restaurant, Temple Orange. Take this time to share your thoughts and experiences with your colleagues, or simply enjoy a cocktail and some great food. This activity is optional, therefore please RSVP in advance.

WHAT IS ALFA INTERNATIONAL?

ALFA International is a network of independent law firms. ALFA International’s membership is comprised of 145 law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 60 non-U.S. based firms) employing over 9,000 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Africa, Latin America, South America, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International’s basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.
SPEAKER BIOS

VICKI L. BERMAN has been practicing with ALFA firm Dean Mead for more than 26 years. During that time, she has represented buyers and sellers, landlords and tenants, borrowers and lenders, investors and developers in a wide variety of commercial and residential real estate transactions. She has principal responsibility for one of the firm’s largest clients, a REIT, which is currently the largest office landlord in Orlando. In addition to office leasing, Ms. Berman has significant experience in retail leasing. She is also on the team which represents the firm’s largest client, a major Florida landowner, and has handled several significant transactions for the purchase and sale of real estate, including several 1031 transactions.

KERRY E. BRAXTON is Senior Counsel and Risk Manager for FedEx Office, whose corporate offices are located in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Braxton’s responsibilities at FedEx Office include the management and supervision of insurance procurement, claims management, insurance defense litigation and OSHA compliance, both domestic and international. Mr. Braxton retains and works directly with defense counsel, insurance brokers, third-party administrators and safety consultants.

C.J. CHILDERS was born in Virginia and raised in the resort town of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. He attended Bridgewater College obtaining a degree in business administration. He then obtained his J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1999 and has been licensed in North Carolina since that time. In 2000, he was also admitted to practice in South Carolina. Mr. Childers began practicing in Charlotte, North Carolina with a regional defense firm that focused primarily on general liability, workers’ compensation and medical malpractice litigation. Mr. Childers accepted a position with Family Dollar Stores, Inc. in 2006 as Litigation Counsel in charge of the company’s general liability litigation. In 2008, he stepped into the role of Senior Litigation Counsel and took on the additional responsibilities of managing the company’s commercial and real estate litigation.

JERRY M. CYNCPNATUS is Associate General Counsel-Real Estate Leasing for DDR Corp. (formerly known as Developers Diversified Realty Corporation), a publicly traded real estate investment trust based in Beachwood, Ohio. DDR owns and operates more than 500 retail shopping centers situated in 41 states, Puerto Rico and Brazil totaling approximately 126 million square feet of retail space. Mr. Cyncynatus joined DDR in 1985 as a staff attorney. His current responsibilities include the supervision of all leasing and lease administration operations for DDR’s Legal Department which has generated an average of approximately 750 new leases and 1,100 renewals/extension totaling approximately 11.25 million square feet of retail space in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Cyncynatus’ practice group also handles outparcel transactions for DDR. Mr. Cyncynatus earned his B.A degree from The Ohio State University and his J.D. from The University of Toledo. He is a member of the Cleveland and Ohio State Bar Associations. Mr. Cyncynatus is currently a member of the Program Committee for the ICSC National Law Conference and the past Chair and current member of the Program Committee for the ICSC Regional Law Conference for Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

C. MICHAEL ELLINGBURG has practiced law with the ALFA firm of Daniel Coker Horton & Bell since 1976. He is Chair of Daniel Coker’s Commercial/Business Litigation and Appellate Practice Groups. Mike holds a Martindale AV Preeminent rating of 5.0/5.0, and is listed in Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Banking & Finance Litigation, Construction Litigation and Securities Litigation. An active member of the ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group since its inception, Mike’s practice covers a broad spectrum of cases involving both traditional and evolving legal theories asserted in disputes arising in the business environment.

SHERYL GARLAND is Vice President and Senior Counsel in the Risk Management Department at Nordstrom, Inc. one of the nation’s leading fashion specialty retailers with 225 stores in 29 states. Nordstrom is self-insured and self-administered and Sheryl is responsible for managing claims and litigation on all lines of business including employment, premise, intellectual property and general business and commercial litigation. Sheryl also chairs the National Retail Federation’s Committee on Employment Law. Prior to moving in-house, Sheryl
was one of Nordstrom’s outside litigation attorneys. She also worked on the sales floor at Nordstrom for over 8 years.

PATRICK J. GNAZZO is an expert in the areas of corporate ethics and compliance for domestic and international business. Mr. Gnazzo is the Principal of Better Business Practices LLC. Better Business Practices specializes in Business Compliance and Ethics Assessments; Compliance and Hotline Reporting; Development and Promulgation of Compliance, Ethics and Employee Open Communication Programs; The Development of Risk Management Processes and Reviews; Employee, Management and Board of Director Ethics and Compliance Training and Management Advice involving Deferred Prosecution and Administrative Agreements. Better Business Practices also offers expertise in the development of Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer Positions, Chief Risk Officer Positions, Ombudsman and Hotline Management, Government Contracting and Litigation Management, Government Relations Programs and Domestic and International Operations. Mr. Gnazzo was most recently the senior vice president and general manager of CA’s Public Sector business. Previously, Pat was senior vice president, business practices, and chief compliance officer at CA. Prior to joining CA in 2005, Pat served as chief compliance officer at United Technologies Corporation (UTC) for ten years. Pat joined UTC in 1981, from the U.S. Navy’s Office of the General Counsel. Pat’s last position in the Navy was associate general counsel, chief trial attorney and director of the U.S. Department of the Navy’s litigation division. Pat is an executive fellow at Bentley College’s Center for Business Ethics, a member of the Procurement Round Table and on the Board of Advisors of the National Contract Management Association. He also served on the board of directors of the Ethics Resource Center, on the board of directors of the Ethics and Compliance Officers Association and as Chairman of the Defense Industry Initiative working group. He is a frequent lecturer on ethics and compliance.

HERVÉ GOURAIGE served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York under U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani (1984-91). He handled criminal cases involving business fraud, tax fraud, health care fraud and national security. On November 8, 2011, Mr. Gouraige was elected to a two-year term as president of the Harvard Law School Association of New Jersey. He is a member of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society, and a Trustee Emeritus (and former President) of the Board of Trustees of the Newark School of the Arts. He is a former member of the New Jersey and New York Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committees. Mr. Gouraige has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Hudson County (New Jersey) and The Legal Aid Society in New York (2002 - 08). By appointment of the Mayor, Mr. Gouraige served on the Judicial Advisory Committee of New York City under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Mr. Gouraige has taught trial advocacy for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Hofstra University Law School, where he served as a Team Leader. He has also taught trial advocacy at Widener University School of Law and at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Mr. Gouraige lectures for the ABA, ALI-ABA and PLI on civil and criminal issues. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, and he has written a number of articles for professional journals.

RICHARD K. HAYES is Assistant United States Attorney, Chief, Affirmative Civil Enforcement, Eastern District of New York specializing in civil fraud investigations and prosecutions under the False Claims Act, including defense contract fraud, government procurement fraud, health care fraud, and HUD fraud. Other litigation has included: mortgage fraud; civil RICO; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; drug and listed chemical diversion under the Controlled Substances Act; civil forfeiture; and a range of defensive cases. Mr. Hayes is a two-time recipient of Director’s Award for Superior Performance, Executive Office of United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice. He is also a recipient of the Henry L. Stimson Medal for outstanding performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Mr. Hayes received his B.A. from Fordham College and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.

JAMES R. JARROW is a member of the Kansas City, Missouri ALFA International member firm, Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice L.L.C. He is on the ALFA Retail Steering Committee and is experienced in the defense of retailers, including litigation and transactional matters. Mr. Jarrow is a frequently requested speaker and CLE Instructor.

JULIE M. KENNEDY is a shareholder with the ALFA International law firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois, one of the Midwest’s premier litigation firms with expertise in complex cases.
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JILL D. LANEY is the Managing Partner of Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP, ALFA International’s Portland, Oregon firm. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Portland and her law degree from Willamette University College of Law, where she graduated cum laude. Jill’s law practice focuses on corporate and real estate matters. Jill is a frequent speaker for trade organizations and regularly contributes to trade publications. Jill is a member and Past President of the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Portland). She is also a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and ALFA International’s Retail Practice Group Steering Committee. Jill serves on the board of St. Andrews Legal Clinic, a local non-profit that meets the needs of low and moderate income people with family law concerns. She is also a personal shopper for Dress for Success.

SEAN W. MARTIN is a partner in the Chattanooga, Tennessee office of ALFA firm Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan. Licensed in both Tennessee and Georgia, Mr. Martin maintains a diverse litigation practice with an emphasis on commercial litigation. Mr. Martin serves on the ALFA Business Litigation and Hospitality Practice Groups and is also active in the Defense Research Institute (DRI). Mr. Martin received an MBA and JD from the University of Memphis.

MARGARET MCCULLA is Corporate Counsel for Costco Wholesale Corporation in charge of the legal aspects of Costco’s land acquisition and development activities along the Eastern seaboard of the United States, in Ontario and in Puerto Rico. Ms. McCulla has been employed by Costco since April 1999. Before joining Costco, Ms. McCulla was general counsel and senior vice president of The Artery Group, a retail and residential development company operating in the mid Atlantic region. Prior to her stint at The Artery Group, Ms. McCulla practiced law for nine years with the Washington, DC office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in the fields of commercial real estate and corporate law. Before becoming a lawyer, Ms. McCulla worked in a variety of positions at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, mainly in the areas of multifamily housing finance and management. Ms. McCulla obtained her JD from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. She is a member of the bars of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

DAVID MCDOWELL is the Co-Managing Shareholder at the ALFA Phoenix, Arizona firm of Renaud Cook Drury Mesaros, PA. David received his B.S. in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting from Washington State University and his J.D. from University of Oregon College of Law. David is the firm’s practice group leader for the Business & Real Estate transactions. David concentrates his practice in the area of importance to businesses including acquisition, structuring, financial planning, risk management, leasing, and asset purchases and sales. He works closely with his firm’s employment group to assist business clients with employment issues including non-competition agreements, employment contracts, and litigation.

SEAN J. MILANO is a partner in the Boston, Massachusetts ALFA firm of Morrison Mahoney LLP. Mr. Milano’s practice is concentrated in the areas of tort and contract litigation involving premises liability, construction accidents and products liability, as well as commercial and business litigation. Mr. Milano has substantial experience in the representation of retailers and shopping center owners, managers and developers in matters involving allegations of negligent security, maintenance and management, as well as claims for breach of contract and contractual indemnification. He has successfully represented clients in state and federal courts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut and he has tried numerous cases to both juries and judges. Mr. Milano is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, Defense Research Institute, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association and the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Bar Associations and he serves on the ALFA International Retail Practice Group and Hospitality Practice Group Steering Committees.

JACK MILLER is General Counsel of Zara and Massimo Dutti for the United States and Canada. He joined the Spanish parent company Inditex in 2007. Jack is responsible for legal matters involving real estate, human resources, intellectual property, litigation management, and general corporate matters. He was a lawyer for Ethan
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**MARK A. PAYNE** is currently Associate General Counsel of Legal Operations for Simon Property Group, Inc. and has been with the Company for over 15 years. Simon Property Group, Inc. is a S&P 500 company and the largest real estate company in the U.S. The Company currently owns or has an interest in 337 properties comprising 245 million square feet of gross leasable area in North America and Asia. Simon is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana and employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. Mark’s general responsibilities for Simon include supervising and directing general liability and commercial litigation; resolving pre-litigation disputes with tenants, vendors, contractors and partners; reviewing, drafting and negotiating contracts; working with governmental agencies; addressing labor and employment matters; advising executive management and property management regarding property management issues, corporate operations and general corporate matters; and assisting with any other matter where legal support is necessary. Mark earned his JD degree from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis in 1987 and received his BA from Wabash College in 1984. Immediately prior to joining Simon, Mark was in private practice with a small litigation boutique firm located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon graduating from law school and prior to entering private practice, Mark served as a law clerk for Judge Robert Neal of the Indiana Court of Appeals and Judge William Steckler of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

**BART M. SCHWARTZ,** described by the New York Times as the person “often sought out in...thorny situations” by corporations and having served as Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New York, has wide experience providing advice and support to corporations, governments and individuals. For more than 30 years, he has managed crises, complex investigations, security, and sophisticated investigative services. Throughout his career, Mr. Schwartz has also had numerous court and other appointments to monitor the conduct of corporations, including BP, Deutsche Bank and Hewlett-Packard. He has received assignments from or with the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the S.D.N.Y., the Manhattan District Attorney’s office, the New York School Construction Authority, and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. As Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New York under Rudolph Giuliani, Mr. Schwartz had direct responsibility for overseeing prosecutions related to financial and business fraud, organized...
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