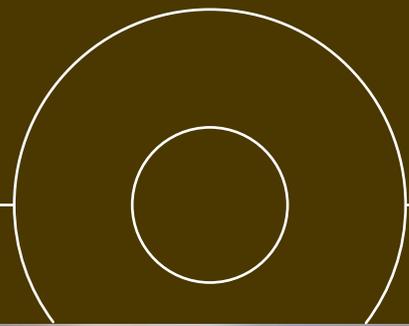


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Teamwork for Tomorrow: Legal Strategies for Success

**2010 RETAIL - REAL ESTATE & BUSINESS LITIGATION
JOINT PRACTICE GROUP SEMINAR**

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Teamwork for Tomorrow: Legal Strategies for Success

In challenging economic times, real estate and business professionals face numerous obstacles to success. These obstacles have been heightened by (i) industry consolidation, (ii) crisis management response times, (iii) the growth of class action litigation, and (iv) the economic downturn. In order to minimize and manage the risks associated with these trends, businesses must team with legal counsel to successfully navigate this landscape. Crafting effective strategies which blend the business and legal considerations to both avoid and escape liability are keys to success.

ALFA International is proud to present its Seventh Retail – Real Estate Practice Group Seminar, Teamwork for Tomorrow: Legal Strategies for Success. While continuing the focus of prior seminars, the Retail – Real Estate Practice Group is teaming with the Business Litigation Practice Group to provide an expanded forum in which representatives from business and their legal partners explore the central issues and recent trends which are currently presenting them with problems and exposures. The program will address both current and future challenges.

Keynote Speaker:
Kate Ancketill
Managing Director
GDR CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE
London, England

What is ALFA International?

ALFA International is a premier global network of law firms with over 9,000 attorneys comprised of 133 international law firms (81 U.S. based firms, 52 non-U.S. based firms) located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Europe, 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.

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **WOMEN'S INITIATIVE COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Pool Area

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. Please join attending woman ALFA International attorneys and corporate counsel for a meet-and-greet before the official seminar Welcome Reception begins.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET**

The Courtyard

Attire: Resort Style

(no business suits or ties required)

WELCOMING REMARKS

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

William E. Ireland
Program Co-Chair,
Business Litigation Practice Group
HAIGHT BROWN & BONESTEEL
Los Angeles, California

Thursday, June 3, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon 3

Attire: Business Casual

8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salons 1 & 2

8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS**

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

Patrick Michael
*Chair, ALFA International
Business Litigation Practice Group
DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP
Louisville, Kentucky*

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

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
**CONSUMER FRAUD CLASS ACTION
PANEL – THE HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
CASE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE FORMULAS**

Some would argue that the current “eco-political climate” is fertile for an upsurge in consumer-oriented class action litigation. The good news: recent cases in several Circuits appear to be raising the bar for class certification.

Moderator:
Jeffrey J. Greenbaum
SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS, P.C.
Newark, New Jersey

Garrett L. Boehm, Jr.
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

Michael H. Freese
*Associate General Counsel
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP
Indianapolis, Indiana*

Gregory D. Suckow
*Attorney
REGIS CORPORATION
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
BREAK

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
CRISIS MANAGEMENT

How do you plan for what should never occur and be able to react when it does? Crisis Management is vital to the protection of your corporate brand, but the responses must avoid inferences of potential liability. What are the threats, real or perceived? How fluid is the Company when it comes to addressing an emergency? What should counsel do to be a resource before, during, and after the event? These and other topics will be addressed in this panel presentation.

Moderator:
Frank M. Grenard
JOHNSON & BELL, LTD.
Chicago, Illinois

Dan Reed
*Divisional Vice President
& Associate General Counsel
GAMESTOP, INC.
Grapevine, Texas*

Brian F. Corey
*Senior Vice President,
General Counsel & Secretary
GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota*

Bart McKay
*Associate General Counsel
MCLANE COMPANY, INC.
Temple, Texas*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
STRING OF PEARLS

In this fast-paced session, the panelists will briefly and succinctly highlight recent developments in case law and provide the application and effect of decisions.

DEFENDING THE CEO IN A DEPOSITION
Darryl M. Bloodworth
DEAN, MEAD, EGERTON, BLOODWORTH,
CAPOUANO & BOZARTH, P.A.
Orlando, Florida
and
Karen Tidwall
WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK DUDEK S.C.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**MEDIA & RESEARCH BY JURORS
DURING TRIAL**

Teresa J. “Terri” Kimker
HALLELAND LEWIS NILAN
& JOHNSON, P.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**ALLOCATION OF RISK /
CONTRACTUAL INDEMNITY**
Charles A. Willmes
MERRICK, HOFSTEDT & LINDSEY, P.S.
Seattle, Washington

NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS
Christopher A. Page
YOUNG MOORE & HENDERSON, PA
Raleigh, North Carolina

**CIVIL LIABILITY FLOWING FROM
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**
Ryan L. Winter
HALL & EVANS, LLC
Denver, Colorado

**SOCIAL NETWORKING & RECENT
LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS**
James R. Jarrow
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE, LLC
Kansas City, Missouri

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
LUNCH BUFFET
The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon 3

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MANAGING FOR DISTRESS
The current economic climate requires effective “distress management” whether with vendor contracts, existing executory contracts or third party insolvency proceedings. The panelists will discuss and analyze how to effectively deal with “distressful” relationships.

Moderator:
S. Keith Hutto
NELSON MULLINS RILEY &
SCARBOROUGH
Columbia, South Carolina

Anthony Deglomme, III
*Vice-President / Litigation
HARRIS CORPORATION
Melbourne, Florida*

Tift H. Shepherd
*Senior Legal Counsel
AKZO NOBEL
Atlanta, Georgia*

Chris Marlin
*Deputy General Counsel & Vice President
LENNAR HOMES, LLC
Miami, Florida*

Frank J. Perch, III
HUNTER MACLEAN
Savannah, Georgia

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
**FUTURETAIL: A GLIMPSE INTO STORES,
MALLS AND E-COMMERCE CIRCA 2015**

Keynote Speaker:

Kate Ancketill
Managing Director & Owner
GDR CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE
London, England

Internationally renowned trend forecaster, Kate Ancketill, Managing Director of GDR Creative Intelligence, will share her research and the insights that she offers to the world's most successful consumer brands.

5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET

Pool Area
Attire: Business Casual

Friday, June 4, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST & ROUNDTABLES

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon 3

A grouping of tables will allow attendees to participate in a discussion of their choice. Each table will be led by an ALFA International attorney and Client Advisory Board (CAB) member. Tables will self-select topics. This format will allow attendees to spend "one-on-one" time with each other and with CAB members.

8:15 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
GENERAL SESSION

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salons 1 & 2

8:15 a.m. – 9:15a.m.
**PARTNERING BETWEEN IN-HOUSE AND
OUTSIDE COUNSEL: THE NEW PARADIGM
OF "ALTERNATIVE BILLING" AND
"CHANGING NEEDS AND DESIRES"**

This panel will enable attendees to better understand the perspectives of in-house counsel with regard to economic and other impacts requiring them to develop new and more effective ways to partner with outside counsel.

Moderators:

C. Michael Ellingburg
DANIEL COKER HORTON & BELL
Jackson, Mississippi

Warner S. Fox
HAWKINS & PARNELL, LLP
Atlanta, Georgia

Jeff Johnson
*Executive Vice President &
General Counsel*
WILSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
Portland, Oregon

Thomas E. Best
Senior Counsel & Director of Litigation
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Stuart Alderoty
Chief Litigation Counsel/Managing Counsel
AMERICAN EXPRESS
New York, New York

Michelle R. Laine
Associate General Counsel
MASTEC
Coral Gables, Florida

Jim Harris
*Managing Attorney &
Associate Vice President*
LIMITED BRANDS, INC.
Columbus, Ohio

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
BREAK

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
**HANDLING THE DISCOVERY OF CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY BY A CORPORATE EMPLOYEE**

This panel will explore the sensitivities in appropriately addressing criminal behavior by an employee, from an internal corporate perspective, public relations perspective, and oftentimes most importantly, from a containment perspective.

Moderator:

Peter G. Verniero
SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS, P.C.
Newark, New Jersey

Michael H. Freese
Associate General Counsel
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP
Indianapolis, Indiana

Nathan A. Fishbach
WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK DUDEK S.C.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Michael A. Schlonsky
*VP, Risk Management & Administrative
Services*
BIG LOTS, INC.
Columbus, Ohio

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
BREAK

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
PET PEEVES: HOW NOT TO GET FIRED
Signing on a new client is only half the battle. To keep a client, new or existing, there are several key factors. This panel will cover a sampling of pet peeves to avoid getting fired, such as "over-lawyering", as well as techniques to enhance the relationship, such as determining the proper frequency of contact.

Moderators:

Scott A. Shanes
STRASBURGER & PRICE, PC
Dallas, Texas

Alan M. Freeman
Vice President
BED BATH & BEYOND
Union, New Jersey

Margaret C. McCulla
Corporate Counsel
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
Sterling, Virginia

Jerry M. Cyncynatus
Associate General Counsel
DEVELOPERS DIVERSIFIED REALTY
CORPORATION
Beachwood, Ohio

Sheryl Garland
*Director of General Liability, Business
Litigation & Employment*
NORDSTROM, INC.
Seattle, Washington

11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
CLOSING REMARKS

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

11:50 a.m.
"TASTY GOODIES" FOR THE TRIP HOME

An opportunity to enjoy a light lunch, take some treats for the trip home (can you say, "cookie and brownie roadie"), and say "goodbye" to your friends and colleagues.

Faculty Bios

STUART ALDEROTY joined American Express in February of 2002 as its Chief Litigation Counsel and assumed broader responsibilities as Managing Counsel in 2006. In his current role, Stuart manages a broad team that is responsible for the Company's litigation and all legal issues related to privacy, data security, insurance, consumer disclosures, global advertising and brand management. Prior to joining American Express, Stuart was a litigator in private practice for 17 years.

KATE ANCKETILL is Managing Director and owner of London based trend forecasting company GDR Creative Intelligence. GDR provides the world's leading consumer facing companies with the thought leadership they need to remain ahead in retail and hospitality. GDR's unique global network of innovators in design, architecture and experiential marketing provides the primary material needed for it to make sense of the consumer world and accurately predict mid term trends. Kate has 13 years experience and counts Harrods, Nike, Sony, GAP, Marks & Spencer, Starwood Hotels, Barclays, Orange France, Limited Brands, Jones Apparel, L'Oreal, Unilever, P&G, Kraft and Nokia among her clients.

THOMAS E. BEST is Senior Counsel - Litigation at Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. where he leads a group that manages the Company's Torts and Products Liability litigation. Tom is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt and has been trained as a Six Sigma Black Belt. During Tom's time at the Company, Tom's group has pioneered several successful new programs including: National Discovery Counsel, Early Case Assessment and Evaluation, Regionalization of Products Liability Counsel, Regionalization of Torts Counsel, and Alternative Fee Approaches to Torts Litigation. Tom has

presented on general liability matters and the relationship between outside and in house counsel on numerous occasions. Prior to joining Home Depot in 2001, Tom worked with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on securities enforcement actions and with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers where he worked on issues related to workers' compensation, insurance coverage, arson, fraud, and subrogation. Tom is a graduate of the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer where he served on the Editorial Board as Student Writing Editor. For his undergraduate work, Tom graduated from the University of Virginia.

DARRYL M. BLOODWORTH is the senior litigation attorney and former president of Dean Mead, the ALFA International affiliate firm in Orlando, Florida. He practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation, legal malpractice defense, probate and fiduciary litigation and eminent domain. He has tried commercial and business lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout Florida and elsewhere. Mr. Bloodworth is board certified in civil trial law by The Florida Bar. He is a former president of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is also a former president of the Orange County (Florida) Bar Association and a past president of The Florida Bar Foundation. Mr. Bloodworth served on the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar, and has chaired several committees of The Florida Bar. He has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* as Orlando's "Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year" for 2010. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Florida College of Law.

GARRETT L. BOEHM, JR. is a shareholder at Johnson & Bell, Ltd. Mr. Boehm concentrates his practice in appellate law, business litigation, employment law, and

environmental law. With regard to class or collective action litigation, he handles the defense of disputes involving allegations of consumer fraud, violation of federal statutes such as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. These matters have been primarily in Midwest state and federal courts. Further, Mr. Boehm has prosecuted and defended appeals in a wide array of tort, contract, and administrative law matters. In addition, Mr. Boehm counsels corporations, public entities and individuals in cases alleging violation of federal and state environmental statutes and regulations, and employment and labor dispute issues. Mr. Boehm is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association. Mr. Boehm graduated with Honors from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1999 and with Honors from Principia College in 1996. He now lives in Chicago with his wife and son.

BRIAN F. COREY has 23 years of consumer lending and banking law experience. He is responsible for legal and compliance services relating to Green Tree Servicing's loan servicing, origination, acquisition, and insurance operations as well as corporate, litigation, regulatory, bankruptcy and employment matters. Before joining Green Tree in 1995, Mr. Corey was a vice president and assistant general counsel at ITT Consumer Financial Corporation. He was in private practice in Minneapolis before joining ITT in 1986. Mr. Corey is a member of the American Bar Association's Consumer Financial Services Committee and the Governing Committee of The Conference on Consumer Finance Law. He graduated cum laude from the William Mitchell College of Law, Saint Paul, Minnesota, and earned a bachelor's degree in physiology from the University of Minnesota.

JERRY M. CYNCYNATUS is Associate General Counsel for Developers Diversified Realty Corporation, a publicly traded real estate investment trust based in Beachwood, Ohio. Developers Diversified owns and operates 740 shopping centers situated in 45 states, Puerto Rico and Brazil totaling approximately 162 million square feet of retail space. Mr. Cyncynatus joined Developers Diversified in 1985 as a staff attorney. His current responsibilities include the supervision of all leasing and lease administration operations for Developers Diversified's Legal Department which generated leases and related documents for approximately 6.5 million square feet of retail space in 2005 and 2006. 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.

ANTHONY DEGLOMINE, III, is a Vice-President of Harris Corporation, in Melbourne Florida, and has been since 2002. His responsibilities include managing all dispute resolution, including commercial, tort, intellectual property, bankruptcy and labor issues; M&A due diligence; supporting compliance functions for Commercial Operations, EHS (Environmental, Health & Safety), and Risk Management; Real Estate; Investigations; Record Retention; and managing outside counsel as well as the in-house Legal Department. His prior legal experience includes stints with Kelley, Drye & Warren in Miami and Dean Mead in Orlando, after graduating with honors from University of Stetson College of Law. He attended the University of Florida as an undergraduate. He is a former member of the AAA National Committee on Complex Commercial Case ADR.

C. MICHAEL ELLINGBURG has been engaged in the practice of business and commercial litigation since his employment by the ALFA International Mississippi law firm of Daniel Coker Horton & Bell, P.A. in May, 1976. Mike is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, has been consistently listed in *Best Lawyers In America* in the area of Commercial Litigation since 1995, is listed in Who's Who In American Law, and was named as a Top Commercial Litigation Lawyer by the American Lawyer and Corporate Counsel in 2006. His practice primarily focuses on the resolution of large and complex cases arising from a broad range of business disputes, including business interruption losses, financial and banking transactions, industrial and commercial construction projects, manufacturer/distributor relationships, real estate disputes, and legal entity governance and ownership disputes. Mike graduated from Millsaps College in 1973 and from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1976. More detailed information is available at www.danielcoker.com

NATHAN A. FISHBACH is a shareholder at Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., where he focuses upon complex civil and white collar litigation as well as representing corporations, governmental entities and professionals in compliance issues. Prior to joining the firm in 1993, he served for over 13 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, where his last post was Interim U.S. Attorney. In 2008, Mr. Fishbach was named as one of the 22 recipients of the Wisconsin Law Journal's Leaders in the Law Award. Mr. Fishbach is a co-author of *Federal Criminal Restitution*, published by Thomson West. Mr. Fishbach co-authored *Addressing Allegations of Corporate Crimes: Initial Considerations for the Corporate Counsel* (a chapter in a business law text). An ALI member, Mr. Fishbach served as

President of the Milwaukee Bar Association and Founding President of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association.

WARNER S. FOX is a senior partner with the ALFA International law firm of Hawkins & Parnell, LLP. Warner has practiced at Hawkins & Parnell for more than 25 years. His practice focuses on catastrophic accident litigation primarily arising from matters involving transportation accidents, premises and products liability. Through the years, Warner has tried numerous cases involving many types of tort matters. He is often called upon by his clients to handle catastrophic matters in other jurisdictions. Warner developed a subspecialty in defending brain injury cases based upon his many years of experience in dealing with them. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute. He is a Past President, Executive Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. Mr. Fox co-founded the Young Lawyers Section High School Mock Trial Competition, and was voted as one of Georgia's Super Lawyer from the year 2004 – 2009.

ALAN M. FREEMAN is Vice President - Real Estate Counsel for Bed, Bath & Beyond Inc., located in Union, New Jersey, which operates over 1000 stores (Bed Bath & Beyond, Christmas Tree Shops, Buy Buy Baby and Harmon) throughout the United States and Canada. He supervises the company's Real Estate Legal Department and his practice includes such areas as lease and purchase negotiations, landlord-tenant disputes, architectural/construction matters and real estate accounting issues. Prior to joining the company, he was with Toys R Us, Inc. in Paramus, New Jersey and in private practice in New York City. He has been a speaker at past law conferences, including those for the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Continuing Legal

Education (CLE) and ALFA International. Mr. Freeman received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his J.D. from New York University.

MICHAEL H. FREESE earned his J.D. degree from Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, in 1983. He received a B.A. from Indiana University in 1977. Mike is currently Associate General Counsel for Legal Operations with Simon Property Group and has been with the company for over 12 years. Mike's responsibilities include supervision of litigation, working with governmental agencies, labor and employment matters, property management and corporate operations, general corporate matters and any other unusual or difficult matters where legal support may come in handy. Prior to joining Simon's law department, Mike worked as a Senior Trial Attorney for the EEOC and a Deputy State Public Defender in Indiana.

SHERYL GARLAND is the Corporate Director of Claims and Litigation in the Risk Management Department of Nordstrom, Inc., one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 155 US stores located in 27 states. She has served in this capacity for over 10 years, and, in addition to managing claims, she is responsible for evaluating trends and developing training and prevention programs. Prior to moving in-house, Ms. Garland was a litigator, with Nordstrom as her client. She truly understands her client as she previously worked on the sales floor at Nordstrom for more than 8 years.

JEFFREY J. GREENBAUM is a member of the New Jersey and New York law firm of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. where he co-chairs the firm's Business Litigation Section and chairs its Class Action Defense Practice Group. Mr. Greenbaum has handled class

actions of national prominence, chaired the ABA Section of Litigation Class Actions & Derivative Suits Committee and is currently a national officer of the ABA Section of Litigation. He is a frequent lecturer in the class action field. Mr. Greenbaum was a member of the ABA President's Class Action Task Force, a group that developed the ABA position on federal legislation seeking class action reform, and was a presenter before the U.S. Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Civil Rules at its Class Action Conference. Mr. Greenbaum is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney, a past President of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, and on the Advisory Board of the BNA Class Action Litigation Report. Mr. Greenbaum is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *New Jersey Super Lawyers* and was also voted as one of the "Top 100 New Jersey Super Lawyers" in 2006 and 2008 by *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and University of Michigan Law School (*cum laude*).

FRANK M. GRECARD is a member of the Chicago ALFA International firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. which he joined as Chair of the firm's Commercial Practice Group in 2008. Prior to joining Johnson & Bell, Frank was a member of the Des Moines, IA ALFA International firm of Whitfield & Eddy, PLC. Frank's experience includes 10 years as a radio news editor and reporter in both Los Angeles and Chicago. A 1977 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, Frank has been called upon by clients to act as an initial "legal responder" in corporate crisis situations including refinery explosions and multiple murder situations where the need for legal advice was coupled with the need to provide information to the public to maintain the credibility of the client and the continuity of the corporate message.

Frank's practice concentrates in commercial transactions, commercial real estate, and environmental law. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska and Michigan. Frank is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association where he is vice-chair of its Corporate Law Departments Section Council and CLE coordinator of the Standing Committee on Military Affairs. He is also a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and sits on both its Corporate Counsel Section and Military Affairs Committee.

JIM HARRIS is the Managing Attorney and Associate Vice President of Ohio based retailer Limited Brands, Inc. Limited Brands, through Victoria's Secret, Pink, Bath & Body Works, C.O. Bigelow, La Senza, White Barn Candle Co. and Henri Bendel, operates approximately 3,000 specialty stores. Jim supervises a team of attorneys and paralegals responsible for all leasing and real estate related matters for the Enterprise. Jim is also in charge of risk management and all insured litigation as well as the company's E-discovery hold process. Prior to joining Limited, Jim worked for several national retailers in various in-house counsel roles. While at Wal-Mart, Jim was an Assistant General Counsel in the real estate division and was asked to spend 90 days in Tokyo where he set-up an in-house legal department for the Seiyu grocery store chain. Jim graduated from Bethany College, in West Virginia and Capital Law School in Columbus. He attended a semester at American University in Washington, D.C. where he interned for former U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Jim has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and History as well as a minor in Marketing Communications.

S. KEITH HUTTO is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Columbia where he practices in the areas of complex business litigation, including business torts,

class actions, contract law, franchise and distribution litigation, fraud and financial matters. Mr. Hutto has extensive experience in the management and trial of complex business litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Mr. Hutto currently chairs the firm's Franchise and Product Distribution Litigation Group, a team of lawyers dedicated to the management and trial of complex franchise disputes for numerous local, regional and national clients. Mr. Hutto is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, South Carolina "Super Lawyers", The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers and Corporate Counsel Magazine's Best Lawyers. Mr. Hutto earned a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1982. During law school, he was a member of the Order of Wig and Robe, the National Moot Court Team, and Phi Delta Phi. He earned a B.S. in Microbiology, *cum laude*, from Clemson University in 1979.

WILLIAM E. IRELAND is a Partner in Haight, Brown & Bonesteel's Los Angeles office and group leader of the Business Solutions practice group. His practice focuses on intellectual property, real property, environmental litigation and related business torts. He has extensive experience in handling matters at all phases of dispute resolution from negotiation, counseling, alternative dispute resolution to trial. Mr. Ireland represents clients on matters involving real property issues, commercial transactions, trade secret disputes, and applying equitable remedies, injunctions and temporary restraining orders. Representative clients include real property developers, public entities, property managers, financial services companies, and importers. Examples of matters Mr. Ireland has handled include, representing a lead defendant in 900 plus plaintiff coordinated matters arising from claimed environmental exposure; commercial

litigation, employment and intellectual property matters for a creative marketing and merchandise solutions company; as well as alleged violations of the California Unfair Business Practices Act (Business & Professions Code § 17200).

JAMES R. JARROW is a partner in the law firm of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice, L.L.C., with offices in Kansas City, Missouri and Overland Park, Kansas. He regularly tries lawsuits, as he practices in civil litigation in both state and federal courts. Mr. Jarrow regularly represents retailers and property owners, including the world's largest retailer. He has lectured to various professional groups on litigation issues. Mr. Jarrow is the Professional Negligence Editor for the Missouri Bar Courts and CLE Bulletin. Mr. Jarrow earned his B.A. degree from Indiana University and his J.D. degree, with honors, from Washburn University (Order of Barristers, Law Journal). As a trained mediator and on the Federal Court approved list for Missouri, Mr. Jarrow understands how to favorably resolve cases without going to trial. My Jarrow may be contacted at Jarrow@bscr-law.com or by calling 816-471-2121.

JEFF JOHNSON is Executive Vice President & General Counsel for Wilson Construction Company, which is an electrical utility contractor that constructs major overhead and underground power transmission lines, substations and distribution lines for most of the major utilities around the country. Wilson Construction is based in Oregon, has offices in Tacoma, Sacramento, Phoenix and Albuquerque, is licensed in 46 states, and owns 6 helicopters which are used for construction. In addition to his duties as Executive Vice President, as General Counsel he is responsible for all risk management and asset protection, including litigation management, insurance, worker's compensation, safety, environmental,

aviation and contractual risk transfer and liabilities. Prior to joining Wilson Construction Company, Mr. Johnson was in private practice for 24 years as a trial attorney specializing in a broad range of civil litigation. He is a member of the Oregon State Bar (OSB), Oregon's U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is also past chair of the OSB Practice and Procedure Committee and recipient of the OSB President's Membership Service Award, and has spoken at numerous conferences on subjects such as Evidence, Jury Selection and Trial Themes, and Arguing Damages for the Defense.

JULIE M. KENNEDY is a shareholder with the law firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois, one of the Midwest's premier litigation firms with expertise in complex cases of all types. Ms. Kennedy concentrates her practice in the retail industry in both commercial and general litigation. She has tried cases to verdict in Cook County and the surrounding districts. She currently represents all retail pharmacies and distributors as Chicago Counsel in the Vioxx litigation. She has also represented a national drug store chain coordinating multi-district litigation involving mass torts. She serves on the ALFA International Retail/Real Estate Practice Group Steering Committee.

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