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A tired, over-hours and speeding driver strikes a car full of people. There are several injuries and one suffers a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

“When you have a traumatic brain injury it takes a very long time to find out how you’re going to do and how much you’re going to recover,” “You just don’t know. So that’s where he is. He’s still fighting and trying to live his life at the same time and trying to get better, and he’s just not better. We’re hoping and praying to get him back to where he was. But the jury’s out.”

A driver with diagnosed sleep apnea who had used her CPAP machine as prescribed crosses the center line and collides head-on with a school bus. The school bus driver is killed and several children are injured. A defense expert will testify that the driver suffered an unforeseeable and unpredictable “micro sleep event.”

“The last thing I remembered was coming off the hill. I don’t know what happened. I had plenty of sleep last night. I don’t understand how, but I guess I just dozed off. When I opened my eyes, I saw brake lights. I couldn’t veer. I looked for an out but there was nowhere to go.”

These are the kinds of cases that keep us up at night. Determine the facts, consider defenses, and evaluate risk. Is the case one for settlement or trial? If trial, who is going to stand in front of the jury? In a day and age when traumatic brain injury claims are frequent, how do we determine which injury claims are valid? With increasing news coverage of accidents caused by fatigued drivers, juror fear of such accidents can result in big verdicts.

This year’s program will focus on traumatic brain injury claims and fatigued driving (fact and fiction), with a look into current topics such as surveillance evidence, social media, use of day-in-the-life videos, and Drive-Cam. We will also offer break-out sessions covering forensic toxicology, CSA and preventability determinations, liens affecting settlement, and crash avoidance technology. We welcome you to the 2015 Transportation Practice Group Seminar.

Derek Ashton
Program Chair, ALFA International 2015 Transportation Seminar
COGGRAVE VERGEER KESTER LLP
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John Tarpley
Chair, ALFA International Transportation Practice Group
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Nashville, Tennessee
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015**

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY**  
Coronet  

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**FACULTY REHEARSAL**  
Coronet  

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
Windsor Complex  

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
**ALFA INTERNATIONAL Farmer’s Market**  
Windsor Lawn  
Welcome to San Diego! Mix, mingle and “live like a local” at ALFA International’s Farmer’s Market! Visit tasting stations where local wine, olive oils, microbrews and jam purveyors have set up their wares. Enjoy cocktails and connect with colleagues before enjoying a buffet dinner on the beautiful Windsor Lawn.

**Tantalize Your Taste Buds**  
**Women’s Initiative Wine Tasting & Pairing**  
Vista Walk  
Please join us for an opportunity to explore and expand both your friendships and your wine knowledge with your female colleagues while enjoying some of the best wines and cheeses from around the globe.

Lesley Pfleging  
Women’s Initiative Liaison  
LEWIS WAGNER  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Talk Amongst Yourselves: Client Only Social**  
Garden Patio  
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**  
Carousel  
All attending ALFA International attorneys are required to attend.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
**ATTENDEE BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
Crown

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
**SPOUSE BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
Crown

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  
**STONE COLD LOCKS—IDEAS ON CLOSING ARGUMENTS**  
“Of all the Stones I ever met, In calm repose upon the ground, I really never found one yet With a desire to roll around, Theirs is a stationary rôle,— But, if I were a stone, I swear I’d sooner move and view the World Than sit and grow the greenest hair That ever Nature combed and curled. I see no single saving grace In being known as “Mossyface!” by Harry Graham

Plan your closing argument long before stepping into the courtroom. Come hear ideas on how to keep ahead of your opponent by anticipating their strategy and developing thematic based closing arguments.

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

Marygrace Schaeffer  
Trial Consultant  
DECISIONQUEST  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Edward George  
ROBINSON & MCELWEE PLLC  
Charleston, West Virginia

Darryl Vereen  
MOUNCE, GREEN, MYERS, SAFI, PAXSON & GALATZAN, P.C.  
El Paso, Texas
9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Carol B. Ervin
Chair, ALFA International
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Charleston, South Carolina

John Tarpley
Chair, ALFA International
Transportation Practice Group
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KRIEG & WALDROP, PC
Nashville, Tennessee

Derek Ashton
Program Chair, ALFA International
2015 Transportation Seminar
COSGRAVE VERGEER KESTER LLP
Portland, Oregon

9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.  BREAK

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CLAIMS:
USE OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EXPERT TO
EVALUATE IF REAL OR BOGUS

Defending traumatic brain injury claims is one of the most challenging aspects of defense practice. A neuropsychology expert is essential for evaluating and defending traumatic brain injury claims. The examination of the plaintiff and interpretation of the test results is essential in differentiating the real claims from the bogus claims. The panel will explore defense strategies for handling traumatic brain injury claims at both the case workup stage and at trial.

Craig Cousins
Moderator
LEAKE & ANDERSSON, L.L.P.
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Clinical Psychologist
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Austin, Texas

D. Cameron “Cam” Beck
MORRIS & MORRIS, P.C.
Richmond, Virginia

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WE ARE WATCHING YOU:
SUCCESSES AND PITFALLS OF SURVEILLANCE AND
SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATIONS

Before the advent of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc., we had to send a private eye out into the field to catch the plaintiff doing something he claimed he no longer could do because of our accident. Now, of course, we can find a plaintiff windsurfing just by finding out what her Tumblr handle is. However, just because we found it does not necessarily mean we get to use it as evidence at trial. This panel explores successful use of social media investigations at trial, and will discuss when good old fashioned field work is the way to go.

Kurt Schmid
Moderator
BROWN & JAMES, P.C.
St. Louis, Missouri

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AMERICAN TRUCKING
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FRANDEN, FARRIS, QUILLIN,
GOODNIGHT & ROBERTS
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Paul Robinson
MEYER, DARRAGH, BUCKLER,
EBENEK & ECK, P.L.L.C.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A MORNING IN THE LIFE:
RESPONDING TO PLAINTIFFS’
DAY-IN-THE-LIFE VIDEOS IN MEDIATION

Mediation by ambush is certainly better than trial by ambush (for those old enough to remember life before the implementation of discovery rules), but it can still cause us headaches in trying to resolve cases in mediation. One of the more prominent ambush tactics utilized by plaintiffs’ bar is the presentation of day-in-the-life videos, which obviously provide insight into a plaintiff’s side of the case, but which also typically accentuate all of the negatives and none of the positives of the case – assuming there are any. This panel will explore this ever-developing tactic and use of day-in-the-life videos at mediation, and the best means of response in an effort to reach a successful resolution of a case.

Duke Highfield
Moderator
YOUNG CLEMENT RIVERS, LLP
Charleston, South Carolina

Rita Castro
Director, Claims & Risk Management
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Leslie Leazer
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S. Carolyn Ramos
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**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
**THE FATIGUED DRIVER: SLEEP APNEA, HOURS OF SERVICE AND THE DOT MEDICAL EXAM**
The panel discussion will focus on many of the significant physical and medical issues which surround a driver's operation of a commercial motor vehicle in an ill or fatigued condition, including the law and regulations pertaining to DOT physical examinations and physical qualifications for drivers and carriers to comply with the FMCSA and common law duties of care. The role of the carrier in compliance with hours of service and identifying driver fatigue will be examined.

**Benjamin T. Reese**
*Moderator*
LEITNER, WILLIAMS, DOOLEY & NAPOLITAN, PLLC
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Pat Grier**
*Controller*
VAN HOEKEN GREENHOUSES INC.
McAdoo, Pennsylvania

**Tom Travis**
*Vice President, Claims*
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Eagan, Minnesota

**Barbara Darkes**
*MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC*
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Scott Cifrese**
*Paine Hamblen LLP*
Spokane, Washington

**Mark Scudder**
*STRASBURGER & PRICE, LLP*
Dallas, Texas

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
**THE DRIVE CAM FLEET MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE V. DRIVER PERSPECTIVE**

DriveCam recorders are capable of capturing driver behavior data, critical occurrence data and provide insight into driver behavior, accident avoidance, and third-party conduct which may have caused or contributed to cause a collision. This session will look at the pros and cons of these digital data recording devices from both the motor carrier and driver perspectives. How do we balance the risks and benefits and also overcome the “get that camera out of my face” response from drivers?

**Bob Barton**
*Moderator*
COSGRAVE VERGEER KESTER LLP
Portland, Oregon

**Sandy Brownell**
*Senior Director – Risk Management*
PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP
Centennial, Colorado

**Tricia Martinez**
*Associate General Counsel*
FIRSTGROUP AMERICA/GREYHOUND
Dallas, Texas

**J. Philip Davidson**
*Hinkle Law Firm LLC*
Wichita, Kansas
A. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE—OR NOT? (DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TRANSPORTATION)

This panel will discuss the application of forensic toxicology to transportation related incidents. The presentation will focus on use and testing for alcohol, prescription medications and non-prescription drugs; pre-screening and random testing of truck operators; post accident testing; the important distinction between alcohol or drug exposure and alcohol or drug impairment; and applying these topics to a pre-prepared accident scenario.

Sean McDonough
Moderator
MORRISON MAHONEY LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Brent Burton
Consultant & Medical Toxicologist
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY
Beaverton, Oregon

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D.J. Molnar
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COVENANT TRANSPORT, INC.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Jerry Sallings
WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP
Little Rock, Arkansas

B. MINIMIZING JURY DISTRACTIONS: STRATEGIES TO PRECLUDE ADMISSIBILITY OF PREVENTABILITY DETERMINATIONS AND CSA/SMS DATA

Modern commercial motor vehicle litigation puts the motor carrier on trial as much or more than the actual accident. We will examine some strategies to keep historical government data such as CSA/SMS data, and subsequent remedial measures such as preventability determinations, out of evidence and outside the jury’s consideration.

Christy Comstock
Moderator
EVERETT WALES & COMSTOCK
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Robert McDonald
Casualty Claims Manager
CON-WAY FREIGHT
Portland, Oregon

Ryan Hand
LORANCE & THOMPSON
Houston, Texas

Mike Woolley
General Counsel
CARDINAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT
Charlotte, North Carolina

C. THIRD PARTY LIENS: HOW TO MANAGE THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT LIENS IMPOSE UPON SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Plaintiff’s counsel filed the case with expectations of a large verdict or settlement. However, the case did not progress as originally anticipated. Plaintiff wants to settle the case. Defendant wants to avoid the cost and uncertainty of trial. Unfortunately, medical providers and insurers hold liens and are demanding payment from settlement proceeds. After attorney’s fees are paid, medical and insurance liens eviscerate any remaining recovery. This panel will address issues surrounding the impact that liens may have on settlement negotiations and provide some practical strategies on how to best manage the negative impact that liens impose upon the settlement process.

Matt Jacobson
Moderator
WHITFIELD & EDDY, P.L.C.
Des Moines, Iowa

Cheryl Archual
Commercial Casualty Consultant
NATIONWIDE AGRIBUSINESS
Des Moines, Iowa

Mary Beth Haltom White
LEWIS, THOMASON, KING, KRIEG & WALDROP, PC
Nashville, Tennessee

D. CRASH AVOIDANCE TECHNOLOGY—CAN YOU AFFORD (NOT TO HAVE) IT?

What if we told you we could reduce your total number of rear-end accidents by 50%? “What's it gonna cost me” would likely be the response of any cost-conscious trucking professional. According to an Early Adopter Analysis study conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), trucks using a Forward Collision Avoidance & Mitigation (FCAM) system were 1.96 to 2.2 times less likely to be involved in a rear-end accident than trucks not equipped with this system. Listen to industry veterans and seasoned attorneys weigh in on: the cost of crash avoidance technology versus the economic benefits anticipated by the reduction in the number of crashes; how the data collected by crash avoidance technology can help or hurt your chances at trial; and what other technologies are available.

Robert Foos
Moderator
LEWIS WAGNER
Indianapolis, Indiana

Peter Doody
HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK, LLP
San Diego, California

Mike Fulmer
Senior Vice President
A&R LOGISTICS, INC.
Louisville, Kentucky

Danny Needham
MULLIN HOARD & BROWN, LLP
Amarillo, Texas
10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
**BREAK**

10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GROUP 2**
***Repeat group 1 sessions***

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
**BREAK**

11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
**WHAT JURORS REALLY THINK ABOUT YOUR CASE**

“Now, gentlemen, in this country our courts are the great levelers. In our courts, all men are created equal. I’m no idealist to believe firmly in the integrity of our courts and of our jury system. That’s no ideal to me. That is a living, working reality!” From Atticus Finch’s closing argument in “To Kill a Mockingbird”

The verdict is in! Are our courts and jury system a living, working reality of integrity? Capture critical takeaways from the juror’s deliberations that will help you frame integrity based arguments.

**Larry Warren**
Moderator
NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH & LEE, P.L.L.C.
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El Paso, Texas

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
**CLOSING REMARKS**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
**BUFFET LUNCH**
Windsor Lawn

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
**ALFA INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY – PRACTICE GROUP MEETING**

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**
(See insert)
Advance registration is required

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
**Farewell Cocktails and Buffet Dinner**
Sundeck

Those who are staying Friday evening are encouraged to attend the farewell dinner on the sundeck for a final opportunity to connect with their fellow program attendees. Advance registration is required.

*** WHAT IS ALFA INTERNATIONAL? ***

ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms. Founded in 1980, ALFA is 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 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 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 network and are well respected by their peers in the legal and business community.
FACULTY BIOS

Derek J. Ashton is a partner with the Portland, Oregon ALFA law firm of Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP. He has tried over 130 jury cases to verdict. Derek focuses his practice on transportation litigation, liquor liability, fraternity defense, false arrest, personal injury, insurance fraud, products liability, and white collar criminal matters. His regulatory work includes representation of accountants in licensing matters and defense of hospitality clients in OLCC litigation. Prior to joining the firm in 2002, Derek served as a Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, where he litigated major felony criminal cases including aggravating murder. He is among a select group of attorneys retained by The Portland Police Association to represent police officers involved in deadly force incidents. Derek is admitted to practice law in Oregon, Washington, and in federal court. He earned his Finance degree from the University of Oregon in 1983 and his law degree from the University of Oregon Law School in 1987. Derek is currently serving as the Program Chair for the 2015 ALFA Transportation Seminar.

Cheryl Archual is a Commercial Casualty Claims Consultant for Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance. Her company insures feedmills, food processors, grain elevators, seed conditioning plants, refined fuel distributors/convenience stores, diary processors, milk haulers, farm stores, nurseries and greenhouses, beverage bottle distributors, and so on... in other words, a lot of big rigs. Background is that of Director of Claims for 16 years at a more than 1,000 truck company as well as prior Litigation Manager/Casualty Claims Manager of one of the premier trucking companies, JB Hunt. Cheryl has been with Nationwide for almost 10 years and only handles large losses, which include catastrophic losses (life, amputations, paraplegic, quadriplegic). Majority of losses involve litigation.

Clark Aspy is a partner in the Austin, Texas, ALFA law firm of Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee. He is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell and has been repeatedly recognized by Texas Lawyers as a “Super Lawyer”. Mr. Aspy devotes a substantial portion of his practice to trucking defense and transportation litigation and has been a member of the ALFA Transportation Group for a number of years during which time he has served as chair of the group and has been a frequent contributor to the publications and presentations of the Group. He obtained his BBA from Baylor University in 1981 and JD from the University of Tennessee in 1984.

Robert E. “Bob” Barton is a partner and seasoned litigator at Cosgrave Vergeer Kester, LLP in Portland, Oregon. He is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School and has been admitted to the Oregon, Washington, and California (inactive) State Bars. He served for several years as a Deputy Attorney General and Deputy District Attorney in California, as well as Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice before entering private practice over twenty-nine years ago. His present practice is primarily focused on the defense of lawsuits involving trucking, transportation, products liability, personal injury, commercial, industrial accident, and wrongful death cases. He has tried hundreds of cases to juries in state and federal courts and has argued numerous cases before the Oregon Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Bob is a past-president of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) and past-president of the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is a member of the Multnomah County Bar Association, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), the DRI, and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He has been a frequent speaker and moderator before several industry and bar organizations. He is an executive member to the Notre Dame Law Association Board of Directors. He repeatedly has been designated as an Oregon Super Lawyer, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2014.

D. Cameron Beck, Jr. is the Managing Partner of Morris and Morris, P.C. where he defends civil litigation matters and leads the firm’s transportation practice group. He has an active federal and state court trial practice. Cam is a member of the ALFA International Transportation Steering Committee, TiDA, DRI Trucking Committee, and Litigation Counsel of America. His frequent lectures on transportation issues have included presentations to the Virginia Association Defense Attorneys, the Virginia Transit Association, the American Conference Institute, and ALFA International’s annual Transportation Seminar. He also has been a contributor to the American Bus Association’s Bus Ride magazine and ALFA International’s Transport Update. Virginia Business magazine has recognized Cam as one of Virginia’s Legal Elite for civil litigation, and he has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer annually from 2007 through 2013. Benchmark Litigation has listed Cam as one of only thirty “Litigation Stars” in Virginia. He earned his B.A. from the College of William & Mary, and graduated cum laude from the Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Sandy Brownell is Senior Director-Risk Management for Performance Food Group. Performance Food Group is a nationwide food distributor with approximately 2,700 power units in service. Ms. Brownell has years of experience in risk management both as an adjuster, claims consultant and for the past ten years in Corporate Risk Management. Ms. Brownell is an integral part of the management and defense of transportation claims. She received her BA in education from California State University, Los Angeles and has received her Associate in Claims and Associate in Risk Management Designations. Ms. Brownell is a frequent speaker on transportation and risk management issues.
Brent T. Burton, MD, MPH is a private practice Consulting Medical Toxicologist with board certification in Medical Toxicology, Occupational Medicine and Emergency Medicine. He has provided forensic toxicology consulting services for more than 30 years and has conducted more than 3000 toxicology IME's. Dr. Burton graduated from the University of Utah with a BA in psychology in 1974 and MD in 1978. He completed emergency medicine training at Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) and joined the faculty in 1981. He later took a sabbatical to attend the University of Washington and was awarded a Masters in Public Health. During his career at OHSU, Dr. Burton was the Medical Director for the Oregon Poison Center and founded a Medical Toxicology Fellowship Training Program. He also chaired the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and was the Medical Director of the Occupational Health Program. He has also held elected positions in the AAPCC and the NW Chapter of ACOEM. Dr. Burton has volunteered his expertise in toxicology by serving on several hospital and public committees for issues that include water quality, drugs and alcohol, poison prevention, meth labs, and environmental cleanup standards.

Rita M. Castro is employed by United Rentals, Inc., the largest rental company in the world with an integrated network of over 830 rental locations in 49 states, and 10 Canadian provinces. She acts as the Company’s Director of Litigation and Claims and Counsel to Risk Management. She is based in Modesto, California, and oversees the handling of the Company’s auto, general liability, property and workers’ compensation claims. After graduating from U.C.L.A. School of Law in 1993, Ms. Castro was in private practice where she gained substantial expertise in the handling of construction coverage disputes, construction defect litigation and general business matters.

Scott Cifrese is a partner with the Spokane, Washington firm of Paine Hamblen LLP. A trial lawyer in civil practice since 1994, Mr. Cifrese has substantial experience defending a broad range of clients in the transportation industry including trucking, bus companies and railroads. In addition, he has represented numerous utility clients in electrical contact cases, wildland and structural fires, personal injury and property damagcases throughout the western United States. Mr. Cifrese is an accomplished trial lawyer, having tried cases in both state and federal court in Washington and Idaho. He also has experience in state and federal appellate courts and is currently serving as the firm’s Litigation Practice Group Chair. He obtained his B.A. from Carroll College and his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law.

Christy Comstock is a partner in the Fayetteville, Arkansas law firm of Everett Wales & Comstock, with an emphasis on transportation litigation. She is a member of ABA TIPS, ABOTA, TIDA and the Transportation Lawyers Association, and is the Chair of the Arkansas Trucking Seminar. She has been recognized by Super Lawyers in the field of transportation.

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Mike Dargel is Vice President of Claims/Risk Management and Corporate Counsel for Melton Truck Lines in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he manages all claims under its insurance claims retention and he advises the President and other company executives on a plethora of contract and legal issues. Prior to joining Melton six years ago, Mike was in house counsel for a transportation insurance company and prior to that was an insurance defense litigator for ten years. Mr. Dargel obtained his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Marquette in 1973 and his law Degree from the University of Arizona in 1982.

Barbara Darkes is a Member at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She Chairs the firm’s Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Group and Co-Chairs the firm’s Litigation Group. Barb represents and counsels clients in general transportation matters, including securing and maintaining federal and state operating authority; defending against sanctions imposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; in matters of freight and cargo issues; providing advice and representation in driver license and motor vehicle matters; and providing day-to-day operating advice to Transportation companies.

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