

**National State Advisory Council**  
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**Alabama**



**H. Thomas "Tommy" Wells, Jr.**  
**Shareholder, Maynard Cooper & Gale**

Tommy's trial practice concentrates on complex mass tort, environmental and product liability cases, often handling the defense of class actions or mass consolidated cases throughout the South. Tommy is active in the American Bar Association, having served as the Association's President in 2008-2009. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Litigation Counsel of America and the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

**Alaska**



**Marla N. Greenstein**  
**Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Judicial  
Conduct**

Marla Greenstein has served as the Executive Director of the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct since 1989. From 1990 to 2010, Ms. Greenstein also served as Secretary for the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel.

**Arizona**



**Larry A. Hammond**  
**Senior Member, Osborn Maledon**

Larry Hammond is a former President of the American Judicature Society who is best known for his work in very high profile criminal matters. Mr. Hammond joined Osborn Maledon in 1981, after serving clerkships on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, two Supreme Court Clerkships (for Justice Hugo L. Black and Lewis F. Powell, Jr.), serving as Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor and serving as the First Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Dept. of Justice.

## **California**



**The Honorable M. Margaret McKeown**  
**Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

Judge McKeown was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 1998. She attended the University of Madrid and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in 1972 and from Georgetown University Law Center with a J.D. in 1975. She received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University in 2005. Judge McKeown was a White House Fellow in 1980-1981, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and Special Assistant at the White House. In 1993, she served as a Japan Society Leadership Fellow.

## **Colorado**



**The Honorable Russell Carparelli**  
**Retired Judge, Colorado Court of Appeals**

Judge Russell Carparelli retired from the Colorado Court of Appeals in December 2013. Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Carparelli served as a prosecutor, commercial litigator, and Air Force Judge Advocate. During his military career, Judge Carparelli served in the Pentagon as the Chief of Civilian Personnel and Labor

Litigation.

## Delaware



**William "Bill" D. Johnston**  
**Partner, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP**

Bill's practice concentration is corporate and other business counseling and litigation, with an emphasis on Delaware Chancery Court practice and Delaware Superior Court Complex Commercial Litigation Division practice. Bill is a past president of the Delaware State Bar Association. He serves in leadership positions with the American Bar Association, and he is Bar Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Bill is Immediate Past President of the American Judicature Society. currently serves as Chairman of the ABA Business Law Section.



**The Honorable Henry "Hank" duPont Ridgely**  
**Former Justice, Delaware Supreme Court**  
**Senior Counsel, DLA Piper**

The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely, a former Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court, focuses his practice on advising corporations, boards, special committees and individual directors and officers on transaction structure, fiduciary duties, and managing and defending litigation at the trial and appellate level. During his tenure of more than a decade on the Delaware Supreme Court, he participated in more than 700 published opinions, including every major decision issued during his tenure involving directors' and officers' liability, merger and acquisition disputes, contests for corporate control, and other issues impacting corporate law and governance.

## Florida



**Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte**  
**Emeritus President/Law Professor, Florida State University**

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte served as President of FSU from January 1994 to January 2003. From 1984 to 1989 D'Alemberte served as dean of the FSU College of Law. Earlier he represented Dade County in the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972 where he chaired several legislative committees including the Judiciary Committee that drafted and passed a major judicial reform constitutional amendment in 1972. After leaving the Florida Legislature, he chaired the Florida Constitution Revision Commission in 1977-1978 and the Florida Commission on Ethics in 1974-75. Sandy has served as the President of the American Bar Association and of the American Judicature Society (2 terms).



**Neal R. Sonnett**  
**Founder and Managing Partner, Neal R. Sonnett, P.A.**

Neal R. Sonnett is the founder and managing partner of his Miami-based law firm, which concentrates on the defense of corporate, white collar and complex criminal cases in Florida and throughout the United States. Prior to entering private practice, Neal served as an assistant U. S. Attorney and chief of the Criminal Division for the S. District of Florida and in temporary assignments as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the N. District of Florida and the District of Puerto Rico.

**Iowa**



**Seth Andersen**  
**Culver Center Executive Director**

As Director of the John C. Culver Public Policy Center, Seth Andersen works with students interested in pursuing careers in politics and public service. The Center's nonpartisan programs complement Simpson College's Engaged Citizenship Curriculum by encouraging students to actively participate in our democracy and consider public service as their life's work.

Prior to joining the Culver Center, Andersen served as

Executive Director of the American Judicature Society. He also served on the staff of the American Bar Association as Special Assistant to the President and Project Manager for the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence. He has written and spoken extensively on judicial independence, judicial selection, and the jury system.

## **Minnesota**



### **Thomas Leighton** **Vice President, Thomas Reuters**

Thomas Leighton has served as Vice President of Government Relations & Content Acquisition for Thomas Reuters since 2008. Mr. Leighton serves on the boards of several organizations including the Board of Trustees for the American Inns of Court Foundation, the Board of Trustees for the American Judicature Society (Executive Committee Member), and the Board of Directors for the NYU Law School Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration.



### **The Honorable Cara Lee T. Neville** **Judge (Ret.), District Court of Minnesota** **President & Founder, Benchmark National ADR, LLC**

Judge Neville served over 29 years as a Minnesota District Court Judge. Judge Neville was one of eleven Commissioners nationally who wrote the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. She has also chaired the ABA Judicial Division's Ethics and Professionalism Committee, the National Association of Women Judges Ethics Committee, the American Judicature Ethics Committee, and served on the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee to revise the Minnesota Judicial Code. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society and a "founding mother" of the Minnesota Women Lawyers Association and currently serves on their advisory committee and in the Assembly of the Minnesota State Bar Association. Judge Neville has also served as Secretary of the American Bar Association.

## New York



**Robert “Bob” M. Kaufman**  
**Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP**

Bob Kaufman’s career has focused on the areas of health and hospital law, the law of not-for-profit corporations, multinational corporate law and personal representation. Bob has served as a member of the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, and in the U.S. Senate as Legislative Assistant to Senator Javits, and as a Senior Economist for the State of New York. Bob has been a strategist in major corporate acquisitions in the U.S. and Canada and has served as Chairman of the Board for several companies in the U.S. Bob has also served as President of the Bar of the City of New York and as President of the American Judicature Society.

## Ohio



**Martin H. Belsky**  
**Professor of Law, University of Akron School of Law**

Martin H. Belsky began his career in 1969 as a prosecutor, and then chief prosecutor in Philadelphia. Beginning in 1975, he served both as counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives and as chief counsel to the Special House Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf (offshore drilling).

Martin Belsky joined The University of Akron School of Law in January 2008 as Dean and Randolph Baxter Professor of Law. In 2012, he returned to the faculty full time as Randolph Baxter Professor of Law.

## Pennsylvania





**Paul H. Titus**  
**Counsel, Schnader Attorneys at Law**

Mr. Titus has handled a broad range of litigation in trial and appellate courts, especially complex business matters. This includes shareholder disputes, securities issues, contract disputes, governmental regulation and antitrust litigation. He represents governmental entities as well as public and private institutions. Mr. Titus also is a member of the Firm's Pro Bono Committee.

## Tennessee



**Chris Guthrie**  
**Dean and Professor of Law, Vanderbilt Law School**

Chris Guthrie is a leading expert on behavioral law and economics, dispute resolution, negotiation and judicial decision making. He is one of the authors of the influential textbook *Dispute Resolution and Lawyers* and has published more than 50 scholarly articles and essays in leading law journals, including the *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Northwestern University Law Review* and the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

## Texas



**James J. Alfani**  
**Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, Southern Texas College of Law Houston.**

James Alfani is widely published in the field of judicial ethics and is co-author of *Judicial Conduct and Ethics*, published by Lexis and in its 4th Edition (2007). He served on the American Bar Association Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct.

Prior to his arrival at STCL, Dean Alfani was Professor of Law at Northern Illinois University, where he taught constitutional law, mediation theory and practice, legal ethics, and related courses. He served as dean of the Northern Illinois University College of Law for six years

and previously was a member of the law faculty at Florida State University.

**Virginia**



**Angela Ciccolo  
Chief Legal Officer, Special Olympics**

Ms. Ciccolo is responsible for the full range of legal functions handled by the Special Olympics Legal Department and by outside counsel. As CLO, she has a special role to protect the mission of Special Olympics through oversight and maintenance of compliance with the Special Olympics General Rules, which are the principal governing policies of the Special Olympics movement.

Ms. Ciccolo comes to Special Olympics after having spent the past decade with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). During her tenure at the NAACP, Ciccolo served as the organization's first woman General Counsel and Secretary, managing all legal internal and external legal matters. She is a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Virginia State Advisory Committee and has served as an election monitor and speaker on issues of diversity and inclusion in the United States and abroad.