



# SECURITIES AND FINANCE LAW SEMINAR SERIES 2014

*A Six-Part Seminar Series for Diverse Law and Business Students from New York & New Jersey Graduate Schools Featuring Leading Legal and Compliance Experts in the Financial Services Industry*

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Welcome to the Spring 2014 Securities and Finance Law Seminar Series. The Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE) and the New York City Bar Association (NYC Bar) are joining resources for the second time to offer this series. We are pleased that you have joined us and we value your time devoted to these Fridays.

ASAFE's mission is to prepare you to be a leader in the financial services industry. You should be aware of this goal as you think about the content of our conversations and as you frame your questions. The knowledge that you will acquire from this series, its leaders and your peers, and the formation of your strong network together, helps establish information channels and empowerment necessary for becoming leaders.

As we engage in each session, ASAFE offers these tips for taking full advantage of this valuable time together.

1. **Read materials when provided ahead of time.** Materials will be posted on the NYC Bar's website at the following link: <http://www.nycbar.org/ASAFE/asafe-docs.php>
2. **Research speakers ahead of each session.** Note bios of all speakers and series leaders that are included in your packet. More information is available about speakers on various sites. This preparation will assist you in asking good questions and maximizing the opportunity to meet with these industry leaders.
3. **Draft a set of customized learning objectives and career objectives unique to you.** This will better focus your efforts and attention in order to maximize this unique learning environment.
4. **Network with your colleagues who are enrolled in the series** and develop relationships now that may last throughout your career. Some of the most important support you will need will be professional and emotional reassurance from your peers. This network can serve as a sounding board in career decisions, maximizing professional development and working through ethical challenges.

ASAFE is an organization that invests in providing learning experiences to motivated students using a variety of innovative teaching methods. Methods include deploying role model practitioners from law firms, financial services firms and regulators. These practitioners include financial services and securities experts as well as Human Resources and diversity experts. Faculty is selected based upon their skills in teaching and interactive mentoring styles and for their dedication to leading students from diverse backgrounds to be leaders. Central to our methods and values is a training platform that highlights ethical decision making, applied knowledge development and research based information exchange. Storytelling is used to convey and illustrate practical strategies including challenges met by practitioners during their careers.

We thank the New York City Bar, especially Gabrielle Brown, Director of Diversity & Inclusion, for their partnership. Thank you students and volunteers for your participation. We look forward to your engagement and your feedback.

Sincerely,

Nancy Burnett, President and Board of Directors  
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# ASAFE and NY City Bar Present Innovative Series on Securities and Finance Law • Seminar Series 2013

*A Six-Part Seminar Series for Second and Third Year Students from New York & New Jersey Law Schools with Leading Legal and Compliance Practitioners in the Financial Services Industry*

The New York City Bar Association and the Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE) will conduct a six-part Seminar Series on Securities and Finance Law beginning in January 2013 for diverse students attending New York City area law schools.

The sessions will be presented by leading legal and compliance practitioners (including former and current federal regulators, e.g., **Linda Thomsen**, former Director of Enforcement at the US SEC, partner at Davis Polk; **Yukako Kawata**, partner at Davis Polk; **Anthony Alexis**, Director of Enforcement at the Consumer Finance Protection Board; **Richard R. Best**, Director of Enforcement at FINRA and **Brian Breheny**, former Deputy Director of Corporation Finance at the US SEC, partner at Skadden Arps).

Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the nuts and bolts and cutting edge issues in securities and finance law, explore careers in securities and finance law, and develop professional networks by meeting legal and compliance practitioners.

This ASAFE and New York City Bar seminar series is designed to enhance diversity and inclusion in the securities and finance industries of traditionally underrepresented groups. This includes the following categories: Black or African American, Latino or Hispanic, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Two or More Races, Women, LGBT Students, Veterans, Economically Disadvantaged Students and Students with Disabilities.

## Seminar Series Flyer

### Frequently Asked Questions (Students)

### Frequently Asked Questions (Volunteers)

## SEMINAR SERIES DATES

**January 25** • Overview of Securities and Finance

**February 1** • Corporation Finance (federal)

**February 8** • Enforcement (federal, state and local)

**March 22** • Investment Management (federal, state and local)

**March 29** • A Career as a Compliance Professional

**April 5** • Consumer Protection (federal)

All seminar dates fall on a Friday and will be conducted from 4pm–7pm at the New York City Bar Association, located at 42 West 44th Street in New York City. Participants are expected to attend all seminars in return for being awarded an ASAFE seminar certificate.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

➤ **Students selected to be a part of the seminar series must attend one of the following 13 institutions for consideration:**

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
Brooklyn Law School  
Columbia Law School  
CUNY School of Law  
Fordham Law School

Hofstra University School of Law

New York Law School

New York University School of Law

Pace Law School

Rutgers School of Law

Seton Hall University School of Law

St. John's University School of Law

Touro Law Center

➤ Second-year and third-year law students are eligible to participate in this series.

➤ Students must submit an **application**, a **statement of interest** and **resume** for consideration.

## APPLICATION

The **application** is available online.

The application deadline is **December 31st**.

For more information, please contact Nancy Burnett, President of ASAFE at [nburnett@asafealliances.org](mailto:nburnett@asafealliances.org) or Gabrielle Lyse Brown, Director of Diversity Pipeline Initiatives at the City Bar at [gbrown@nycbar.org](mailto:gbrown@nycbar.org)

## **PIERRE ARMAND**

*Co-Chief, Civil Frauds Unit, United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York*

Pierre Armand is the Co-Chief of the Civil Frauds Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. The Civil Frauds Unit, created in March 2010, investigates and prosecutes large-scale and sophisticated frauds, including health care fraud, mortgage fraud, bank fraud, procurement fraud, grant fraud, and other fraud in connection with federal monies and spending allocated under various stimulus and economic recovery legislation. Prior to holding this position, Mr. Armand was a Deputy Chief of the Civil Frauds Unit supervising financial frauds, and the Deputy Chief of the Tax and Bankruptcy Unit. Mr. Armand has received a number of awards for his work on behalf of the United States government, including, the John Marshall Award; the Stimson Medal; and a Director's Award for Superior Performance as an AUSA. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2004, Mr. Armand was an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Mr. Armand is a 1999 cum laude graduate of Cornell Law School and a 1994 graduate of Columbia University.



## **BARRY P. BARBASH**

*Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP*

Barry P. Barbash joined Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in February 2006 as a partner and Co-Chair of the firm's Asset Management Group. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. For the seven years prior to joining Willkie, Mr. Barbash was a partner and head of the asset management practice at another firm. From September 1993 until October 1998, he served as the Director of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Investment Management.

Mr. Barbash has a diverse practice covering all aspects of the asset management business. He regularly advises mutual fund, exchange-traded fund, hedge fund and private equity fund clients on a variety of transactional, compliance and regulatory matters. His areas of expertise include mutual fund operations and regulation, hedge fund formation and regulation, private equity fund structuring and financing, venture capital fund operations and offerings, and fund governance. He regularly represents buyers and sellers in asset management merger and acquisition transactions and advises asset managers of all types in connection with administrative and court actions brought by securities regulators. He has particular experience and expertise dealing with status issues arising under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. He is also an expert in representing fund boards.

Mr. Barbash regularly advises mutual fund, hedge fund, investment adviser, and broker-dealer clients and their sponsors and boards on a wide variety of regulatory compliance matters. When counseling these clients, he is often called upon to conduct detailed reviews of their investment management, administrative and marketing operations and to assist in the development of policies and procedures intended to enable them to meet their fiduciary and other legal obligations.

Mr. Barbash's recent significant matters include representing major financial services firms in connection with: merger and acquisition transactions; joint venture arrangements; and the development of global investment management platforms.

Chambers USA (2013) ranks Mr. Barbash in Band 1 nationally for leading individuals practicing in the area of Investment Funds: Registered Funds. Additionally, Chambers USA (2013) and Chambers Global (2013) rank him also among the very top practitioners in the area of Hedge Funds. Mr. Barbash is also included in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America.



**RICHARD R. BEST**

*Chief Counsel, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.*

Richard R. Best is a Chief Counsel in FINRA's Department of Enforcement. FINRA is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. It oversees nearly 4,320 brokerage firms, 163,350 branch offices and 635,315 registered securities representatives. FINRA's chief role is to protect investors by maintaining the fairness of the U.S. capital markets.

As a Chief Counsel in the Enforcement Department, Mr. Best has supervisory responsibility for securities regulatory matters conducted by a team of approximately 20 regulatory professionals who are located in New York City. Mr. Best has also served as a Director and Senior Trial Attorney in the Department of Enforcement where he supervised regulatory investigations and litigation.

Prior to joining FINRA, Mr. Best was an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Bronx County District Attorney. He was a supervisor in the Rackets Bureau and the District Attorney's Liaison to the New York City Department of Correction. In these positions, he supervised the investigation and prosecution of public corruption, organized crime, firearms trafficking and crimes occurring at New York City Department of Correction facilities in Bronx County, including Rikers Island. Mr. Best was also an adjunct lecturer at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Best earned his undergraduate degree in Computer Science from the State University of New York, College at Old Westbury and his law degree from the Howard University School of Law.



## **BRIAN V. BREHENY**

*Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*

Brian V. Breheny concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and general corporate and securities matters. Since joining Skadden, Mr. Breheny has advised numerous clients on a full range of SEC compliance and corporate governance matters, including advising clients on compliance with the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, the SEC's tender offer rules and regulations and the federal proxy rules.

Prior to joining Skadden in 2010, Mr. Breheny held a number of leadership positions in the Division of Corporation Finance at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He began as chief of the SEC's Office of Mergers and Acquisitions in July 2003, and in November 2007 he became deputy director, legal and regulatory policy.

In his position as chief of the Office of Mergers and Acquisitions, Mr. Breheny oversaw the legal and technical aspects of the administration of the Securities Act of 1933 as it related to tender offers and mergers; the proxy, beneficial ownership reporting, tender offer and going-private provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and the rules, regulations, forms and procedures promulgated to implement these statutory provisions. As deputy director, he was a member of the senior staff of the commission with responsibility for the division's legal and regulatory policy support offices (chief counsel, chief accountant, mergers and acquisitions, international corporate finance, rulemaking, small business policy and enforcement liaison).

During his tenure at the SEC, Mr. Breheny assisted the commission with its consideration of significant rule amendments in a number of areas including shareholder director nominations, tender offers, beneficial ownership reporting, electronic delivery of proxy materials, electronic shareholder forums, short sale disclosure, and proxy voting and shareholder communications.

Before joining the SEC, Mr. Breheny worked at another international law firm in its New York and London offices. During his previous seven years in private practice, he advised clients engaged in a broad range of merger and acquisition transactions, securities issuances, private equity investments, banking and public financings, fund formations and corporate reorganizations. Mr. Breheny began his career as a certified public accountant with KPMG LLP.

Mr. Breheny has lectured extensively on topics such as mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and the federal proxy rules and shareholder voting. He has served as an adjunct securities law faculty member at the Georgetown University Law Center and Howard University School of Law.



## **KEVIN M. ROBINSON**

*Senior Managing Director & General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, Guggenheim Partners*

Kevin M. Robinson is the Senior Managing Director & General Counsel, Corporate Secretary of Guggenheim Partners.

Kevin Robinson manages the Guggenheim Partners shared services legal and compliance resources as its Senior Managing Director, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and is also Senior Counsel for Guggenheim Investment Advisory where he manages the legal and compliance group. Prior to joining Guggenheim, Kevin served as part of the Lead Team of Claymore Group, a financial services firm, where he helped devise corporate strategy, and he implemented legal and compliance standards. Prior to that, Kevin was the Associate General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary of NYSE Group, Inc. (f/k/a Archipelago Holdings, Inc.) where he was responsible for general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions and regulatory compliance. Also, Kevin was employed at ABN Amro, Inc. as Senior Vice-President and Associate General Counsel where he engaged in corporate and compliance practice for its full service broker-dealer. Kevin's financial service industry experience began in 1989 as Senior Counsel in the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Kevin graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law.



## **JORDAN A. THOMAS**

*Partner, Labaton Sucharow LLP*

Jordan A. Thomas concentrates his practice on investigating and prosecuting securities fraud on behalf of whistleblowers and institutional clients. As Chair of the Firm's Whistleblower Representation practice, Jordan protects and advocates for whistleblowers throughout the world who have information about possible violations of the federal securities laws. He created, and serves as the editor for [www.secwhistlebloweradvocate.com](http://www.secwhistlebloweradvocate.com), a website dedicated to helping responsible organizations establish a culture of integrity and courageous whistleblowers to report possible securities violations—without personal or professional regrets.

A longtime public servant and seasoned trial lawyer, Jordan joined Labaton Sucharow from the Securities and Exchange Commission where he served as an Assistant Director and, previously, as an Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel in the Division of Enforcement. He had a leadership role in the development of the SEC

Whistleblower Program, including leading fact-finding visits to other federal agencies with whistleblower programs, drafting the proposed legislation and implementing rules and briefing House and Senate staffs on the proposed legislation. He is also the principal architect and first National Coordinator of the Commission's Cooperation Program, an initiative designed to facilitate and incentivize individuals and companies to self-report securities violations and participate in its investigations and related enforcement actions. In recognition of his important contributions to these national initiatives, while at the SEC, Jordan was a recipient of the Arthur Mathews Award, which recognizes "sustained demonstrated creativity in applying the federal securities laws for the benefit of investors," and, on two occasions, the Law and Policy Award.

Throughout his tenure at the SEC, Jordan was assigned to many of its highest-profile matters such as those involving Enron, Fannie Mae, UBS, and Citigroup. He successfully investigated, litigated and supervised a wide variety of enforcement matters involving violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, issuer accounting fraud and other disclosure violations, audit failures, insider trading, market manipulations, offering frauds, and broker-dealer, investment adviser and investment company violations. His cases resulted in monetary relief for harmed investors in excess of \$35 billion.

Prior to joining the Commission, Jordan was a Trial Attorney at the Department of Justice, where he specialized in complex financial services litigation involving the FDIC and Office of Thrift Supervision. He began his legal career as a Navy Judge Advocate on active duty and continues to serve as a senior officer in its Reserve Law Program. Earlier, Jordan worked as a stockbroker.

Jordan is a member of the City Bar Fund, which oversees the City Bar Justice Center, the pro bono affiliate of the New York City Bar Association.

Throughout his career, Jordan has received numerous awards and honors. In 2012, he was named a Legal Rebel by the American Bar Association Journal in recognition of his trailblazing efforts in the legal field. Ethisphere Institute, an internationally recognized think tank, selected Jordan as a Rising Star in its listing of 2012 Attorneys Who Matter, which recognizes leading practitioners in the world of corporate ethics and compliance. While at the SEC, Jordan received four Chairman's Awards, four Division Director's Awards and a Letter of Commendation from the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. He is also a decorated military officer, who has twice been awarded the Rear Admiral Hugh H. Howell Award of Excellence—the highest award the Navy can bestow upon a reserve judge advocate. Jordan has received an AV Preeminent rating, the highest attorney rating available, from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell legal directory.

Jordan is a nationally sought after writer, speaker and media commentator on securities enforcement, corporate ethics, and whistleblower issues.



## LINDA CHATMAN THOMSEN

*Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP*

Linda Chatman Thomsen was the first woman to serve as the Director of the Division of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission, is a partner in Davis Polk's Litigation Department and practices in the Washington DC office. Her practice concentrates in matters related to the enforcement of the federal securities laws.

She has represented clients in SEC enforcement investigations and inquiries, in enforcement matters before other agencies, including the Department of Justice (various U.S. Attorneys Offices) and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, in investigations and inquiries from self-regulatory agencies, including FINRA, and in internal investigations.

These matters, which are typically nonpublic, have covered a broad range of securities-related subject matters, including insider trading, foreign corrupt practices, financial reporting, manipulation and regulatory compliance. Her clients have included major financial institutions, regulated entities, public companies and senior executives.

Ms. Thomsen returned to Davis Polk in 2009 after 14 years of public service at the SEC. While there she held a variety of positions and ultimately served as the Director of Enforcement from 2005 through February 2009. During her tenure as the Director of Enforcement, she led the Enron investigation, the auction rate securities settlements, the stock options backdating cases and the expansion of the enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

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## CAREY R. DUNNE

*Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP*

Carey R. Dunne is Chair of Davis Polk's litigation practice and a member of the firm's three-person Management Committee. He represents clients in a wide variety of criminal, civil and regulatory matters, including grand jury inquiries, internal investigations, enforcement actions by state and federal agencies, and complex commercial disputes. Most of the cases that he handles involve "parallel proceedings": competing actions and investigations that must be defended simultaneously in multiple forums. His white collar criminal and regulatory matters have involved allegations of securities fraud, insider trading, foreign corrupt practices, money laundering and other financial crimes. He also has extensive experience advising companies, boards and audit committees on compliance and corporate governance issues.

He was a prosecutor in the office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau from 1984 through 1987. Mr. Dunne's recent matters have included assignments in China, Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Dunne is also the current president of the New York City Bar Association, which was founded in 1870 and is the largest such organization in the city, with 23,000 members. His two-year term began in May 2012.

Mr. Dunne earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from Oberlin College.



## GABRIELLE LYSE BROWN

*Director of Diversity and Inclusion, New York City Bar*

Gabrielle Lyse Brown is the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the New York City Bar, where she leads the Association's efforts to enhance diversity in the legal profession across a broad range of legal employers through initiatives that foster diverse and inclusive work environments. Previously, she founded the City Bar's Pipeline Initiative, which provides comprehensive programming for inner-city students to address academic support and enrichment, professional and substantive skill development, networking/mentoring opportunities and exposure to the legal profession.

Gabrielle is committed to diversity in the profession and is active in several like-minded organizations. She is a member of the Executive Board of Directors of Practicing Attorneys for Law Students, Inc. (PALS), The Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP), The Council of Urban Professionals (CUP), and the Bronx School of Law and Finance Advisory Board. She has spoken on numerous panels about professional readiness, mentoring, and developing diversity pipeline initiatives.



## NANCY BURNETT

*Acting Associate Director, Office of Minority Women and Inclusion (OMWI), Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA)*

Nancy Burnett is the Acting Associate Director of the Office of Minority Women and Inclusion (OMWI) at the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). OMWI functions were created by Dodd-Frank and require federal financial regulators to oversee diversity and inclusion performance among federally governed entities.

Nancy is a member of the Steering Committee of the Defense Research Institute's Diversity Committee, a national defense bar association that operates one of the largest diversity supplier expos for minority and women owned law firms in the US. Nancy serves on the Board of Advisors of the DC Social Innovation Project, a nonprofit corporation that provides financial support and business design strategies for business entrepreneurs tackling social challenges in the District of Columbia. Nancy served for 15 years as Director and Senior Strategist with Tucker Spearman & Associates, Inc., a business consulting company with offerings in strategic business development. She is a long time member of the Federal Interagency Diversity Partnership, a group of federal agency leaders committed to diversity and inclusion practices that participated in the creation of an Executive Order requiring all federal agencies to create offices similar to the OMWI model.

Early in her career, Nancy worked on municipal finance offerings for housing projects, including offerings that required minority and women owned law firm participation. Nancy served as an attorney advisor at the SEC for 15 years. She served in the SEC's Office of Human Resources, handling projects in Strategic Human Capital, Labor Relations, Employee Relations, Diversity and Inclusion and Technology Innovations to improve and support HR and business processes. She advised those in HR and in other business units responsible for quality, risk analysis and program architecture related to new compliance rules for Diversity and EEO for federal agencies, financial regulators and among those regulated under Dodd-Frank.

Nancy began her career after law school representing women coal miners in tort and employment litigation and appeared on *60 Minutes* related to this work. Nancy served in several capacities at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, including: overseeing the DC region's State and Local Human Rights Agencies contractual programs with EEOC; training investigators at EEOC and at the State and Local agencies; and working for a Commissioner.

Nancy is President and a founding trustee of the Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE), an alliance that designs and facilitates delivery of securities and finance curriculum to diverse student audiences. She is active as a public speaker before audiences in both the private and public sectors. She teaches graduate

students at Georgetown University including courses in Employee Relations, EEO Compliance and Diversity and Human Capital Management. She formerly taught at Cornell's School of Industrial Labor Relations (ILR) at the Manhattan location.



## **NATE SAINT-VICTOR**

*Executive Director, Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley*

Nate Saint-Victor is an Executive Director in the Legal and Compliance Division of Morgan Stanley. Nate provides advice to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management on issues pertaining to the laws, rules and regulations applicable to investment advisers and brokers-dealers. Previously, Nate was an associate at the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell where, as counsel to sponsors and registered and unregistered investment advisers, he provided regulatory and compliance advice and assisted with the formation and structuring of domestic and offshore private funds and covered real estate transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Since 2009, Nate has served on the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Alternative Investments Roundtable and previously served on the SIFMA Investment Advisor/Broker-Dealer Task Force, SIFMA Investment Advisory Committee and the Certified Financial Planner Board Business Model Working Group. Nate regularly participates on a broad range of panels covering issues such as securities laws, diversity and inclusion and career development.

Nate is also the Chair of the Morgan Stanley Legal and Compliance Division Diversity & Inclusion Committee (LCDDIC). He is on the Board of Directors for the Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE), a non-profit alliance of financial services industry experts who are regulators and practitioners that create and provide educational programs to increase and diversify access to the financial services industry and its leadership careers. He is also on the Advisory Council for the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), a nonprofit trade association comprised of minority and women-owned law firms. Nate also sits on three New York City Bar Association Committees: Enhancing Diversity in the Profession Committee, the Committee on Minorities in the Profession, and the Diversity & Inclusion Champion Award Selection Committee, for which he serves as Chair. In 2009, Nate was chosen for, participated in, and graduated from, a Fellowship program through the Council of Urban Professionals, a New York-based leadership development organization that molds diverse business and civic leaders, and empowers them to exert influence, achieve their individual goals and create collective impact through a range of programs and initiatives. Nate previously served on the Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies Early Care and Education Working Group.

Nate enjoys mentoring high school students through Legal Outreach, a college prep organization that uses the law as a tool to inspire and prepare urban youth from underserved communities in New York City to succeed in high school, college and beyond. He is a recurring judge for Legal Outreach moot court competitions, an annual guest speaker for their 8th grade summer program (Pathways to Achievement and Community Transformation, or PACT), and currently sits on Legal Outreach's Advisory Board. Nate received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and his undergraduate degree from Duke University.



## **CHARLES SPEARMAN**

*Managing Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Guggenheim Partners*

Charles Spearman is a Managing Director, responsible for firm-wide Diversity and Inclusion strategies and initiatives at Guggenheim Partners.

Prior to joining Guggenheim Partners he was the founder and principal of Tucker Spearman and Associates, Inc., an EEO and Inclusion management company. Charles specializes in organizational and executive leadership in compliance and inclusion management. He designs and delivers training on EEO investigations, harassment prevention and compliance and conducts internal investigations. A frequent speaker before industry leaders on compliance and inclusion trends, Charles has been quoted by *Time* magazine and is a presenter at SHRM and EEOC TAPS programs for public and private sector officials in designing EEO compliance programs. Charles has provided expert witness testimony on the integrity of harassment prevention systems and investigations in employment harassment litigation and has authored papers on these topics. His clients have included corporations, universities, government institutions and associations such as Guggenheim Partners, Footlocker, Mitsubishi, Volkswagen Group of America, the Mid-Atlantic Coca Cola Bottling Group, American University, DOJ, HUD, U.S.P.S., the Urban Land Institute and the National Association of Attorneys General.

Charles serves on the faculty at Georgetown University's Master of Professional Studies in Human Resources Management. Charles has taught courses at Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations School. Charles is a founding member and trustee of the Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE), an alliance of volunteers that facilitates and provides design and delivery of securities and finance curriculum to diverse student and faculty audiences. He is also past President and current Board Member of SCAN, Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia. Charles served as a senior advisor to a Commissioner at the EEOC and to leaders at the Texas Department of Commerce and the US Department of Commerce.



## **KAPIL V. PANDIT**

*Associate, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP*

Kapil V. Pandit is an associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in the firm's Investment Funds practice. His practice focuses on private investment funds and complex corporate transactions, with a particular focus on private equity and hedge fund formation and other alternative investment matters in

various jurisdictions, including the United States, India, Mauritius and the Cayman Islands. Mr. Pandit is also a member of the firm's India practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Pandit interned in Mumbai, India, with AGM India Advisors Pvt. Ltd., an affiliate of Apollo Management, where he assisted with a \$100 million equity investment in Dish TV India Ltd. (a direct-to-home entertainment provider in India) through a subscription to global depository receipts (GDRs).

Mr. Pandit also previously worked in operations and supply chain management for Lockheed Martin Corporation, where he participated in the Operations Leadership Development Program (OLDP) and was involved with projects in logistics, international offsets/industrial cooperation, lean manufacturing, six-sigma process improvement and subcontract management.

Mr. Pandit received his J.D. in 2009 from Howard University School of Law, where he was a member of the Charles Hamilton Houston National Moot Court team and participated in the Law Student Observer Program at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – Office of Mergers and Acquisitions. He received his M.S. in project management in 2006 from The George Washington University, a B.S. in logistics, transportation and supply chain management and a B.S. in management science and statistics in 2003 from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Pandit is on the board of advisors of the Alliance of Securities and Financial Educators (ASAFE).

## ADVISOR-VOLUNTEERS

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### **JEANNE CAMPANELLI**

*General Counsel, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.*

Jeanne Campanelli is the General Counsel of Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., the U.S. securities unit of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group. She heads a team of lawyers that provides legal advice for the firm's capital markets, repo/securities lending, credit, rates, equities and commodities businesses and on general corporate and regulatory matters. She also oversees corporate governance, including acting as Secretary to the board of directors and its committees.

Jeanne commenced her legal career in 1990 at Shearman & Sterling, where she represented both issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of common stock, ADRs, debt and derivative securities.

In 2000, she joined Citigroup in New York, where she advised Citigroup's Equity Capital Markets and Investment Banking departments in structuring and executing primary and secondary securities offerings, including private placements, block trades, PIPEs and closed-end fund offerings. Jeanne moved to Citigroup's London office in 2005 to head the equities legal team for Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), covering the equities sales and trading, derivatives, equities finance/prime brokerage and research businesses.

Prior to joining Mitsubishi in March 2013, Jeanne spent three years working at the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estate as a member of the team that unwound and settled derivatives claims filed against Lehman by the largest financial industry counterparties.

Jeanne received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, with a major in International Economics, and a J.D. from Georgetown University. She has been a member of the New York bar since 1991 and the District of Columbia bar since 1992.



## **JASON M. CASELLA**

*Partner, Jenner & Block*

Jason M. Casella focuses his practice on corporate law. He represents both private and public companies in a wide variety of corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, and capital markets transactions, particularly in the sales and acquisitions of preferred stock, corporate debt, warrants and other securities.

Mr. Casella has vast experience in initial public offerings and secondary offerings of common stock, acquisitions, and sales of assets for a wide variety of national and international corporate clients. He also advises clients on commercial transactions and corporate governance issues and assists public companies with public offerings and private placements.

Mr. Casella is a member of the Firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Securities Practices.



## **RYAN C. CHAPOTEAU**

*Associate, Sedgwick LLP*

Ryan C. Chapoteau focuses his practice on litigating insurance coverage matters, representing domestic and international insurers in multi-jurisdictional claims regarding general and professional liability as well as issues arising under fidelity bonds. His experience also includes litigating labor and employment law disputes, defending clients in employment discrimination and harassment matters before federal and state courts.

Mr. Chapoteau is admitted to practice in state and federal court in New York (2012) and state court in Massachusetts (2011). He is a member of the American Bar Association and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council for Boston University School of Law.

Mr. Chapoteau graduated law school with a Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration, with honors. While in law school, he served as an Articles Editor for the *Public Interest Law Journal*. He also participated in the Boston University Civil Litigation Program, where he successfully litigated matters concerning housing, family, employment, and disability law in state court, federal court, and federal administrative hearings.

In 2012, Mr. Chapoteau was a member of a team that received the Wallace Sedgwick Client Service Award for defending an insurer in one of the largest and most high profile construction defect matters in the country.



## **BENSON R. COHEN**

*Partner, Sidley Austin LLP*

Benson Cohen is a partner in the firm's New York office. His practice primarily involves representing investment advisers, broker-dealers and banks in connection with corporate, securities, M&A and regulatory matters.

Representative matters include:

- Formation and offerings of privately-placed hedge funds and fund of funds (both U.S. and non-U.S.)
- Formation, registration and offering of public fund of funds
- Establishment of hedge fund and private equity fund “feeder” and managed account platforms
- Sales of minority interests in advisory business (both buy-side and sell-side)

Benson has deep experience counseling asset management clients on the myriad regulatory structures applicable to their business, including the U.S. securities laws, the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act (including the Volcker Rule). Benson is well-versed in the ERISA, tax, FINRA, CFTC and NFA rules and regulations that affect asset institutional asset managers. Clients laud Benson's ability to combine comprehensive legal knowledge with a practical commercial perspective.

Benson works with public companies to maintain the confidentiality of information filed with the SEC.



## **SHARON M. DAVISON**

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During her career, Sharon had created and reviewed compliance programs, as well as practiced as a regulator working in various areas at the New York Stock Exchange. Sharon was a Trial Counsel in the Enforcement

Division of the New York Stock Exchange for over seven years moving on to the Market Surveillance Division where she served as Senior Counsel and Director of Special Investigations with a particular emphasis on insider trading and market manipulation.

Sharon is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and Yale University. She is admitted to the bar in New York.

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## **MELVIN EPSTEIN**

*Partner, Strock & Strock & Lavan LLP*

Since Melvin Epstein joined the firm in 1962, he has been engaged in the firm's securities, capital markets and corporate practice areas. He has participated in the creation of innovative transactions made feasible as a result of developments in national and international financial and regulatory environments. These transactions have included the first mortgage-backed bonds, a particular type of sovereign debt instrument used in international finance, developing country privatizations, and the conversion of not-for-profit entities to a for profit structure. He has been involved in all phases of these transactions, from the initial planning and structuring through the final negotiations, including those with relevant regulatory authorities.

Recently, Mr. Epstein has been heavily involved in private equity and merger and acquisition transactions and corporate governance questions. He has represented private equity investors in connection with both their investment and their exit, as well as investee and other companies seeking to acquire or to be acquired. He has represented special committees of boards of directors, or their equivalent, in connection with evaluating such matters as sales of the company and transactions with controlling shareholders. He has also counseled investment banking firms in their role as financial advisors to targets, acquirors and special committees of both.

In addition to these practice areas, Mr. Epstein works with the firm's Financial Restructuring Group on the securities law aspects of novel ways of providing financing to distressed companies, and with the firm's Personal Client Services Group on succession planning and other governance matters for privately held businesses. As chairman of the firm's opinions committee, he deals with a great variety of questions, particularly under the securities and corporate laws.

Mr. Epstein is admitted to practice in New York. He received an LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1962 and an A.B., cum laude, from Harvard College in 1959.

## **BRUCE FRANZESE**

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## **DAVID GOLDENBERG**

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## **BLAYNE A. GRADY**

*Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP*

Blayne A. Grady's practice focuses on corporate, securities and other transactional matters, with a particular focus on investment fund and private equity matters. Mr. Grady assists clients with matters involving private equity fund formation, fund investment, investment adviser regulation, mergers and acquisitions and securities offerings.

Mr. Grady regularly represents private equity fund sponsors, organizing and structuring private equity funds and assisting them from entity formation and the fund-raising process through to portfolio acquisitions and dispositions. He has represented fund sponsors in connection with both domestic and international funds, as well as all aspects of regulatory compliance for such fund sponsors. In addition, he represents institutional investors acquiring positions in private equity, buyout, venture capital and hedge funds. In addition to representing private equity sponsors and investors, he represents public and private companies in connection with a variety of corporate transactions, including stock and asset purchases, equity and debt financings, strategic growth opportunities and exit strategies.

Mr. Grady's engagements include representing:

- fund sponsors in the structuring, formation and negotiation of a series of investment fund vehicles in connection with a \$3.4 billion private equity fund focused on renewable and alternative energy
- private equity fund sponsor in connection with the formation and negotiation of a €2.25 billion investment fund and a €762 million investment fund, each targeting European real estate investments
- leading power generation senior executive in connection with negotiation of platform company venture with energy-focused private equity firm
- private equity fund sponsor in connection with the acquisition and eventual \$790 million sale of a UK-based offshore wind turbine installation company.



## **DIRK C. HAARHOFF**

*Associate, Sedgwick LLP*

Dirk C. Haarhoff focuses his litigation practice on insurance coverage matters, representing international insurers in multi-jurisdictional and international claims proceedings. His experience also includes complex litigation and professional liability matters. Additionally, Mr. Haarhoff has handled various employment and labor law matters. His experience includes litigating cases dealing with Title VII, 42 U.S.C. 1983, ADEA,

FLSA, and New York State and New York City Human Rights Laws; defending municipalities against law of employment claims under the free speech clause of the First Amendment and the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; preparing harassment and discrimination policies and workplace policies and procedures manuals; and advising and counseling clients as to New York State Labor Law requirements for Employee Handbooks.



## **ELLEN T. HARMON**

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Ellen T. Harmon graduated from Sarah Lawrence College and Brooklyn Law School, and began her legal career as a corporate and securities associate at the law firm of Kronish, Lieb, Shainswit, Weiner & Hellman (now, Cooley LLP) in 1979. She went in-house as a corporate generalist in 1984 and spent over twenty-five years in increasingly senior positions at publicly-held, international manufacturing companies in a wide range of industries. She held the positions of General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of such companies from 1999 through 2012, where she managed the legal, compliance and governance functions, including financing and securities matters. Ms. Harmon recently became the Director of Corporate Governance at AEA Investors LP, a private equity firm focused on control buyouts in middle market companies in several industry sectors.



## **DAVID KANAREK**

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David Kanarek is Vice President and Senior Counsel in the General Counsel's Office of the American Express Company. His areas of practice include advising on securities laws, SEC reporting, corporate finance transactions and corporate governance matters. He also advises on derivatives transactions. Prior to joining American Express, David was a senior associate in the Capital Markets and Corporate Governance group of the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP. At Fried Frank, David specialized in corporate finance transactions, including the representation of issuers and underwriters in domestic and international securities offerings, corporate restructurings and acquisition financings. David graduated from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and received a B.A. summa cum laude and MBA from Rutgers.



## **DAVID S. KAUFFMAN**

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David S. Kauffman is Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel – Finance and Securities for Verizon, providing legal support in connection with financial and securities matters, including the issuance of debt and equity securities both domestically and internationally for Verizon and its subsidiaries, domestic and international bank financings, Verizon Capital Corp. and Verizon Investment Management Corp. He is also responsible for legal matters in connection with Verizon's shareholder services group, Verizon's insurance subsidiaries and the Verizon Foundation.

Prior to the Bell Atlantic / GTE merger, Kauffman was Vice President and Associate General Counsel - Finance and General Corporate for GTE Corporation, a position he held since February 2000. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel - Finance and General Corporate since September 1997. He oversaw the Finance and General Corporate Practice Group of GTE's Legal Department, which provided legal advice and assistance to GTE's Capital Markets, Cash Management, International Treasury, Insurance and Risk Management, Corporate Secretary, Shareholder Operations, Corporate Advertising, Corporate Public Affairs and Investor Relations Departments. He also provided legal advice and assistance to GTE Leasing, GTE Investment Management, GTE Reinsurance and the GTE Foundation, as well as to other groups within GTE in connection with documents required to be filed or furnished with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Previously, he served as Assistant General Counsel - Finance since April 1991. Kauffman joined GTE from Contel Corporation, where he had been Senior Corporate Counsel since January 1990.

Kauffman is a graduate of Cornell University and obtained his juris doctor degree from Stanford University. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the District of Columbia Bar and the New Jersey Bar.



## **EVAN KELLEY**

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## **SOO Y. KIM**

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## **LAURA MARKOVICH**

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## **MICHAEL V. MCKAY**

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Michael concentrates on finance matters, representing clients in various types of financing transactions with an emphasis on acquisition financings, leveraged financings, private equity financings, project financings, syndicated loans, restructurings, and derivatives. Michael has been involved in numerous acquisition and private equity financings on behalf of private equity funds, borrowers, and lenders. He has extensive experience in domestic and international project financings representing financial institutions and developers in various transactions. Michael also has worked on a variety of general financing matters, including specialized structured financings, secured financings, subordinated financings, secured and unsecured letters of credit and syndicated revolving, term loan, note purchase facilities, and derivatives.

He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the Editorial Board of *Georgetown Law Review*, and received his A.B. *magna cum laude* from Princeton University. He is admitted to Practice in New York and Washington, DC.



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## **ADAM M. NICOLAZZO**

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Adam received his Juris Doctorate degree from New York Law School in 2007 and his Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern University in 2003.

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## **AUDREY PRASHKER**

*Vice President and General Counsel, Verizon Group*

Audrey Prashker is vice president and general counsel of New York City-based Verizon Capital Group, a unit of Verizon Communications that is involved in asset-based financing activities, including leasing and financing support for sales of equipment and services to customers of Verizon Enterprise Solutions. In this position, which she has held since April 2003, Ms. Prashker is responsible for all legal and corporate governance oversight for this business unit. In addition, Ms. Prashker, as a member of the strategic transactions legal team, advises on venture capital investments.

Prior to joining Verizon Capital, Ms. Prashker held various positions of increasing responsibility within the legal department of Verizon Communications and its predecessors. From 2000-2003 she held the position of associate general counsel – Strategic Transactions, where she was responsible for legal matters related to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other strategic transactions. From 1998-2000, she held the position of senior attorney – Mergers and Acquisitions and International Wireline for Bell Atlantic, where she was responsible not only for strategic transactions, but also served as general counsel for the International Wireline business unit. Ms. Prashker joined NYNEX in 1995 as counsel – Mergers and Acquisitions.

Prior to joining NYNEX, Ms. Prashker was a senior corporate attorney specializing in mergers and acquisitions at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison where she practiced for seven years in its New York City office and three years in its Tokyo, Japan office.

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## **PAUL RODEL**

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Mr. Rodel joined Debevoise in 2005 and became a partner in 2010. He received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Tulane University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1992 (studies with distinction at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in 1990-1991) and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1996, where he was a James Kent Scholar, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Editor-in-Chief of the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*. Mr. Rodel began his career in the New York and Frankfurt offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell and worked in the New York and Geneva offices of the management consultancy McKinsey & Company.

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## **GARY J. ROSS**

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## **VARTGES SAROYAN**

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Vartges Saroyan specializes in the investigation and litigation of financial and white-collar crimes. As an attorney contractor at the U.S. Attorney's Office, he works alongside Assistant U.S. Attorneys on asset forfeiture, i.e., the confiscation of assets involved in criminal activity. He has worked on criminal and civil forfeiture matters involving securities fraud, money laundering and structuring violations, among others. Just prior to his current position, he completed a fellowship at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), where he worked with enforcement counsel to investigate and litigate cases involving violations of federal securities laws. During his studies at the Cardozo School of Law, he also worked at the Investor Protection Bureau of the N.Y.S. Attorney General's Office and interned for two federal judges in the Southern District of New York. He is also a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

In addition to diverse experience with federal and state regulators, Vartges has had experience as a business professional. Vartges completed his undergraduate studies at New York University's Stern School of Business and has worked in international financial institutions, a leading management consulting firm, and a niche private equity firm.

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## **KARRIE SCHWEIKERT**

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## **CHADÉ SEVERIN**

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## **KENNY TERRERO**

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Mr. Terrero is the co-chair of the Associates Committee on Diversity and Inclusion at Sidley Austin, LLP. Mr. Terrero sits on the Board of Directors of the Dominican Bar Association and Sustainable South Bronx and is an active member of the Hispanic National Bar Association and LatinoJustice PRLDF.

Mr. Terrero earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School where he was an International Business Law Fellow.



## **ROBERT M. VAN DE VEIRE**

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Robert M. Van De Veire's practice focuses on securities litigation and arbitration. Bob primarily represents individuals and entities that have been the victims of securities fraud and broker negligence. While at Malecki Law, Bob has helped recover millions of dollars in losses for a wide range of individuals – from retired school teachers and union workers to the founders and executives of large corporations both in the United States and abroad. Recent cases Bob has handled have included a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme, unsuitable investment strategies, unauthorized trading and multi-million dollar tax shelter frauds.

In addition to his work representing investors, Bob also regularly represents individuals who work in the securities industry and find themselves the subject of a regulatory investigation, involved in contract disputes with their former employer, or seeking to bring a whistleblower complaint. Recently, Bob successfully defended a registered person being sued individually for over half of a million dollars.

Bob is a member of the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA), an international association of lawyers dedicated to protecting the rights of public investors. Within PIABA, he is active in the Arbitration Committee and the Self-Regulatory Organization Committee. Bob is also a member of the New York County Lawyers Association, where he serves on the Securities and Exchanges Committee.

Bob received his JD from St. John's University School of Law, where he was chosen for participation of the St. John's Securities Arbitration Clinic and also served on the board of the Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute (PTAI). He has continued his involvement in PTAI, serving as a coach for one of the organization's mock trial teams since 2010. Bob received his BA in Economics from Drew University in Madison, NJ. He is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey.



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He earned his B.A. with honors from the University of Iowa and his J.D. from Pace University School of Law, where he was case notes editor of the law review.



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She received her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami, and an LL.M. from Vanderbilt University, and an LL.B. from Sun Yat-sen University. She is admitted in the State of New York and fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin (Native). She is a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and the Chinese Business Lawyers Association.