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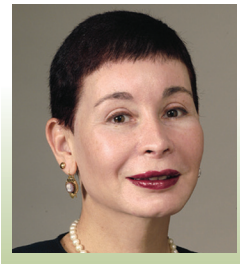


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Carol has substantial experience representing companies ranging from closely-held family businesses to multi-national public corporations. Her multi-faceted practice encompasses a broad spectrum of sectors within the national and global economy, including manufacturing, retailers, healthcare, hotels, professional sports teams and banking. Carol has been repeatedly recognized and honored for her charitable and professional achievements, including annual recognitions in Best Lawyers, SuperLawyer and Florida-specific lists of the top lawyers in her community.

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Ronni Davidowitz is the head of Katten's New York Private Wealth practice. She focuses her practice on trust and estate pre- and postmortem planning and administration, family succession planning, private client services, estate and gift tax audits, formation and counsel to public charities and private foundations, and estate and trust litigation and family dispute resolution. With deep experience among clients including high-net-worth individuals, closely held businesses, entrepreneurs, artists and art collectors, Ronni is well known for her keen planning skills and sympathetic ear, as well as close attention to her clients' affairs.

In the ever-changing landscape of wealth planning, Ronni acts as a resource to help her client's strategies keep pace, and to avoid litigation wherever possible, while also holding a successful track record advising clients on estate and gift tax audits, estate and gift tax litigation and Surrogate's Court contested matters, including probate disputes and fiduciary accountings. Additionally, she creates and advises public charities and private foundations, providing her listening ability and responsiveness to a well-rounded practice.

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Mary Alexander was recognized as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California in 2020 as a result of obtaining some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the state. Such cases include:

\$305 Million Settlement in Lead Paint Case – Mary Alexander was a lead attorney working tirelessly to negotiate a \$305 million settlement on behalf of ten California counties against several paint companies involved in the nearly 20-year lawsuit over lead paint in California. Ms. Alexander worked on this case for its entirety with the settlement ending two decades of litigation, which included a \$1.15 billion bench verdict.

\$32.7 Million Settlement in Premises Liability Case – Three-and-a-half years after the Ghost Ship Fires occurred, costing the lives of 36 people and injuring several others, the lawsuit was resolved in the summer of 2020 for \$32.7 million against the City of Oakland. 32 families, along with a survivor who suffered brain damage and burns, agreed to the settlement. The City had 100's of contacts with the Ghost Ship over more than two years, by police and firemen who knew that people lived there, but the City turned a blind eye. Ultimately, a fire occurred that cost dozens of lives, ruined numerous families and injured dozens of other people. Mary was Liaison Counsel for a team of highly skilled attorneys that obtained this tremendous result. The case also resolved against PG&E.

\$21.4 Million Jury Verdict in Benzene Case – Mary Alexander obtained a \$21.4 million jury verdict on behalf of the families of two brothers who died of cancer as a result of their exposure to the known cancer-causing chemical benzene. The trial lasted over four weeks with the jury deliberating for roughly 3 days. The families of Gary Eaves and his brother Randy Eaves filed a lawsuit against Union Oil which made the benzene-containing rubber solvent the brothers regularly worked with at their jobs in a tire manufacturing plant. The brothers were longtime employees of the plant and exposed to large amounts of benzene in their work. The jury sided with the plaintiffs who contended the oil company knew the solvents they sold contained benzene.



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Rachel Trinder has over three decades of experience as an aviation and aerospace advocate in Washington, DC, advising airports, air carriers, helicopter operators, financial institutions, governments, civil aviation authorities, manufacturers, suppliers, and other entities on an extensive range of domestic and international aviation and aerospace matters. She is a national and international leader in her field, with a very strong record of positive results for her clients.

Rachel has extensive, in-depth experience in the regulatory, government affairs, commercial and legislative issues affecting the aviation and aerospace industries, including a broad range of matters before the U.S. Departments of Transportation, State and Commerce, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This includes airport and air carrier licensing and operations matters, air services development and proceedings, international bilateral agreements, FAA audits, and airport facilitation.

Born in Africa and educated in the U.K. and the U.S., with law degrees from Oxford University and the University of Virginia, Rachel's primary focus is on highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy. She believes in a personalized, hands-on approach that involves analyzing client needs and concerns, and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result as speedily and cost effectively as possible. This may involve addressing issues at the Federal agency or congressional level, or the solution may be commercial, operational, transactional, or based on a combination of approaches, including mediation, arbitration and/or litigation. Rachel has extensive experience in all these disciplines, including in the international arena. She brings to the table a deep well of knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries that enables her to bring critical perspective to any problem.



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Ms. Dube has consistently been rated AV Preeminent – Peer Review by Martindale-Hubbell for ethical standards legal ability since 1986. She has been a member of the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers for over 15 years. Ms. Dube received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, a Master of Arts Degree from Sam Houston University in 1973, and earned her J. D. from South Texas College of Law in 1979, where she was assistant editor of Law Review.

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Jean M. Lawler, an MC3-Certified Mediator, mediates commercial, insurance and civil litigation matters, including matters involving data breach, ransomware, privacy violations and cyber insurance. Available to mediate nationwide, Ms. Lawler has extensive experience in conducting online mediations. An attorney for 40+ years, her legal experience has been diverse and international – ranging from insurance litigation to professional liability and complex commercial litigation to evolving risks such as data breach, cyber & privacy liability. She has a deep knowledge of the insurance industry, insurance policies and the various risks they insure against (primary, excess, reinsurance, program, surplus lines, London Market + international insurers).



Ms. Lawler is CIPP/US (Certified Information Privacy Professional) certified by IAPP, rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been a Southern California “Super Lawyer” for 16 years. Honored to be a Fellow and Founding Regent of the American College of Coverage Counsel, she is also a Past President of the FDCC and of the Insuralex Global Insurance Lawyers Group (Chambers-Band 1). She serves on several mediation panels, including the American Arbitration Association’s Commercial Panel.



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Berman Tabacco is one of the country’s premier class action law firms focused on complex business and fraud litigation, with attorneys in Boston and San Francisco. Kathleen M. Donovan-Maher and Nicole Lavallee are the Managing Partners of Berman Tabacco’s Boston and San Francisco offices, respectively, and members of the firm’s Executive Committee.

Kathleen focuses her practice on prosecuting complex class actions, including RICO, ERISA, securities and whistleblower cases, and has served as lead or co-lead counsel in large, complex cases in federal courts around the country. Nicole focuses her practice on complex litigation, particularly securities litigation and has also served as lead counsel in numerous large securities fraud class actions and derivative actions.

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Janet Abaray is the managing shareholder of Burg Simpson's Ohio office. She has litigated extensively in the area of pharmaceutical products liability and represents plaintiffs in personal injury and many insurance and contract disputes. Ms. Abaray has achieved the highest rating from her peers for the quality of legal work, professionalism, and ethics by receiving an "AV" rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Cincinnati Magazine has recognized her as one of the Cincinnati Area's Top 25 Women Lawyers and top Cincinnati attorneys. She has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer, 2005-2021, and has also met the standard of excellence for selection as one of The National Trial Lawyer's Top 100 Lawyers. Ms. Abaray has been selected by members of the national legal community as one of the Best Lawyers in America for Mass Tort Litigation since 2011. Ms. Abaray was also named by Best Lawyers® as "Lawyer of the Year" for 2014 and 2020 for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs, Cincinnati, and Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year 2020," for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, Cincinnati.



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For over 30 years, Davida S. Perry, Managing Partner at Schwartz Perry & Heller LLP has been the go-to legal counsel for employees experiencing sexual harassment and other forms of workplace discrimination including age, race, pregnancy, sexual orientation, disability, religion, national origin, gender and gender identity. Ms. Perry has extended her support in 2020 to employees who have been impacted in the workplace by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Perry has been a long-time advocate against sexual harassment even before the groundswell of support for the #MeToo Movement. She has achieved landmark decisions, namely Thoreson, where the court ruled that sexual harassment can be proven by the victim's testimony alone and Bracker, where the appellate court held that the NYC Human Rights Law was constitutional. This paved the way for victims of discrimination working in NYC to avail themselves of one of the most protective and comprehensive human rights laws in the country. Ms. Perry has been a SuperLawyers recipient for more than a decade and her opinions have appeared in national and local publications including Time Magazine, Newsweek, Law 360, Thomson Reuters, CNBC, New York Daily News and New York Post. Ms. Perry has been rated as having the strongest legal ability and highest ethical standards by Martindale Hubbell.



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Ginger Pigott provides critical product liability advice and litigation defense to emerging and established businesses. Ginger has served as national and regional counsel defending manufacturers of medical device and pharmaceutical products in products liability litigation. She handles high-stakes, single-plaintiff cases and complex litigation, including MDLs, coordinated state and class actions. Ginger is a trusted product liability business consultant helping businesses reduce and eliminate litigation risk through essential assessment and review of potential product liability exposure. Ginger helps companies identify and understand exposure triggers and reduce those risks.



Ginger is Vice-Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Health Care Litigation practice, helping lead the 100+-person team which The American Lawyer named 2018 "Product Liability Litigation Department of the Year". Ginger has been recognized as a "Life Sciences Star" by LMG Life Sciences, and she was named among *Euromoney's Expert Guides* "Best of the Best" for Life Sciences. Also, Ginger has been listed in *Who's Who Legal for Product Liability Defence, The Legal 500 United States*, and *Chambers USA*, including the *Chambers USA* "Women in Law Awards".

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Renée K. Gucciardo has always been passionate about families and their legal needs, so 17 years ago she founded The Gucciardo Law Firm to guide families through the emotional and legal difficulties of divorce. "We understand how important trust is when a client places the lives of themselves and their families in our hands," Gucciardo says.

Included on this year's list of Super Lawyers, Renée understands that open and honest communication is key to a successful attorney-client relationship. "We ensure that we are compassionate about the overwhelming stress that clients may experience during a divorce," she says.

The Gucciardo Law Firm provides trial and appellate court representation in family law, throughout Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.



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Michele is Director of the Workers' Compensation Department at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, a civil defense litigation firm with 500+ attorneys and offices in PA, NY, NJ, DE, OH & FL. In this capacity, she oversees more than 40 attorneys in 11 offices of the firm. Michele is also a member of the firm's 11-person Board of Directors.

Michele and the workers' compensation team represent employers, third party administrators, insurance carriers and self-insureds in all aspects of workers' compensation litigation. Industry clients include construction, technology, health care, retail, hospitality, education, transportation, oil and gas, and manufacturing companies.

With over 30 years of experience, Michele sees communication as the key to successful outcomes in workers' compensation matters. She champions an approach where the claims professional, employer, broker and attorney work collaboratively to defend a claim, limit exposure, reduce costs and, ultimately, close the file.

A mentor to others and devoted to community service, Michele's success comes from the care and dedication she exhibits toward each client and the attention to detail shown in her professional and philanthropic activities.



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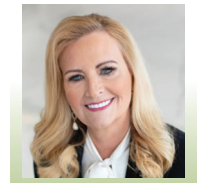
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Tonya L. Johannsen has 35 years of experience in handling general civil litigation matters including complex financial institution contracts, real estate matters and business tort disputes as well as high profile construction negotiations and controversies.

She engages with and educates her clients about best legal and business practices to identify potential issues early in the business process to avoid and resolve disputes. Ms. Johannsen provides highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy delivered in a hands-on manner that involves analyzing client needs and concerns and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result effectively and efficiently. During her eleven years as general counsel for a large construction company, Ms. Johannsen developed expertise in construction law and dispute resolution. Her representation began at the earliest stages of negotiation and preparation of contract documents and continues through the construction process and any disputes that may arise with a goal of facilitating the delivery of projects on-time and within the budget. When early dispute resolution is impossible, Ms. Johannsen vigorously represents her clients in proceedings before state and federal courts and in mediation, arbitration and private negotiations.

Ms. Johannsen has achieved Martindale-Hubbell's highest AV Preeminent rating for peer and judicial reviews every year since 1997. Additionally, she has been named as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas for commercial and construction litigation and is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America. Ms. Johannsen has been named in Who's Who from 2012 through 2021 and as the Outstanding Alumni from Texas Tech University School of Law in 2019. While serving as general counsel she was recognized as one of the Dallas Bar Association's Inspiring Women and in 2017 was honored by the National Diversity Counsel.

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Ilene is a seasoned defense attorney who has handled some of the most interesting and cutting edge environmental matters on behalf of her private and public sector clients. She handles Superfund matters including liability defense, administrative proceedings, allocation litigation, and natural resource damage claims. She is well versed in RCRA, CAA, CWA, and other regulatory programs, and served as an EPA enforcement attorney for nearly seven years, handling environmental enforcement matters before entering private practice. Ilene represents clients in contaminated property, groundwater, and emergency response sites across the country. Ilene is known for her practicality and sound environmental decisionmaking.

She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and currently serves as a vice-chair of the ABA Superfund and Natural Resources Committee. She is licensed to practice in Oregon, Washington, Kansas, and Missouri. Ilene is a partner and co-chair of Foley & Mansfield's national Environmental defense practice.



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Ms. Meagher's accolades include a Super Lawyers designation each year since 2011, an AV® Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell, and the 2011 Wisconsin Law Journal's Women in the Law award. Linda has been designated a Top 25 Women Wisconsin Super Lawyer seven times in the last eight years. She is a fellow of the prestigious Litigation Counsel of America, which selects lawyers based on effectiveness and accomplishment in trial and appellate litigation and superior ethical reputation.



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Melinda ("Mindy") Gentile is partner in the Miami office of Peckar & Abramson, P.C., the nation's largest construction law firm*. A Florida Bar Board Certified Construction Law Specialist and Certified Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator and Qualified Arbitrator, she has extensive experience in construction law and dispute resolution. Leveraging more than 35 years as a construction lawyer and commercial litigator, Mindy is a highly qualified Construction Arbitrator, Mediator, Neutral Evaluator, Dispute Board Member, Special Master, Fee Expert, and Private Resolution Judge.

Mindy is presently transitioning her practice to dispute resolution services, exclusively. Known as an insightful, practical problem solver, her commitment to providing cost-effective business solutions is paramount. Mindy's expertise is built upon decades in the construction industry and she is among a small group of uniquely situated, highly qualified practitioners in this area. Put simply, Mindy's understanding of the construction process – from the earliest stages of project documentation, through project administration, to completion – and her extensive construction litigation background, enables her to deliver creative, impartial dispute resolution services.

Mindy began her career as a rarity, a woman in two male-dominated fields – construction law and the construction industry. She is deeply committed to developing the careers of women and diverse individuals in both the industry and construction law. As Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the annual Groundbreaking Women in Construction conference, Mindy works alongside colleagues to change the dialog around diversity and inclusion in construction. Mindy also chairs P&A's D&I Committee, driving forward the firm's 42-year commitment to these ideals.

Mindy's accolades include: Lifetime Achievement Award, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, Construction Law Committee; *Best Lawyers In America* (Construction); *Florida Super Lawyers* (Construction Litigation); *Chambers USA Band 2* (Construction Law); and *Martindale-Hubbell* "AV Preeminent".

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Ms. Perkins has more than 24 years of experience successfully representing clients from individuals to Fortune 500 companies in a variety of industries in federal and state courts. She focuses her practice on counseling, litigation, and mediation in the areas of intellectual property law, including trademark infringement, copyright infringement, trade secret, unfair competition, promotion and marketing disputes, and employment matters.

She is passionate about helping clients identify and protect their intellectual property assets and enforcing their intellectual property rights when necessary. Ms. Perkins has an AV[®] Preeminent[™] rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; the rating indicates the highest level of skill, integrity and professional conduct and is awarded to less than eight percent of all United States lawyers.

Ms. Perkins is committed to giving back and making a positive impact. She is the President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association and has been instrumental in the Bar Association's Diversity & Inclusion initiatives. She is an inspirational speaker in a court intervention program for troubled teenagers and supports various charitable organizations.



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