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Dan R. Anderson

Dan Anderson is Deputy Director of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. In that capacity, he manages a staff of more than 120 attorneys and an additional staff of financial analysts, investigators, auditors, paralegals and others who support the mission of that office in investigating and prosecuting fraud committed on the United States. Prior to joining the Department in 1996, Mr. Anderson was an Assistant Attorney General in the State of Maryland and was the Director of that state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. In 1995, he was awarded the John B. Pickett Fellowship by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he earned the degree of Master in Public Administration with a focus on health care policy.

Since joining the Department in 1996, Mr. Anderson has worked on a variety of health care fraud investigations, involving some of the nation's largest healthcare providers.

Elin Baklid-Kunz

Elin Baklid-Kunz is an expert in medical coding compliance who supports clients in matters across the United States with over 20 years of experience in the field.

Ms. Kunz is a national speaker and published author. Recent speaking engagements include the 2018 European Symposium on Ethics and Governance in Paris for the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development; 2017 American Health Information Management

Association National Conference; 2016-2008 American Academy of Professional Coders Coding & Compliance workshops; 2018-2009 keynote presentations for Eli Research Coding Institute & Audio Educator.

In addition to teaching documentation guidelines and ICD-10 to physicians, Ms. Kunz' experience includes six years as an adjunct professor and curriculum developer at Seminole State College where she taught courses pertaining to healthcare reimbursement and data analysis and served on the advisory committee for the health information management (HIM) program.

Ms. Kunz earned her master's degree in business administration from Stetson University where she currently serves as Head Judge for the Southeast Regional Business Ethics Case Competition. She is certified in Healthcare Compliance. She is a Certified Professional Coder; a Certified Professional Medical Auditor; a Certified Coding Specialist and an American Health Information Management Association-Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer.

Ms. Kunz has enormous practical and personal experience with serious compliance issues. She was the Director of Physician Services for Halifax Health in Daytona Beach, Florida until she discovered Medicare fraud being perpetrated by the Hospital and worked with federal authorities to stop it. In 2014, Halifax settled the matter with the U.S. Department of Justice by repaying to Medicare \$86 million. Ms. Kunz's extraordinary efforts to ensure compliance resulted in her being awarded the 2014 Taxpayers Against Fraud Whistleblower of the Year award.

Michael I. Behn

Michael I. Behn founded Behn & Wyetzner, Chartered in Chicago. Mike was honored as the first "Lawyer of the Year" by Taxpayers Against Fraud, which commended Mike's "tenacity, management skills and dedication." In a profile of his practice, the Chicago Daily Law Reporter described Mike as "exceptionally able to prosecute highly complex financial frauds," and quoted the Chief Judge as praising him for having "skills not common among litigators."

Just this year, Mike was featured on CBS's "Whistleblower" program for a 16-year battle involving the B-2 "Stealth" bomber, which resulted in Northrop Grumman paying \$134 million. Mike was also on the cover of "Bond Buyer" for his role in a *qui tam* suit against Wall Street banks for cheating Illinois, its municipalities and charitable institutions. Among his many other successes, Mike represented a pharmacist recovering over \$170 million for Johnson & Johnson's alleged payment of kickbacks to influence drug selections in nursing homes.

Before entering private practice, Mike served as a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (securities and futures fraud unit), as a trial attorney for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and as a Judicial Clerk in the U.S. District Court for Vermont. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Northeastern University School of Law (in Boston).

Jesse Caplan

Jesse Caplan is Managing Director of Corporate Oversight at Affiliated Monitors, Inc. Mr. Caplan has spent his career focused on ensuring organizational success through enlightened leadership, and the highest standards of corporate integrity, ethics and compliance.

Mr. Caplan has over 30 years of experience as an attorney in both the public and private sectors, much of that time in leadership positions. He has approximately 20 years with government regulatory and enforcement agencies, including as General Counsel of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (2015-2018), as Chief of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division (2000-2008), as the Attorney General of the Republic of Palau (1998-1999) and as a Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. Mr. Caplan was a partner with Epstein Becker & Green, a national health care law firm, while also serving as Chief Legal Counsel for Fallon Health, a Massachusetts not-for-profit HMO (2008-2015). Mr. Caplan began his career with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Caplan has written and spoken on health care topics, including developments in connection with the Affordable Care Act, antitrust in health care, and federal and state regulatory compliance. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Antitrust Law at the Suffolk University School of Law. Mr. Caplan received his JD *summa cum laude* from the Washington College of Law at American University, and his BA from Colgate University.

The Honorable Lewis R. Carluzzo

Chief Special Trial Judge Lewis R. Carluzzo was born in New Jersey in 1949. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees at Villanova University in 1971 and 1974, respectively. Judge Carluzzo was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1974. He previously served as law clerk for a New Jersey Superior Court Judge and was later associated with a law firm in Bridgeton, NJ in 1975, where he also served as a city prosecutor. From 1977 until his appointment as a Special Trial Judge, he was employed by the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, as attorney, in the Washington, D.C. District Counsel's Office. In 1983, he was appointed Special Trial Attorney on staff of the Associate Chief Counsel, Litigation. From 1992 to 1994, Judge Carluzzo was assigned to the Office of Special Counsel, Large Case. He was later appointed Special Trial Judge for the United States Tax Court on August 7, 1994, and from September 1, 2017 to the present he has been serving as the court's Chief Special Trial Judge.

Mary Clare Claud

Mary Clare Claud joined GSA's Office of Inspector General in 2014 as Assistant Counsel. Prior to joining the OIG, Ms. Claud worked as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Frauds Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she investigated and prosecuted FCA cases. Prior to that, Ms. Claud worked in private practice in the New York City area for over nine years, focusing on complex civil litigation. Ms. Claud received her law degree *cum laude* from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in 2000 where she was an Associate Editor on the Law Review. Ms. Claud earned her undergraduate degree from Villanova University in 1994.

Robert Cohen

Robert Cohen was named Chief of the Enforcement Division's Cyber Unit in September 2017. The Cyber Unit investigates cyber-related securities law violations, including: initial coin offerings and other cryptocurrency-related conduct; hacking to obtain nonpublic information; brokerage account takeovers; market manipulations using social media and other electronic platforms; cybersecurity controls at regulated entities; and cybersecurity-related disclosures by public issuers.

Before becoming Chief of the Cyber Unit, Mr. Cohen was Co-Chief of the SEC's Market Abuse Unit from 2015 to 2017. Prior to joining the Commission in 2004, Mr. Cohen was in private practice in New York and Maryland, and served as a law clerk in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Mr. Cohen received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where he served on the Law Review, and received a B.S. from Cornell University.

B. Patrick Costello

Patrick Costello serves as the Chief of Business Integrity and Procurement Fraud Prevention Program at the Defense Logistics Agency. In this position, Mr. Costello leads a team of dedicated attorneys and paralegals across the DLA Enterprise, all of whom provide advice on suspected fraud matters, including coordinating the pursuit of potential contractual, administrative, and criminal remedies. Prior to joining DLA in January 2017, Mr. Costello's legal career includes two years working as an investigative counsel with a major defense contracting company, four years as a senior attorney at the Department of the Navy's Acquisition Integrity Office, seven years of service as an Assistant United States Attorney, and two years of clerking for the Honorable Thomas F. Hogan of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Costello served as a Naval Flight Officer from 1991-1999.

Mr. Costello received his B.A. in Government from the University of Notre Dame; his M.B.A. from Old Dominion University; and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar.

Stephen Dean

Stephen Dean is a former executive in the ambulance industry where he held positions in the public and private sectors in both clinical and leadership positions. These positions included regulating ambulance services and administering performance contracts for the provision of emergency medical services (EMS) for cities and counties. He began his career as an Emergency Medical Technician and then worked as a paramedic before moving into management. He received a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where he is an adjunct faculty member. He has published research on the obstacles to improving EMS systems as well as bio-terrorism.

Candice Deisher

Candice M. Deisher is an Assistant Attorney General and Lead Attorney with the Virginia Attorney General's Office in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's ("MFCU") Civil Litigation section. She investigates and prosecutes all aspects of complex civil health care fraud *qui tam* cases in federal and state courts on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, she is part of the MFCU's Civil management team. Ms. Deisher participates in cases nationally as a member of joint investigative and settlement teams through the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units ("NAMFCU") and also serves as co-chair of the NAMFCU *Qui Tam* Subcommittee. Additionally, she is active in the American Bar Association and currently holds a Vice Chair appointment in the ABA Health Law Section's Litigation and Risk Management Interest Group.

Brendan Delaney

Brendan Delaney was a whistleblower who has extensive experience implementing electronic health records systems. He has trained over 2,000 providers and over 4,000 users on EHRs throughout the United States, and implemented EHR systems in over 100 ambulatory clinics. He was a senior administrator at the New City Department of Health in the Bureau of Chronic Disease, Prevention and Control and an implementation specialist in the city's Bureau of Health Care Access and Improvement. Over the last five years, he has worked as a senior consultant and project manager for several entities in the healthcare industry, including UnitedHealth Group, NYU Langone, HSM Consulting, ALN Medical Management and Arcadia

Solutions. He is also a part-time adjunct professor at Marist College, NY, teaching business management.

Rory Delaney

Rory was educated at University of Cambridge, England and graduated with a law degree in 1990. After first practicing as a solicitor in London and Paris for the global law firm Freshfields, he was admitted as a barrister of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in London practicing criminal. In 2002 Rory moved to the United States and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. Since then he has concentrated on False Claims Act cases, representing clients in a number of successful matters: *U.S. v. Elan Corporation, PLC, et al* (2009); *U.S. v. Pfizer Inc.* (2009); *U.S. v Amgen et al.*, (2011); *U.S. v. Acclarent* (2106). In 2017 Rory was trial counsel in *U.S. ex rel. Ruckh v. CMC II et al.* a month-long trial in the middle district of Florida resulting in a \$350 million jury verdict (now on appeal). Earlier this year the United States settled a case against Aegerion Pharmaceuticals Inc. in the sum of \$35 million covering criminal, civil and SEC penalties for off-label marketing of an orphan drug in *U.S. ex rel. Clarke, et al. v. Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*, No. 13-CV-11785 (D. Mass.).

Jacklyn DeMar

Jacklyn is the Director of Legal Education at Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund, where she began as the staff attorney in August of 2014. In her capacity as Director of Legal Education, Jacklyn works with whistleblowers, their counsel, and government attorneys on various False Claims Act matters, as well as matters involving the IRS, SEC, and CFTC whistleblower programs. She files *amicus curiae* briefs in federal courts across the country - including the U.S. Supreme Court - and serves as editor-in-chief of TAFEF's legal periodical, the *False Claims Act & Qui Tam Quarterly Review*. She is also responsible for coordinating the TAFEF Annual Conference, the nation's largest annual False Claims Act conference.

Jacklyn has focused on False Claims Act and other fraud practice for most of her career, since graduating *cum laude* from American University's Washington College of Law in 2009. She has experience practicing at large Washington D.C. firms, as well as ample experience in the e-Discovery field from her experience working for one of the largest e-Discovery providers in the United States. She is a member of the Maryland and D.C. bars.

Tarra DeShields

Tarra DeShields is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Litigation Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. She specializes in investigations and prosecutions of federal False Claims Act violations related to health care fraud, government contract and grant fraud, Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Act violations. In addition, Ms. DeShields served in the U.S. Attorney's Office's Criminal Division where, for six years, she prosecuted financial fraud, tax fraud, racketeering, narcotics and violent crime and technology smuggling. She brings to her practice more than twenty years of appellate, trial, and investigative experience in complex civil and criminal matters. Ms. DeShields has been acknowledged for her work in these areas, including receiving, most recently, a Special Commendation from the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Civil Division (Commercial Litigation—Fraud Section) for the successful multi-million dollar settlement of a decade-long government contracting accounting fraud scheme and special recognition as part of the team that obtained a multi-million dollar settlement relating to a pharmaceutical off-label drug promotion case.

Suzanne E. Durrell

Suzanne E. Durrell is a Managing Member of the Whistleblower Law Collaborative LLC in Boston which she founded with Robert M. Thomas, Jr. She and Mr. Thomas were named the 2017 Whistleblower Lawyers of the Year by the non-profit public interest organization Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund for "an extraordinarily successful year in careers devoted to fighting fraud." Together they have successfully represented relators in many cases including ones against Mylan, Amgen, Forest, Elan, Eisai, WellCare, Amedisys, and Pfizer.

Ms. Durrell served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and as Deputy Chief, and then Chief, Civil Division, U. S. Attorney's Office, Boston, supervising and prosecuting False Claims Act cases from 1989 to 2002. She also served as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the Department. Ms. Durrell also served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1984 to 1989. She is a graduate with honors of Georgetown University Law Center and of Swarthmore College.

Christopher Ehrman

Christopher Ehrman is the Director of the Whistleblower Office at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Mr. Ehrman formerly served as an Assistant Director in the Office of Market Intelligence at the Securities and Exchange Commission. In that role, he oversaw the

processing, review and assignment of all tips, complaints and referrals received by the SEC. Mr. Ehrman also formerly served as the Co-National Coordinator for the Microcap Fraud Working Group, a cross-divisional specialized group charged with creating novel ways to detect, disrupt and prosecute fraud relating to securities quoted on the OTC Market. Prior to joining OMI, Mr. Ehrman worked in a variety of other roles within the SEC's Division of Enforcement, including Branch Chief, Senior Counsel, and Staff Attorney.

Mr. Ehrman is a graduate of Miami University and the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Jillian L. Estes

Jillian Estes is a Senior Attorney with the law firm of Morgan Verkamp, LLC. Jillian has worked exclusively on False Claims Act matters since 2010. Her cases include acting as lead counsel in *U.S. ex rel. Schubert v. All Children's Hospital* (MDFL), which was one of the first cases to successfully apply the Stark Statute to Medicaid claims, and leading the briefing team in obtaining a favorable first-to-file determination (including successfully defending an appeal to the Third Circuit) and a 24% relator's share award following a \$192 million settlement in *U.S. ex rel. Ryan v. Endo Pharmaceuticals* (EDPA). Jillian was also lead counsel in *U.S. ex rel. Robinson v. Indiana University Health, et al.* (SD Ind.), which returned \$18 million to taxpayers and changed the landscape of prenatal care for pregnant Medicaid recipients in Indiana. To date, Jillian has worked on cases that have returned more than \$400 million to taxpayers.

Judge Margaret J. Finerty

Judge Margaret J. Finerty is a Partner at Getnick & Getnick LLP in New York City. Her practice areas include federal and state False Claims Act *qui tam* litigation, as well as IRS, SEC and CFTC whistleblower matters. In addition, Judge Finerty coordinates the firm's corporate monitorship practice.

Judge Finerty joined the firm after a 20-year distinguished career in government. She served as a New York City Criminal Court Judge, and also worked in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office under the leadership of District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. During that time she served as a Deputy Bureau Chief of the Frauds Bureau, Deputy Bureau Chief of a Trial Bureau, and Senior Trial Counsel. Her extensive trial experience includes numerous cases involving complex fraud matters as well as violent street crime.

Judge Finerty is involved in several active FCA *qui tam* and whistleblower matters on the state and federal level, and frequently lectures on these practice areas. She has led numerous federal and state monitorship assignments, directly collaborating with various governmental entities. For example, after 9/11, Getnick & Getnick was appointed by the City

of New York as one of four integrity monitors to oversee the recovery and clean-up effort at the World Trade Center. Judge Finerty led that project, which involved an initial 24-hour presence at the site and coordination of a team of attorneys, forensic accountants and investigators. She also served on the ABA's Task Force on Corporate Monitors Standards which developed the ABA Standards for Criminal Justice for Corporate Monitors.

Judge Finerty has been an active member of several professional associations throughout her career, including serving as: member of the Executive Committee and House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association; Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Mass Shootings and Assault Weapons; Commissioner on the ABA's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Commission; long-time member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers Association; member of the New York City Bar Association's Judiciary Committee, evaluating judicial candidates for election and appointment to the state and federal bench in New York City; and member of New York State's First Department Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the First Judicial District, appointed by the Chief Judge.

Judge Finerty received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago, graduating with General Honors, and her Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School.

Kristen Folding

Kristen has spent twenty-six (26) years expanding her knowledge and passion for assessing complex coding and billing situations, creating purposeful strategies and implementing appropriate solutions culminating in the launch of Amenity Consulting, LLC in 2008. Kristen is a tested professional in the program integrity space whose prior experience in the facility and professional provider sector nationwide allows a unique perspective on analyzing behaviors and trends.

Kristen is qualified in Federal Criminal Court as a subject matter expert in Medical Coding and Health Information Management. She has served as an opinion witness and a litigative consultant in matters relating to the False Claims Act, Health Care Fraud Statute and payer disputes. She is a foremost expert and has been consistently called on for data analysis, record review and written opinions for the Department of Justice, other law enforcement agencies, CMS program integrity contractors, healthcare attorneys, and Commercial, Medicare & Medicaid Managed Care health plans in pursuit of program integrity. Kristen holds the credentials of Registered Health Information Management Administrator, Certified Coding Specialist - Hospital Based, Certified Coding Specialist - Physician Based, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Health Data Analyst and Accredited Healthcare Fraud Investigator.

Sarah M. Frazier

Sarah M. Frazier is a partner with the firm of Berg & Androphy in Houston, Texas. She has a nationwide practice that includes *qui tam* suits representing whistleblowers, white collar criminal defense, and commercial law. Her trial experience includes a health care fraud felony trial in 2017, an FCPA acquittal in 2012, and a felony medical insurance fraud acquittal in 2010. Her *qui tam* cases have included such subjects as government procurement, fraudulent title work, best price, off-label marketing, kickbacks in long term care, nursing home rehab fraud, Medicaid billing fraud, laboratory testing, and SBA fraud. She holds the dubious distinction of having litigated a declined off-label marketing case through summary judgment and appeal.

Ms. Frazier is active in the ABA Health Law Section and has served as a program director for the ABA's biennial National False Claims and *Qui Tam* Trial Institute since 2013. She lectures frequently on the FCA and white collar crime, including teaching a course on *qui tam* litigation at the University of Houston Law Center in 2012 and guest lecturing for several years at the University of Alabama Law School. Ms. Frazier was named a *Texas Monthly* Rising Star by her peers from 2007 to 2010.

Ms. Frazier earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt University and her B.A. from Haverford College. She clerked for the Honorable Terrence W. Boyle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She is admitted to the bars of Texas and Georgia, as well as federal district and appellate courts.

Robert B. Gardner

Mr. Gardner retired from the Internal Revenue Service in June of 2013 after 39 years of service. During his tenure at the IRS, Mr. Gardner served in numerous management positions within the examination division both at a local and national level. From 2007-2013, Mr. Gardner was assigned to the newly created IRS Whistleblower Office and in 2009 became a second level supervisor responsible for the routing, monitoring and final processing of large potential informant awards. As part of his experience in the IRS WO, Mr. Gardner made several presentations to various congressional staffs and served on numerous Nationwide Compliance Programs at the national level such as the off-shore compliance program.

Since 2013, Mr. Gardner has continued to work in the IRS Whistleblower arena serving as a consultant for the Law Firm of Constantine and Cannon as well as operating an independent practice primarily focused on appeals to the United States Tax Court. Mr. Gardner has been a member of TAF since his retirement and has continued as source of updates to the TAF community in regards to the IRS WO Program. Mr. Gardner has been working with TAF to establish an advocacy role in the IRS WO Program. Mr. Gardner has continued to work with

various congressional staff and media on the current status of the program and potential improvements. Mr. Gardner has provided pro bono service to several *pro se* whistleblowers in their pursuit of appeals in the Tax Court and declarations utilized in several Tax Court Cases.

Neil V. Getnick

Neil V. Getnick is the managing partner of Getnick & Getnick LLP, a New York City based law firm with a dedicated anti-fraud litigation, business integrity and corporate monitoring practice. He is the Chairman of Taxpayers Against Fraud and the TAF Education Fund.

Mr. Getnick and his law firm have an active False Claims Act qui tam, IRS and SEC whistleblower practice. In a two-part case this year and last year, he and the firm co-counseled a New York State tax whistleblower case resulting in the largest recovery and whistleblower award in a New York State False Claims Act case not involving Medicaid. Other highlights include in October 2010, they, together with DOJ, resolved a pharmaceutical manufacturing violations qui tam case against Glaxo Smith Kline resulting in a \$600 million civil settlement (as part of a \$750 million global settlement) and the highest award to a single whistleblower in U.S. history. In 2003, they, together with DOJ, resolved a pharmaceutical best pricing qui tam case against Bayer Corporation, resulting in a \$251 million Medicaid recovery, then the largest in U.S. history. For their work in these cases, Mr. Getnick and his firm were selected as 2004 and 2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year finalists by the Public Justice Foundation. In 1996, another Getnick & Getnick qui tam case led to a \$182 million Medicare recovery, also at the time a precedent setting amount.

He is an adjunct faculty member at Cornell law School where he co-teaches a course on Whistleblower Law.

In 2011, Mr. Getnick received the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2012, he received Cornell Law School's Exemplary Public Service Award.

As leaders in the area of independent corporate monitoring, Mr. Getnick and his firm were selected to serve in the capacity of integrity monitor in connection with the World Trade Center disaster recovery clean-up and other prominent Federal, state and local monitorships.

Mr. Getnick and his firm have expanded their work into the areas of international business integrity, transparency, corporate governance, and social responsibility. The firm operates a private global anti-fraud and corruption unit, focusing on international whistleblower cases.

Susan Gouinlock

Susan Gouinlock is an experienced *qui tam* lawyer, having represented whistleblowers for more than 15 years in complex healthcare, department of defense and VA cases. Susan is also currently working on a complex IRS whistleblower matter that is national in scope. Wilbanks & Gouinlock is located in Atlanta, Georgia but handles cases across the United States and has recovered over \$2B for the federal and state governments.

Susan's career prior to representing whistleblowers included representing major corporations in commercial litigation; serving as a special assistant attorney general in Illinois; serving as legal counsel to a state agency in Illinois and then for 6 years serving as VP and General Counsel for a corporation that owned and operated casinos in multiple states. Susan has significant federal and state court litigation experience, including obtaining over \$50M in jury verdicts, successfully winning cases on motion and obtaining record-setting 7-digit settlements.

An Atlanta, Georgia native, Susan attended Emory University, graduating *summa cum laude*, and then attended Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois. She resides with her husband in Atlanta and misses her son who is a sophomore at the University of Georgia Honors College in Athens.

Michael Granston

Michael Granston is the Director of the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. After graduating from Yale Law School, he clerked for Judge David Ebel of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and worked for the law firm of Covington and Burling. He joined the Department as a trial attorney in 1997. In his current capacity as Director of the Fraud Section, his responsibilities include determining the Department's position on matters of False Claims Act interpretation and policy. He has lectured extensively and appeared on numerous panels relating to the False Claims Act and the Department's civil fraud enforcement activities.

Eva Gunasekera

Eva's background includes enforcing these laws at the Justice Department: The False Claims Act/The Whistleblower Law; The Stark Law—prohibiting financial rewards for physician-self referrals; The federal Anti-Kickback Law—prohibiting financial rewards for referrals. Before joining Finch McCranie to represent whistleblowers in 2017, Eva Gunasekera was a Federal Prosecutor at the United States Department of Justice for nearly a decade. Ms. Gunasekera was promoted to chair the Civil Division's Health Care Fraud practice as Senior Counsel. In this role, she had oversight of and analyzed complex health care data sets, including Medicare and Medicaid payment data and trends to identify potentially fraudulent practices. Ms.

Gunasekera had significant responsibility evaluating companies' compliance with numerous federal laws aimed at deterring fraud. She gained extensive experience investigating, litigating, and resolving cases involving the fraudulent practices of pharmaceutical manufacturers, health care providers, hospitals, physicians, physician groups, laboratories, managed care providers, pharmacies, hospice and nursing home providers, government suppliers, and defense contractors. Some of Ms. Gunasekera's cases involved parallel criminal proceedings. In 2015, she was a lead counsel on a several-month health care fraud trial, one of the most complex False Claims Act trials in recent history. Prior to joining the Justice Department, Ms. Gunasekera worked in private practice at two international law firms.

Anna C. Haac

Anna C. Haac is a Partner at Tycko & Zavareei's Washington, D.C. office. She focuses her practice on whistleblower litigation under the False Claims Act and consumer protection class actions spanning a broad range of industries. Ms. Haac was recently instrumental in securing a key appellate victory in a landmark decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which held as a matter of first impression that the evasion of customs duties for failing to mark imported goods with their foreign country of origin gives rise to a claim under the False Claims Act. Her prior experience at Covington & Burling LLP, one of the nation's most prestigious defense-side law firms, gives her a unique advantage when representing plaintiffs against large companies in complex cases.

Ms. Haac is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland state bars and serves as the D.C. Co-Chair of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and as Co-Chair of the Antitrust and Consumer Law Section Steering Committee of the D.C. Bar.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha MD, MPH, FAAP

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a physician, scientist, and activist, who used science to prove that children in Flint, MI were exposed to high amounts of lead, courageously went public with her research, and faced a brutal backlash. Dr. Mona has been called to testify twice before the United States Congress, awarded the Freedom of Expression Courage Award by PEN America, and named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. She's also the founder and director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative, a model program to mitigate the impact of the Flint water crisis so that all Flint children grow up healthy and strong.

Dr. Mona received her Bachelor of Science from University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment and Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She completed her residency and chief residency at Wayne State

University/Children's Hospital of Michigan. She is an associate professor at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

Bruce Hedin

Bruce Hedin is Principal Scientist at H5, where his responsibilities include the design and oversight of the sampling and measurement protocols by which H5 validates the quality of its results. He frequently supports counsel engaged in the meet-and-confer process with his expertise and perspective. Dr. Hedin is a frequent writer and speaker on the role of sampling and measurement in e-Discovery in order to advance the legal and the scientific communities' understanding of how the science of information retrieval can contribute to meeting the challenges of legal discovery. Dr. Hedin has contributed articles to publications such as *Perspectives on Predictive Coding and Other Advanced Search and Review Technologies for the Legal Practitioner*, *The Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law*, *Current Challenges in Patent Information Retrieval*, *Today's General Counsel*, and *New York Law Journal*. Dr. Hedin was a coordinator of the TREC Legal Track from 2008 through 2011, is a program committee member of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAIL), and is a participant in the Sedona Conference's Electronic Document Retention and Production Working Group (WG1). Dr. Hedin earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University and his B.A. from Cornell University.

Brian P. Hudak

Brian Hudak serves as a Deputy Chief in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Brian received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Virginia in 2000 and his Juris Doctor from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 2003. Following law school, Brian worked as an associate in the litigation department of Mayer Brown LLP in New York before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2007. Prior to becoming a Deputy Chief, Brian worked as an Assistant United States Attorney handling all types of defensive and affirmative civil litigation involving the Government at all stages of the litigation process, totaling more than 300 cases and investigative matters. Brian's affirmative practice has focused on the False Claims Act and, in particular, matters concerning procurement, mortgage, and health care fraud. Through his efforts, Brian has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for the Government, which has led to tens of millions of dollars of relator share payments. Brian has received numerous recognitions from his Office and client agencies for his outstanding work on behalf of the United States.

Colin M. Huntley

Colin M. Huntley is an Assistant Director with the Fraud Section of the Commercial Litigation Branch in the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division. Mr. Huntley has investigated, litigated, and resolved numerous False Claims Act matters involving alleged fraud against the Federal Government. He devotes a substantial portion of his practice to healthcare investigations involving drug and device manufacturers and institutional healthcare providers. Mr. Huntley also has significant expertise in matters involving customs, procurement, and small-business contracting fraud, as well as the Anti-Kickback Act and conflict of interest laws. During his tenure with the Department, Mr. Huntley has received a number of awards from the Department and federal agencies, including the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service. Mr. Huntley is a graduate of Georgetown University and Georgetown University Law Center. He joined the Department of Justice in 2007 following several years at a large international law firm and two federal clerkships.

Shauna B. Itri

Shauna represents whistleblowers in False Claims Act law suits in state and federal courts throughout the United States, and tax and securities whistleblowers with claims under the IRS and SEC whistleblower programs. Ms. Itri has worked on a series of False Claims Act cases against large drug companies for fraudulent Medicare and Medicaid drug pricing. This litigation has returned well over \$1 billion to state and federal governments pursuant to the Federal and State False Claims Acts. Ms. Itri also has experience representing shareholders in securities class action cases that have recovered millions of dollars in settlements. Ms. Itri received a B.A. and an M.A. from Stanford University, where she captained the University's Women's soccer team, and she received her J.D. from Villanova University. Shauna is

presently an adjunct professor at Widener Law School, teaching a corporate deviance course. Shauna currently serves as co-chair of Stanford University Alumni Undergraduate Admissions Volunteer Interview Program and is the President-Elect of the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. an organization of approximately 800 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Grant Jaquith

Grant C. Jaquith became the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York on January 5, 2018. Mr. Jaquith had been serving as the Acting United States Attorney since July 1, 2017. He was the First Assistant U.S. Attorney from 2010 until July 2017 and an Assistant U.S. Attorney since 1989, serving as Chief of the Criminal Division from 2006-2010 and Chief of the Albany Office and Narcotics Chief from 1998-2006. In 2016, Mr. Jaquith was honored with a Director's Award for Executive Achievement.

Mr. Jaquith served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1982-2011, rising to the rank of Colonel in 2004. His military awards include the Legion of Merit. Mr. Jaquith was as an Army circuit judge from 2001-2010, presiding over courts-martial at forts throughout the continental United States and in Alaska, Germany, and Korea. In 2006, Mr. Jaquith spent three months on active duty as the trial judge at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Jaquith was in the litigation department of the law firm of Bond Schoeneck & King in Syracuse (1988-89) and a Judge Advocate on active duty in the U.S. Army (1982-88), where his work included administrative law, labor law, settlement of civil claims, legal assistance to soldiers, retirees, and their families, and criminal prosecutions. In 1984, he also taught Juvenile Law and Federal Income Taxation at Drury College. In 1982, he interned at the Public Defender's Office in Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Jaquith received his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law in 1982 and a Bachelor of Science (*cum laude*) in business administration/accounting from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, in 1979, from which he was a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Peter R. Jarvis

Peter Jarvis is a partner in Holland & Knight's Portland office, where he practices primarily in the area of attorney professional responsibility and risk management. Mr. Jarvis advises lawyers, law firms, corporate legal departments and government legal departments about the law governing lawyers. This includes, but is not limited to, matters relating to conflicts of interest, duties of confidentiality, other legal or professional ethics issues, advice on the avoidance of civil or criminal liability, law firm breakups, and questions relating to law firm or legal department structure and operation. Mr. Jarvis also serves as an expert witness and is an avid lecturer for public and private/in-house continuing legal education seminars. Mr. Jarvis has decades of experience as a trusted adviser to lawyers and also draws on his substantial background as a civil litigation attorney in matters involving antitrust, appellate, business tort, general contract, insurance, product liability, tax and Uniform Commercial Code concerns. Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Jarvis was the partner-in-charge of the Portland office of a multistate law firm and was co-leader of that firm's national professional responsibility/risk management practice group. He also served for many years as the in-house ethics counsel for a multistate law firm.

Sean Keefe

Sean Keefe is a Civil Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida. He works exclusively on FCA healthcare fraud cases. Prior to joining the USAO, Sean spent seven years working at James Hoyer, P.A., where he was a partner handling False Claims Act investigations and cases. Before that, he was an Assistant State Attorney at the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office for almost ten years. During that time, Sean served as a Felony Division Chief and a Lead Trial Attorney in, and the Deputy Division Chief of, the office's Economic Crime Unit. Sean received his law degree from Florida State University College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of South Florida.

Anthony Kelly

Anthony is Co-Chief of the Asset Management Unit in the SEC's Division of Enforcement. As Co-Chief, Anthony leads a nationwide unit that investigates and pursues misconduct across the asset management industry. Anthony previously served as an Assistant Director in the Asset Management Unit. He joined the SEC in 2000. From 2000 to 2004, Anthony served as a securities compliance examiner in the SEC's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations where he conducted compliance exams of broker-dealers. In 2004, following graduation from law school, he joined the Enforcement Division. Anthony earned his law

degree from Georgetown University Law Center and his undergraduate degree from George Washington University.

Erika A. Kelton

Erika A. Kelton, a partner at Phillips & Cohen LLP, has substantial experience representing whistleblowers in claims filed with the whistleblower programs of the SEC, CFTC and IRS as well as *qui tam* cases brought under the False Claims Act.

She represented key whistleblowers in the largest and second largest healthcare fraud settlements: GlaxoSmithKline (\$3 billion) and Pfizer (\$2.3 billion). She also represented the whistleblower who received the largest Securities Exchange Commission whistleblower award so far - more than \$32 million.

Ms. Kelton was named “Whistleblower Lawyer of the Year” by TAFEF in 2012 and is recognized as one of Lawdragon’s “500 Leading Lawyers in America” and Ethisphere’s “Attorneys Who Matter.” She is a regular contributor to Forbes.com.

She received her law degree from Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall) at the University of California, where she was articles editor of the California Law Review. Before joining Phillips & Cohen, she was associated with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Ms. Kelton is on the Board of Directors and the President’s Council for TAFEF. She also serves on the board of the Washington Humane Alliance, an animal welfare organization.

Gregory M. Krakower

Gregory M. Krakower is Of Counsel to Getnick & Getnick LLP. He came to Getnick & Getnick after having served as a Senior Advisor and Counselor to New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Special Counsel and the Director of the Senate Policy Group at the New York State Senate, and a Policy Advisor to then-Attorney General Andrew Cuomo.

At the State Senate, Mr. Krakower was the principal staff counsel assigned to draft and negotiate the 2010 New York Fraud Enforcement Recovery Act, which amended the 2007 New York False Claims Act in critical ways. He also drafted a False Claims Act notification law applicable to the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority. At the Attorney General’s Office, Mr. Krakower played a leading role in the establishment of the New York Attorney General’s Taxpayer Protection Bureau in 2011, which is charged with investigating *qui tam* actions and bringing False Claims Act enforcement actions unrelated to the Medicaid program, and supervised False Claims Act cases against the Bank of New York-Mellon and Sprint-Nextel. Mr. Krakower also drafted regulations to implement the New York False Claims Act, and is an adjunct professor teaching whistleblower law at Cornell Law School and Cardozo Law School.

Mr. Krakower graduated Columbia Law School in 1999 having been named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and practiced white collar criminal law in New York City at Schulte, Roth & Zabel LLP and Clifford Chance US LLP. He also served as a federal law clerk for the Hon. Roanne L. Mann of the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York.

Avi Kumin

Avi Kumin was elected for the 2012-2019 editions of “The Best Lawyers in America” for the categories of “Employment Law - Individuals” and “Litigation-Labor and Employment,” and recognized by Super Lawyers as a “Super Lawyer” in 2017 and 2018 and a “Rising Star” in 2013 and 2014. In 2017, he was named by Washingtonian magazine as one of “Washington D.C.’s Best Lawyers” for plaintiffs’ employment law. Avi has been successfully advising employees about their legal rights, resolving difficult situations with employers, and litigating employment claims in court for more than fifteen years. A founder and partner at Katz, Marshall & Banks since 2007, he practices in the areas of whistleblower protection, False Claims Act cases involving fraud on the government, sexual and religious harassment, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), disability, discrimination, retaliation, severance negotiations, and contractual disputes.

Since 2011, Martindale-Hubbell has rated Mr. Kumin “AV Preeminent,” its highest possible peer review rating. From 2013 to 2015, Mr. Kumin served as the Co-Chair of the D.C. Bar Association’s Labor & Employment Section, and was elected by the Section’s members to serve on its Steering Committee from 2012 to 2015. He has lectured about whistleblower protection and Sarbanes-Oxley claims, SEC/IRS reward programs, disability, family medical leave, sexual harassment, retaliation, religious harassment, wrongful discharge, equal payment laws, legal ethics, employee severance issues, and litigation practice before the American Bar Association, the D.C. Bar Association, the National Employment Lawyers Association, the American Law Institute, and employee and labor groups.

Mr. Kumin received his law degree from Yale Law School and his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. Following law school graduation, Mr. Kumin served as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Tena Campbell, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.

Drew Lewis

Drew Lewis is a Sr. Solutions Consultant and co-leads the Plaintiff Practice at DISCO, an Austin, Texas-based software company that develops cloud solutions for law firms. Drew is a former commercial litigator with an AmLaw 100 firm, and also served as eDiscovery Counsel for a software company that was an early pioneer in the field of predictive coding and the use of analytics for use in discovery. Prior to DISCO, Drew ran his own discovery services company

where he developed a client base consisting exclusively of plaintiff firms and trial boutiques, as well as several firms that focused on False Claims Act practice.

Ann Lugbill

Ann Lugbill is a lawyer at Murphy Anderson PLLC, with offices in Washington, D.C., Cincinnati, and Boston. Murphy Anderson is a 15-lawyer union-side labor and public interest law firm with an active False Claims Act/SEC/IRS whistleblower, ERISA, class action, wage & hour, and appellate practice. Ann focuses on False Claims Act *qui tam*, SEC, DOT/NHTSA, and IRS whistleblower actions and assists in the firm's False Claims Act appellate work. She developed the novel pharmaceutical REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies) False Claims Act liability theory in the 2017 Novo Nordisk False Claims Act and FDA Victoza settlement. Ann represented the *qui tam* whistleblower in a \$ 60.9 million settlement with Fortune 500 company RPM and its roofing products subsidiary Tremco in a GSA pricing and quality procurement case. Ann represented whistleblower Glenn DeMott in the \$ 2.3 billion Pfizer pharmaceutical fraud settlement involving multiple drugs-the largest civil False Claims Act settlement.

Ann was a charter member of the Ohio Board for Certification of Specialists in Labor & Employment Law, certifying experts in labor and employment law for over 20 years, and co-founder of the Ohio Employment Lawyers Association and the Josh Morrow Fund, which assists deserving employment plaintiffs with case costs. Ann co-authored two books: *False Claims Act: Whistleblower Litigation* (Lexis) and *Representing the Terminated Employee in Ohio*. She is currently appointed to NELA's Ethics and Sanctions Committee.

Patrick Lupinetti

Patrick Lupinetti is First Databank's Senior Vice President for Legal Services and Medical Device, with responsibility for healthcare regulatory and compliance issues and for FDB's Prizm medical device database. Previously he served for 21 years in the New York State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and was the initial Director of its Special Projects Division. In that capacity, he led investigations of systemic Medicaid overbillings, with a focus on institutional providers, and served on numerous national teams involved in pharmaceutical cases. Lupinetti was graduated from the Columbia University School of Law and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1980.

Brian Mahany

Brian Mahany founded and leads the Mahany Law Firm, a leading national whistleblower and

lender liability law firm. Brian's legal team helps people who want to report mortgage lending, banking, securities, government contract, tax and other types of fraud obtain whistleblower rewards. His recent book *Saints, Sinners & Heroes: Covert Ops in the Wars against the C-Suite Mafia* hit the Amazon bestseller list the week of its launch. He is a frequent commentator to the Wall St. Journal, New York Times, Financial Times, American Banker, and many other outlets. Brian was one of the lead attorneys on the 2015 \$16.67 billion recovery against Bank of America and relator's counsel in the \$297 million trial win by DOJ against Allied Home Mortgage.

Jason Marcus

Jason is a partner at Bracker & Marcus LLC in Marietta, GA. Since 2008, he has exclusively represented plaintiffs in whistleblower cases, including under the FCA, SEC, IRS, and NDAA statutes. Most recently, he represented Dr. David Felten, the first-filed relator in an \$84.5 million settlement with a Michigan hospital chain. In addition to its *qui tam* successes, Bracker & Marcus LLC has recovered over \$2 million for whistleblowers through related employment claims since opening its doors in 2015.

Jason graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law. After law school, Jason served as law clerk for the honorable Magistrate Judge G.R. Smith of the Southern District of Georgia. He has an AV Preeminent rating and has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers each of the last four years.

Jerry E. Martin

Jerry Martin is a partner at the Nashville firm of Barrett Johnston Martin & Garrison, LLC and also serves as Of Counsel to the securities class action firm, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP. Jerry handles False Claims Act cases around the country. Earlier this year, he represented two whistleblowers in a \$32 million *qui tam* against Signature Healthcare, a provider of skilled nursing therapy. In addition to False Claims Act cases, Jerry represents workers in wage and hour collective actions and investors in securities class actions.

From 2010-2013, Jerry served as the presidentially appointed United States Attorney in the Middle District of Tennessee. During his tenure, he significantly increased the office's Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) efforts, leading to the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars in FCA settlements in the last eight years. He also chaired the Attorney General's Healthcare Fraud Working Group, which helped set the DOJ's enforcement priorities and policies.

D. Anthony (Tony) Mastando, Moderator

Tony Mastando is one of three founders of Mastando & Artrip, LLC, in Huntsville, Alabama. He has been a lawyer for over 20 years, graduating from the University of Michigan Law School in 1995. Tony began his practice at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. In addition to his work as an attorney for an agency of the federal government, he has practiced as in-house counsel and in private practice. Tony is a US Army Veteran with two overseas tours, in Europe and the Middle East, having served as a paratrooper and a Signals Intelligence Analyst and Linguist during Desert Storm and Shield. Living near Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center since 2005, Tony's practice is heavily focused on the False Claims Act. He is admitted to practice before the bars of New York, the District of Columbia, and Alabama.

Ryon McCabe

Ryon McCabe is a partner with McCabe Rabin, P.A. in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has been a practicing lawyer for over 20 years and is Board Certified in Business Litigation by the Florida Bar. Mr. McCabe graduated from the Florida State University College of Law with High Honors and thereafter served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lacey A. Collier, U.S. District Judge in the Northern District of Florida. He also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida, where he worked in the criminal division in Miami. As an AUSA, Mr. McCabe received the Integrity Award from the Dept. of Health and Human Services for outstanding prosecution of healthcare fraud in South Florida. Mr. McCabe currently focuses his practice on representing whistleblowers in qui tam False Claims Act cases throughout the country.

Sean McKessy

Sean McKessy was the first Chief of the SEC Office of the Whistleblower. Under his leadership, the SEC whistleblower program achieved unprecedented success in record time, with more than \$504 million in recoveries and more than \$85 million paid in whistleblower awards. He helped establish the processes the office follows and the policies that guide the SEC whistleblower program. His office assessed and reviewed whistleblower tips, evaluated whistleblower award claims and made whistleblower award recommendations to the Commission. The SEC awarded Mr. McKessy its Law and Policy Award in 2011 in recognition of his work implementing the whistleblower program created by the Dodd-Frank Act. In 2017, Compliance Week named him one of the 10 "Top Minds" in corporate governance, risk and compliance, calling him "The Whistleblower King." Mr. McKessy received his law degree from the George Washington University Law School. He is admitted to the bar in Virginia, Illinois and Washington, DC. He is currently with Phillips & Cohen where he specializes in SEC whistleblower matters.

John McKnight

John McKnight is a Senior Litigation Counsel in the Washington, DC office of Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP, a national law firm with offices in Washington DC, New York, California, Tennessee, and Maryland. Mr. McKnight is experienced in the representation of clients in qui tam lawsuits under the U.S. False Claims Act and works on sealed and unsealed qui tam whistleblower cases involving fraud against the federal and state governments. He was an integral part of the litigation team that ultimately secured an \$11.3 million settlement in U.S. ex rel. Cox v. Smith & Nephew, the first Trade Agreements Act settlement involving a medical device company. In addition to the Trade Agreements Act, Mr. McKnight works on cases involving the SEC Whistleblower program, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Price Reduction Clause, the Price Adjustment Clause, Medicare procurement guidelines, and numerous other fraud-based statutes. Prior to joining Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP, Mr. McKnight was an Associate at McKnight and Kennedy, LLC in Silver Spring, Maryland, which he joined following his graduation from the University of Maryland School of Law. Mr. McKnight is a member of the Maryland Bar Association, the D.C. Bar, and speaks intermediate-level Mandarin Chinese.

Vincent “Vince” McKnight, Jr.

Vince McKnight is the Managing Partner of Sanford Heisler Sharp’s Washington, D.C., office and Co-Chair of the firm’s Whistleblower Practice. He also represents clients in employment discrimination and wrongful discharge cases. Vince represents whistleblowers in sealed and unsealed False Claims Act/qui tam suits under investigation by the United States and other governmental stakeholders. He has achieved significant success in such cases, including the representation of whistleblowers in a series of actions alleging that office products companies (Staples, Office Depot) were illegally selling products from non-compliant countries such as China to the U.S. government in violation of the Trade Agreements Act and General Services Administration (GSA) policies. Vince was co-lead counsel for a whistleblower who was the Government Contracting Director for Network Appliance (NetApp) in a matter that resulted in the then-largest GSA procurement fraud settlement in history. NetApp overcharged the government in violation of the GSA “Best Price” Clause, and ultimately settled for approximately \$128M. Vince has served as faculty at the ABA’s Annual National Institute on the False Claims Act and Qui Tam Enforcement and he has participated as a panelist at conferences hosted by Taxpayers Against Fraud and the Practising Lawyers Institute focusing on issues under the False Claims Act. In addition, he co-authored “Causes of Action by Employee for Retaliation and Reprisal Pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 USC Section 3730 (h)” in Causes of Action 2d 217, Section 2 (West 2003).

William Meyers

Bill Meyers is a partner in the Litigation Group at Goldberg Kohn, in Chicago. In addition to his extensive *qui tam* practice, Bill has handled a variety of complex commercial litigation matters, across a wide range of industries, throughout his career. For instance, Bill served as primary litigation counsel to the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders in the bankruptcy of Kmart Corp.; as primary litigation counsel to a senior secured lender in bankruptcy litigation involving several hundred copyright assets in the liquidation of a major fine art gallery; and represented Settlement Class Counsel for a class of more than 1300 insurance companies suing AIG for RICO, common law fraud, and breach of contract and obtaining, over strenuous objections, a \$450 million class action settlement. Bill has also litigated numerous intellectual property disputes, including, most recently, the successful prosecution of a trademark infringement matter on behalf of Guinness World Records in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Bill speaks extensively on electronic discovery issues and the impact of the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, on electronic discovery.

Bill is an instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), and a Classroom Team Member for the Constitutional Rights Foundation Lawyers in the Classroom program. In 2018, Bill received the Federal Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service. Bill received his law degree from the University of Michigan, and his B.A., with honors, from Michigan State University.

Jessica T. Moore

Jessica is a partner in the San Francisco office of Constantine Cannon LLP. Ms. Moore has represented whistleblowers in a wide variety of cases under state and federal laws, and since 2005, her practice has been exclusively under *qui tam* statutes and other whistleblower laws that expose, correct, and remediate fraud. Her cases have involved fraud in Medicare and other government healthcare programs, false claims in construction projects and various procurement contexts, securities fraud, and tax fraud. Ms. Moore is one of the lead counsel in a lawsuit against UnitedHealth Group alleging the company knowingly obtained inflated risk adjustment payments based on untruthful and inaccurate information about the health status of beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C and D) Plans. She was one of two primary attorneys representing a whistleblower in a lawsuit against DaVita Healthcare Partners, resulting in a \$400 million settlement. She was also a senior trial team member representing a whistleblower, several states, and municipalities in a successful two-month jury trial against the world's largest manufacturer of PVC pipe. She also represented a whistleblower, schools, and public agencies as a key member of the trial team in a lawsuit against an electric utility accused of overcharging its government customers. That trial resulted in a \$225 million verdict for plaintiffs.

Reid Muoio

Reid Muoio is the Deputy Chief of the Complex Financial Instruments Unit within the SEC's Division of Enforcement where he has worked for longer than he cares to remember. He is a graduate of Williams College and Yale Law School.

Jane A. Norberg

Jane A. Norberg joined the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in January 2012 and currently serves as Acting Chief of the Office of the Whistleblower in the Division of Enforcement. In her capacity as Acting Chief, Ms. Norberg helps administer the whistleblower program including working with whistleblowers and their counsel, reviewing and analyzing whistleblower applications for award, and engaging in public outreach to educate potential whistleblowers and other interested parties about the program. Prior to joining the SEC staff, Ms. Norberg was engaged in private law practice for 14 years, including at Shearman & Sterling LLP.

Robert Patten

Robert Patten is Chief Executive Officer of Taxpayers Against Fraud and the TAF Education Fund (TAFEF). TAFEF/TAF is a 501(c)(3)-501(c)(4) non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, DC. The organization's mission is to maintain the integrity and advance the effectiveness of whistleblower reward and private enforcement provisions contained in federal and state laws, including the federal and state False Claims Acts, the Securities Exchange Act, the Internal Revenue Code, and the Commodity Exchange Act.

Robert joined TAFEF after serving for 21 years as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including 17 years in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. As Managing Attorney in the Medicaid Fraud Division, he was responsible for the evaluation, investigation and litigation of civil and criminal health care fraud cases and the coordination of state-federal and multi-state investigations, and he mentored and supervised 13 Assistant Attorneys General in false claims practice. Robert also served from 2008 to 2017 as co-chair of the Global Case Committee of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units. In that position, he was responsible for the evaluation of multi-state cases, the training of state law enforcement personnel, and the coordination of investigations with the United States Department of Justice, United States Attorneys' Offices, the Inspector General's Office of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the offices of state Attorneys

General nationwide. He also served as team leader and principal negotiator on behalf of the states in numerous national false claims investigations and settlements.

Elisa Pellegrini

Elisa Pellegrini is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General (GSA OIG) Civil Enforcement Branch in Washington, D.C. ASAC Pellegrini began her law enforcement career with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. She was assigned to the procurement fraud section at Joint Base Andrews (JBA), Maryland, where she conducted complex fraud investigations affecting major Air Force procurements and programs. While at JBA, she also served in an acting capacity as Special Agent in Charge of the Procurement Fraud Unit which included satellite offices located in New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Qatar. ASAC Pellegrini joined the GSA OIG in 2015. Since then, she has conducted several high profile criminal and civil investigations. Her most recent investigation yielded several civil settlements totaling over \$16 million—the criminal case is still ongoing. ASAC Pellegrini holds a Master's of Business Administration, a Master's of Management in Homeland Security, and a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Maryland University College.

Cristy Irvin Phillips

Cristy Irvin Phillips is the Deputy Chief of the Civil Frauds Unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Phillips joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2010 and has handled fraud investigations and prosecutions in numerous sectors including health care services, pharmaceuticals, mortgage origination and servicing, and international commerce. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, she practiced commercial litigation at Morgan Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia and clerked for the Honorable Richard M. Berman, United States District Judge in the Southern District of New York. Ms. Phillips graduated from New York University School of Law and earned a B.A. with Highest Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Regina Poserina

Regina D. Poserina, Esquire, is an attorney who is Of Counsel at Begelman & Orlow, P.C. in Cherry Hill, NJ, and is a retired Registered Nurse. Gina has been litigating False Claims Act cases on behalf of whistleblowers nationwide for over twenty years, on a broad range of topics, including healthcare/ CMS, HUD, Department of Defense, and GSA matters. Gina also represents employees in Federal and state employment actions, New Jersey Conscientious

Employee Protection Act and Law Against Discrimination cases, and worker's compensation matters. Gina has successfully taken appeals to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court; is a member of NELA and NELANJ, and the New Jersey Association for Justice.

Robin Potter

Robin Potter is a partner at Potter Bolanos LLC in Chicago, IL. Robin has built a nationwide practice trying and litigating Labor & Employment, Discrimination, Wage & Hour, and False Claims Act (FCA) individual and class action cases. Robin twice served as a government supervisor in overseeing and conducting elections in the Laborers' International Union (LIUNA). Robin helped found the National Employment Lawyers Association and its Illinois chapter, NELA-Illinois, and remains an active member and frequent speaker of both organizations. In 1990, along with other civil rights attorneys, advocates and plaintiffs, Robin testified before the United States Senate Education Committee on needed amendments to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As a result of the efforts of many, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 was passed, and afforded discrimination victims, among other things, compensatory and punitive damages.

In 2013, the National Lawyers' Guild, Chicago honored Robin and her firm as co-recipients of the Arthur Kinoy People's Law Award, "in recognition of tireless advocacy on behalf of the Chicago Teachers Union and Chicago Public School students, parents, and employees." That same year, she was a semi-finalist for the Public Justice award for representing whistleblowers Vanessa Absher & Christine Mitchell in a \$29 million verdict against Momence Meadows Nursing Home.

Charles H. Rabon, Jr.

Charles H. Rabon, Jr. (Chet Rabon) is the founder of the Rabon Law Firm, PLLC, in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he leads a group of three attorneys primarily representing Relators nationally in federal False Claims Act cases. Chet received his undergraduate degree from Furman University, and law degree from Vanderbilt University.

Following a federal judicial clerkship, Chet practiced for several years with a large regional firm, concentrating in business litigation, before joining a plaintiff's boutique litigation firm in 2000. In approximately 2007, after forming his own firm, Chet began to concentrate on federal False Claims Act matters, starting with representing the Relator in one of the first Medicare Part D FCA cases brought to favorable conclusion. Since that time, the Rabon Law Firm has been involved in dozens of FCA cases and vetted in excess of a thousand case opportunities. Chet and the firm have brought numerous successful FCA cases, including intervened cases and litigated non-intervened cases.

Chet is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. 4th and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeal, all North Carolina federal courts, the State Bar of North Carolina, and has been admitted pro hac vice in more than a dozen state and federal courts. Chet is an active member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, the Western Trial Lawyers Association, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, the AAJ, and the Melvin Belli Society. Chet frequently speaks and presents on FCA and whistleblower issues.

Sonya Rao

Sonya Rao is a partner at Morgan Verkamp LLC, having joined the firm in October 2017. Before that, she spent 17 years with the Department of Justice—first as a Senior Trial Attorney with the Civil Rights Division, and then as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Boston. While in the Civil Rights Division, Ms. Rao worked on a number of diversity initiatives and was the South Asian Outreach Coordinator for the Department’s Initiative Combatting Post-9/11 Backlash Discrimination. As an AUSA in Boston, Ms. Rao predominantly handled criminal and civil fraud matters, and her efforts led to the recovery of over \$175 million in taxpayer dollars and criminal fines. During her time at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Ms. Rao also spearheaded the Office’s Civil Rights Enforcement Team and was chosen to be Senior Litigation Counsel for the Civil Division. Ms. Rao received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Tufts University.

Lisa Re

Since 2016, Lisa Re has served as an Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). OCIG provides all legal services to HHS OIG, including advice on audits, investigations, evaluations, and OIG operations; representation of OIG in civil and administrative fraud enforcement; and issuance of guidance to the health care industry.

Ms. Re oversees OCIG’s civil and administrative fraud enforcement including: OCIG’s extensive coordination with the Department of Justice on False Claims Act (FCA) cases involving HHS programs, OIG’s civil money penalty and program exclusion enforcement, OIG’s self-disclosure protocol, and negotiation and monitoring of corporate integrity agreements (CIAs). Ms. Re is the OIG signatory on both FCA cases involving HHS programs and CIAs.

Ms. Re has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions in OCIG including: Branch Chief for the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch (ACRB), Deputy Branch Chief for ACRB, Senior Counsel, and Associate Counsel. Prior to joining OIG in 2005, Ms. Re worked an attorney at a civil litigation firm and an intensive care registered nurse.

Ms. Re earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saint Louis University, Master of Arts from Webster University, and Juris Doctor and Health Law Certificate from Saint Louis University School of Law.

Renee M. Richardson

Renee Richardson is a member of the Senior Executive Service, serves as Executive Director, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. In this capacity, she assists the commander leading over 750 personnel responsible for \$9 billion in annual obligations and a total contract portfolio of \$55 billion. The contracting authority and guidance she provides extends worldwide across the Air Force, supporting eight major commands and their 77 units. She leads enterprise-wide installation strategic sourcing efforts for the Air Force and Department of Defense.

Ms. Richardson is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. She began her career as an intelligence officer serving in various leadership and teaching positions. Ms. Richardson cross-trained into contracting through the Education with Industry program at Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Florida. At her next assignment at Brooks AFB, Texas, she served in various leadership positions in research and development and operational contracting. In 1999, Ms. Richardson was selected to serve as the Deputy and Acting Commander for 48th Contracting Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England. In these positions, she was responsible for acquisition support for all U.S. bases throughout England. In 2000, she deployed as the Deputy Theatre Head of Contracts/Skopje Regional Allied Contracting Officer supporting NATO's Kosovo Force. Upon graduation from Air Command and Staff College, Ms. Richardson was selected to pursue an advanced academic degree in International Relations from Duke University. In 2005, she served as the Chief of Policy and Clearance in Headquarters Space Command's Contracting Directorate where she oversaw contracting support for 26,000 space warriors. She deployed as the Chief of Specialized Contracts Division, Baghdad in 2006. In this capacity, she led her team to support \$11 billion in major source selections supporting the theater. Next, she was selected to serve as the Commander of Air Education and Training Specialized Squadron. Her unit was responsible for a diverse portfolio of over \$19 billion in essential contracts supporting the Air Force and Department of Defense globally. Ms. Richardson was next selected to command Defense Contract Management Agency Middle East. In this capacity, she led over 100 professionals responsible for administration of a \$7.6 billion contracts portfolio supporting 11 central command countries-including \$1.3 billion of foreign military sales contracts for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt. Ms. Richardson was also responsible for overseeing \$5 billion in contracts supporting 40,000 U.S. military personnel deployed to 17 Southwest Asia bases. In 2010, Ms. Richardson was chosen to serve as the senior contracting official for Pacific Air Forces, responsible for a \$10 billion portfolio supporting 46,000 personnel across the Pacific Theater.

Prior to her current assignment, she was the DCMA Chief of Staff, responsible for leading day-to-day operations of the agency's 11,000 civilian and military personnel responsible for executing worldwide contract management at more than 700 worldwide locations.

Augie Ripa

Augie has been a Trial Attorney in the Civil Division, Fraud Section since 2014. His work primarily involves health care fraud, including kickbacks and price reporting and Medicaid rebate violations. Recently, he worked with Gregg Shapiro on the \$210 million settlement with United Therapeutics involving the payment of kickbacks through a foundation to cover Medicare drug co-pays, and with Gregg on the \$465 million settlement with Mylan involving the Medicaid Drug Rebate classification of EpiPen. He also worked with colleagues in United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts on the \$250 settlement with Millennium Laboratories concerning, among other things, the payment of kickbacks and excessive urine drug testing. Prior to joining the Civil Division, Augie worked in private practice.

Christopher C. Sabis

Chris Sabis is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Tennessee. He focuses his practice in civil health care fraud, particularly False Claims Act investigations and litigation. Chris also has experience in criminal health care fraud prosecution, transportation and education fraud, mutual legal assistance and extradition treaty compliance, Federal Tort Claims Act defense, Americans with Disabilities Act investigations, and mediation. Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, Chris was an associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, in Washington, DC, representing clients in complex commercial litigation and business disputes, including *qui tam* and ERISA defense.

Chris serves as the Chair of the Board of STARS Nashville, which provides prevention, intervention, treatment, and training addressing bullying, substance abuse, violence, and social and emotional barriers to success in Tennessee schools. He also has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Belmont University College of Law, where he taught Pretrial Litigation.

Kathleen R. Scanlan

Kate Scanlan is an attorney with Keller Grover LLP in San Francisco, CA where she helped launch the firm's whistleblower practice in 2010. Over the last twenty years she has worked closely with both experts and non-testifying consultants in successfully prosecuting a variety

of complex cases in state and federal courts. Ms. Scanlan graduated in 1998 from University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

George Scavdis

George Scavdis is an Assistant Special Agent in Charge with the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI), Metro Washington Field Office. George was hired by OCI in 2009 into their Special Prosecutions Unit—a group responsible for investigating allegations of violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act raised by relators in civil *qui tam* filings. As such, he has worked with various relators' counsels in numerous judicial districts across the country. George's previous law enforcement experience consists of posts at the U.S. Agency for International Development Office of the Inspector General, the United States Secret Service, and the District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Corey Schuster

Corey Schuster is an Assistant Director in the Division of Enforcement's Asset Management Unit. He supervises investigations concerning investment advisers, including offering fraud, undisclosed conflicts, performance advertising, subadviser due diligence, compliance, and trading practices. Prior to becoming an Assistant Director, Mr. Schuster served as a staff attorney and investigated matters that included issues relating to mutual fund performance, undisclosed compensation, misappropriation of investor assets, trade allocations, CDS manipulation, insider trading, Regulation D exemptions, and unregistered broker-dealer activity.

Mr. Schuster joined the SEC from the law firms of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP and Dickstein Shapiro LLP in Washington, D.C., where he practiced in those firms' Securities Litigation, Regulatory, and Compliance practice groups, and he previously served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Schuster received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from Vanderbilt University.

Paul D. Scott

Mr. Scott served in the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice between 1989 through 1995, with a one-year stint in the appellate section. Since leaving the Department of Justice, Mr. Scott has maintained a nationwide whistleblower practice, pursuing a wide variety of fraud claims and helping the U.S. government recover hundreds of millions of

misspent taxpayer dollars. Earlier this year, Mr. Scott oversaw a precedent setting settlement of a *qui tam* action by his client Floyd Landis against Lance Armstrong for misrepresentations to his cycling team's sponsor the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Scott has been involved in the U.S. tax whistleblower program in particular since before passage of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006. In addition to representing numerous tax whistleblowers, Paul has contributed extensive written commentary on proposed rule-making and met frequently with various representatives of the IRS, and with the former Acting Commissioner of the IRS and Senator Grassley, in an effort to improve implementation of the program. In more recent times, Mr. Scott has been litigating whistleblower issues in U.S. Tax Court.

In addition to tax and False Claims Act work, Mr. Scott's firm is active in the SEC area. Mr. Scott was a key player representing TAF in meetings with the Chairman of the SEC and other SEC Commissioners during the rule-making process for their whistleblower program. Since the promulgation of the SEC's final rules, Mr. Scott has also been actively representing SEC whistleblowers, including clients with overlapping tax whistleblower claims.

Linda Severin

Linda Severin has over 30 years of experience in criminal and civil enforcement actions and complex litigation. She served for eight years as a prosecutor in the Southern District of New York. After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Severin entered private practice in Seattle, where her work focused on white-collar criminal defense, internal investigations, civil RICO, and compliance issues. She also worked as a litigation attorney for The Boeing Company.

After moving with her family to greater Boston, Ms. Severin became a solo practitioner working on False Claims Act matters with Robert Thomas and Suzanne Durrell and became a member of The Whistleblower Law Collaborative earlier this year.

Ms. Severin has taught trial advocacy at the University of Washington Law School and New York Law School. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she was a member of its women's basketball team, and of the University of Virginia Law School.

Gregg Shapiro

Greg Shapiro has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Massachusetts since 2005 and is currently Chief of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit. His work primarily involves health care fraud, including kickbacks and price reporting violations. Recently, he worked with Augie Ripa on the \$210 million settlement with United Therapeutics involving the payment of kickbacks through a foundation to cover Medicare drug

co-pays, with Augie on the \$465 million settlement with Mylan involving the Medicaid Drug Rebate classification of EpiPen, and against Augie on the \$785 million settlement with Wyeth involving false Medicaid best price reports. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Gregg worked in private practice and in the Consumer Protection Bureau of the Federal Trade Commission.

Tejinder Singh

Tejinder Singh is a partner at Goldstein & Russell, P.C., an appellate and Supreme Court litigation boutique. He regularly represents whistleblowers on appeal and at the Supreme Court, in close collaboration with the whistleblower's existing legal team. Some of his recent False Claims Act matters include *State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. v. U.S. ex rel. Rigsby* (Supreme Court); *U.S. ex rel. Campie v. Gilead Sciences, Inc.* (Ninth Circuit and Supreme Court); *U.S. ex rel. Bishop v. Wells Fargo & Co.* (Second Circuit and Supreme Court); and *U.S. ex rel. Polukoff v. St. Mark's Hospital, et al.* (Tenth Circuit).

Lesley Ann Skillen

Lesley Ann Skillen is a partner in Getnick & Getnick LLP, a Manhattan-based law firm focusing on anti-fraud litigation and business integrity. Ms. Skillen and her firm have been representing *qui tam* relators since the early 1990s. Notable cases include a \$750 million settlement with GlaxoSmithKline related to the sale of adulterated drug products, a \$251 million drug pricing case against Bayer Corporation and a \$182 million recovery from Laboratory Corporation of America. She is a past Co-Chair of the ABA's *Qui Tam* Subcommittee and Co-Chair of Taxpayers Against Fraud's Conference and Education Committee. She and her partners have twice been nominated for the Public Justice Foundation Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. Ms. Skillen has more than 30 years' experience in the investigation and/or prosecution of complex business crime and corruption.

Nathaniel Smith

Nathaniel Smith is an attorney with Halunen Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Inspired by his parents' work in the medical field, especially in geriatric and hospice care, Nathaniel chose to focus his legal career on addressing fraud against the government through False Claims Act and retaliation litigation. He represents whistleblowers across the United States in areas including health care, pharmaceuticals, small business programs, procurement, and defense contracting. Nathaniel has also worked to bring successful retaliation claims in connection with False Claims Act/*qui tam* cases and as stand-alone actions. Although still early in his career, Nathaniel has spoken on several occasions about whistleblower-related topics, the

False Claims Act and employment law. Outside of work, Nathaniel is a triathlete and a rescue-certified scuba diver.

Paul Solomon

Paul Solomon retired from Northrop Grumman after 30 years. He is an internationally-known expert and author on program management of weapon and IT systems that use an estimating and control technique called earned value management (EVM). EVM is required on cost plus award fee contracts over \$100 M. He is also a co-author of the national standard for EVM that is required by federal regulations and for which he received the DoD David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award. He supported the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and B-2 programs. He worked with Ike Skelton (HASC) and John McCain on acquisition reform recommendations that became law. He uncovered alleged fraud during internal audits of the F-35 program and initiated a corporate ethics investigation. With Mike Behn, he sued Lockheed Martin and Northrop for fraudulently-earned award fees, fraud in the inducement, and conspiracy. The case was dismissed on public disclosure grounds and an appeal was unsuccessful, despite an amicus curiae brief filed by TAF. He holds a BA and an MBA from Dartmouth College.

Matthew Stiff

Matthew is a partner at Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP, a D.C.-based boutique litigation firm which exclusively represents plaintiffs in whistleblower and employment discrimination cases. Mr. Stiff has represented dozens of whistleblowers and other employees in the financial, nuclear, aviation, healthcare, pharmaceutical, medical-device, and other industries. He primarily focuses his practice on corporate whistleblower matters, which includes representing individuals in the whistleblower-reward programs administered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission. He also regularly represents employees in claims arising under the whistleblower-protection provisions of the False Claims Act, Defense Contractor Whistleblower Protection Act, Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Energy Reorganization Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, and numerous other federal and state laws. He also represents relators in *qui tam* lawsuits filed pursuant to the federal False Claims Act.

In addition to his work as a whistleblower lawyer, Mr. Stiff has represented plaintiffs in sexual harassment, disability discrimination, Title IX, and other workplace discrimination cases. He also has extensive experience in the negotiation of complex executive employment and separation contracts. His recent speaking engagements have included presentations for the Practising Law Institute, the Society for Human Resource Management, the National Employment Lawyers Association, the D.C Bar Continuing Legal Education Program, the LGBT Bar's Lavender Law conference, and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. Mr. Stiff

attended the New York University School of Law and began his legal career with the Human Rights Campaign as a McCleary Law Fellow.

Elaine Stromgren

Elaine Stromgren has successfully represented whistleblowers on a nationwide basis for nearly two decades. She resides in Tampa, Florida and is a partner at James Hoyer, P.A., which she joined in 2000 and where she has been instrumental in expanding the law firm's False Claims Act division. Elaine has handled FCA cases involving fraud against various government agencies, including the Department of Defense and the Department of Education, but her science background has assisted her in gaining particular expertise in combatting healthcare fraud. Due to her special emphasis on healthcare cases, she is currently pursuing her medical coding certification through the American Health Information Management Association. Elaine worked for 9 years as a member of the legal team that was recognized by TAF in 2015 as the Whistleblower Lawyers of the Year for their work on the case against Endo Pharmaceuticals, which resulted in a \$192.7 million settlement. She also represented one of the whistleblowers in the \$137.5 million WellCare settlement, and this August, she obtained a \$65 million recovery in the case she filed in 2011 against Prime Healthcare, which operates 45 hospitals in 14 states. Prior to specializing in FCA litigation, Elaine worked in James Hoyer, P.A.'s class action litigation division. She graduated with high honors from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, and during law school she interned at the State Attorney's Office for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Florida, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology with high honors.

Claire Sylvia

Claire Sylvia is a partner at Phillips & Cohen LLP and the author of *The False Claims Act: Fraud Against the Government* (West 2016 & Annual Supplements). Phillips & Cohen has the longest-standing practice that exclusively represents whistleblowers under government programs.

Ms. Sylvia has represented whistleblowers in a range of cases involving fraud against the government. She is a frequent speaker on the False Claims Act and co-teaches with Erika Kelton, a Phillips & Cohen partner, an adjunct course on Whistleblower Law at the U.C. Berkeley Law School.

Prior to joining Phillips & Cohen, Ms. Sylvia served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Francisco and as an Assistant Legal Counsel in the Office of the US Senate Legal Counsel. She is a 1987 graduate of Harvard Law School and clerked for the Honorable Mariana Pfaelzer, US District Court for the Central District of California.

Liza A. Talusan

Liza Talusan has over 23 years of experience in training, development, leadership and identity-based workshops in diverse environments. Liza has worked with over 85 schools, educators, leaders, organizations and conferences all over the country to facilitate workshops identity, leadership, and organizational change. Liza is an experiential educator and facilitator, focusing on the ways in which we serve as each other's best teachers and partners. Through her personal commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, Liza has led organizational and strategic initiatives related to increased visibility and support for LGBT communities, people of color, first-generation communities, people with disabilities, international students, religious and faith based communities, and communities interested in talking more authentically about issues of race and racism.

Liza earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Child Development from Connecticut College; her Master of Arts in Higher Education from New York University; a Human Resources Certificate from Stonehill College; her PhD in Higher Education from the University of Massachusetts Boston; her Professional Coach certification through the Institute for Professional Coaching; and an Associate Coaching Credential through the International Coaching Federation, and is a Master Practitioner in the Energy Leadership Index.

Trisha Thompson

Trisha is a Portland, Oregon attorney and a member of Holland & Knight's civil litigation and legal profession teams. Her practice focuses on advising lawyers, law firms, and corporate legal departments on legal ethics, professional responsibility, disqualification, and privilege-related issues. Ms. Thompson is experienced in state bar disciplinary defense and related matters.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Ms. Thompson clerked for the Oregon Department of Justice's Labor & Employment Section and externed with for the Honorable Michael J. McShane in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. Before law school, Ms. Thompson worked as the supervisor of a research team for the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research at the National Marrow Donor Program.

Joseph Trautwein

Joseph Trautwein is an attorney with more than 20 years of experience in high profile complex civil litigation. Following 12 years of service with the U. S. Department of Justice, he established his own practice specializing in False Claims Act litigation involving healthcare fraud and abuse, and government contractor fraud.

Mr. Trautwein is nationally recognized for his highly developed expertise in False Claims Act matters. He has represented hundreds of clients in cases involving fraud, and has held leadership roles in bringing about record-setting results. Most notably, Mr. Trautwein was the lead attorney in the case against Eli Lilly & Company for its illegal promotion of Zyprexa. This case resulted in a settlement of \$1.415 billion, the largest healthcare settlement against a single defendant at that time. To date, he has led the recovery of over \$2 billion of taxpayer dollars through settlements under the federal and state false claims act statutes.

Mr. Trautwein is recognized as a leader in fraud prevention and has received numerous awards from federal and state agencies for his work including the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention.

Mr. Trautwein is a frequent lecturer on healthcare fraud for various healthcare organizations nationwide. He is an adjunct professor at Widener Law School where he teaches healthcare law. He is also a mediator and arbitrator.

From 2004 until 2010, Mr. Trautwein served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Trautwein represented the United States in affirmative civil fraud investigations involving the healthcare industry and military defense contractors. Mr. Trautwein also defended the United States in employment disputes, malpractice claims, and tort litigation. As a prosecutor, Mr. Trautwein successfully brought false claim actions against drug manufacturers, managed care organizations, and pharmaceutical benefit managers. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Trautwein practiced as a Trial Attorney in the Commercial Litigation Branch of the U. S. Department of Justice, in Washington, DC, where he represented the United States in cases involving construction, government contracts, international trade, and employment litigation.

Mr. Trautwein began his career as a civil engineer. Prior to becoming an attorney, he worked as a construction engineer providing litigation support to attorneys in the government and the private sector in defense of construction claims. Mr. Trautwein received his engineering and law degrees from Temple University. He clerked for the Honorable Eric G. Bruggink, United States Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC.

Sara Vann

Sara Vann is an Assistant Attorney General with the Georgia Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, handling cases filed under the Georgia Medicaid False Claims Act. She is also one of Georgia's members on the NAMFCU *Qui Tam* Subcommittee and participates in national intake teams for global cases. Prior to joining the unit in early 2015, she spent several years representing relators in False Claims Act lawsuits.

Jennifer Verkamp

Jennifer Verkamp is a principal at Morgan Verkamp LLC, whose practice of more than twenty years focuses on the representation of whistleblowers. Ms. Verkamp has extensive experience in managing both intervened-in and declined False Claims Act cases. She regularly prepares amicus briefs on behalf of Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund (“TAFEF”) in regard to the correct interpretation of the False Claims Act, and is the recent author of amicus curiae briefs before the Supreme Court and the First Circuit on behalf of TAFEF in *United States ex rel. Escobar v. Universal Health Services*. Ms. Verkamp was also lead counsel in *United States ex rel. Hutcheson v. Blackstone Medical*, which resulted in the 2011 First Circuit decision rejecting “certification” as an artificial requirement of FCA liability. In October 2009, she was honored as a “Lawyer of the Year” by Taxpayers Against Fraud for her work in the healthcare litigation, *United States ex rel. Pogue v. DTCA, et al.* (D.D.C). Ms. Verkamp received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1996 and her undergraduate degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Daniel Vitelli

Dan Vitelli is an attorney in the New York office of Constantine Cannon LLP. Since joining the firm in 2010, Daniel has focused his practice on False Claims Act litigation; antitrust litigation and counseling; and commercial litigation, arbitration, and counseling. Daniel’s litigation practice includes extensive experience negotiating and litigating discovery protocols and disputes. Daniel’s False Claims Act practice encompasses litigation as well as advocacy before federal and state enforcers. He has represented clients in False Claims Act cases concerning the pharmaceutical, health care, and government defense industries. Daniel’s antitrust practice includes litigation (private and class action), merger and acquisition advocacy and counseling, and company compliance and risk assessments. His antitrust practice covers a wide range of industries, including health care, telecommunications, technology, mining and processing of natural resources, transportation, and consumer products. Daniel is also a frequent author on legal issues. He has published many articles on issues of antitrust law, civil procedure, and copyright law.

Daniel graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2010. While in law school, he was a member of the Moot Court Board, a semi-finalist in the Bass Berry & Sims Intramural Moot Court Competition, and a quarter-finalist in the Mock Trial Competition. In 2007 he graduated *magna cum laude* from Vanderbilt University, where he majored in Economics and Philosophy and minored in Music.

Kimberly A. Watson

Kimberly Watson founded and runs a solo law firm dedicated primarily to acting as privilege counsel for litigation firms that need an independent attorney to operate as a filter between

the litigation firm and its clients. Prior to starting her firm, Kim was an associate at a small, boutique law firm in Portland, Maine, where she practiced complex civil litigation, including representing whistleblowers and acting as filter counsel. It was during her time at the law firm that Kim discovered her passion for assisting *qui tam* attorneys and relators as filter counsel.

Kim is a 1996 graduate of the University of Maine (B.S.) and a 2014 graduate of the University of Maine School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*). In 2016 and 2017 she was selected by Super Lawyers as a General Litigation Rising Star. Prior to attending law school, Kim spent fourteen years driving tractor-trailer both locally and cross-country.

Robert Wearing

Robert Wearing is a Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) in the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, Washington, DC, where he oversees the provision of legal advice on matters pertaining to federal tax practice and procedure, including matters relating to the assessment and collection of taxes, bankruptcy, closing agreements, whistleblowers, attorney fees, and user fees. Mr. Wearing previously served as an attorney, senior technician reviewer, and branch chief in P&A. Mr. Wearing has worked on all aspects of the IRS's whistleblower program since the 2006 statutory amendments to I.R.C. section 7623, including by litigating the first docketed Tax Court W case, providing litigation support and advice in docketed W cases and other cases involving whistleblowers or whistleblower information, drafting and reviewing the regulations that provide comprehensive guidance on the IRS whistleblower program, and providing legal advice and support to the IRS Whistleblower Office. Mr. Wearing received a B.A. from McGill University, a J.D. from Wake Forest University, and an LL.M. (Taxation) from Georgetown University. He is a member of the Virginia Bar.

Benjamin C. Wei

Ben Wei is a trial attorney in the Civil Fraud Section of the United States Department of Justice, where he has represented the Department in a range of healthcare and procurement fraud matters. Prior to joining the Department, he clerked for Judge William Holloway, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and worked for the Washington, D.C. office of Latham and Watkins, LLP. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Duke University, and a B.S. and B.A., with honors, from the University of Maryland.

Heidi Wendel

Heidi is one of the legends of False Claims Act enforcement in New York. She served as Chief of the Civil Frauds Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and previously as the Healthcare Fraud Coordinator. She also served for three years as Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

In these positions, Heidi supervised or personally handled many important cases, including kickback and off-label cases against Novartis and other pharmaceutical companies, Medicare and Medicaid fraud cases against hospitals and other providers, prosecutions of home healthcare companies, as well as fraud cases against construction companies, grant recipients, educational institutions and banks.

After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2013, Heidi was a partner at Jones Day until her resignation in January. In 2017, Heidi will be splitting her time between Willens & Scarvalone LLP and her own firm, the Law Office of Heidi A. Wendel PLLC.

Jonathan Willens

Jonathan Willens has practiced law in New York City for over 30 years. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he served from 1995 to 2000 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he won several False Claims Act cases at trial and on appeal in the Second Circuit. After leaving the government, Jonathan wrote *Whistleblower Suits under the False Claims Act*, published in 2001 as part of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Expert Commentaries. Since 2005, he has represented whistleblowers in private practice as lead counsel and as local counsel for many prominent firms. He argued *U.S. ex rel. Kirk v. Schindler Elevator Corporation* successfully in the Second Circuit and less successfully in the U.S. Supreme Court in 2011. Jonathan and Ed Scarvalone founded Willens & Scarvalone LLP in 2015 to handle cases arising under the False Claims Act, FIRREA, the New York State False Claims Act, and the SEC and CFTC whistleblower statutes. Currently pending are cases involving mortgage fraud against two large banks, kickbacks in the pharmaceutical industry, bank fraud involving foreign currency exchange rates, and the first case filed under the New York State False Claims Act alleging non-payment of estate taxes.

Paris Wynn

Since 2012, Paris Wynn has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. Paris is a member of the affirmative civil enforcement (ACE) division, which principally conducts investigations and enforcement actions with respect to alleged violations of the False Claims Act. In this capacity, Paris has handled dozens of investigations and enforcement actions concerning, inter-alia, healthcare fraud, financial fraud and procurement fraud.

From 2007 to 2012, Paris was an Enforcement Attorney at the Los Angeles Regional Office of the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. In this capacity, Paris conducted several large investigations concerning alleged violations of the federal securities laws. Additionally, Paris pursued several enforcement actions against entities and individuals that violated the federal securities laws by, inter-alia, engaging in insider trading and making false and/or misleading statements to investors.

Paris is a 1999 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, and began his career in private practice at Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago, and then transition to Heller Ehrman LLP in Los Angeles.

Dean Zerbe

Dean Zerbe was Senior Counsel and Tax Counsel for the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Charles E. Grassley, 2001-2008. At the direction of Chairman Grassley, Dean was the counsel responsible for the modern IRS whistleblower law - signed into law in 2006 -- which established the IRS Whistleblower Office and created an award program for tax whistleblowers.

Dean as a partner at ZMFF&J law firm (Zerbe, Miller, Fingeret, Frank & Jadav) represents a select number of tax whistleblowers - including the most successful whistleblower in the history of the U.S. - Bradley Birkenfeld. Mr. Birkenfeld was awarded \$104 million dollars - 26% of the \$400 million in taxes paid - based on Mr. Birkenfeld blowing the whistle to the IRS about tax fraud by UBS. The award to Mr. Birkenfeld is the largest amount awarded to any individual whistleblower by the United States government. The award also represents one of the very first awards made under the IRS whistleblower law. In 2012 Tax Notes recognized Dean as "contenders" for the Tax Notes Person of the Year - based on Dean's work on Mr. Birkenfeld's case and the tax whistleblower program overall.

Dean consults frequently with the Congress and the IRS about the IRS whistleblower program and has submitted extensive comments to the IRS on particular matters related to the IRS whistleblower program. In addition, Dean is widely recognized by the press as a leading authority on the IRS whistleblower law - quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Washington Post, Tax Notes, BNA, Accounting Today and CFO Magazine. Dean also writes a column on taxes for Forbes online.

Dean has an LL.M. (Tax) from New York University as well as a J.D. with high honors from George Mason University School of Law. Prior to the Senate Finance Committee, Dean was in private practice at Lionel Sawyer & Collins in Nevada - with a focus on tax planning and tax controversy.

Jason Zuckerman

Jason litigates whistleblower retaliation, whistleblower rewards, wrongful discharge, and other employment-related claims, and authors the Whistleblower Protection Law Blog. His broad experience includes practicing employment law at a national law firm, serving as a Principal at The Employment Law Group, and serving as Senior Legal Advisor to the Special Counsel at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, the federal agency charged with protecting whistleblowers in the federal government. In 2012, the Secretary of Labor appointed Zuckerman to serve on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Secretary of Labor to improve OSHA's administration of federal whistleblower protections.

Zuckerman is rated 10 out of 10 by Avvo, based largely on client reviews, and rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell based on peer reviews. He was recognized by Washingtonian magazine as a "Top Whistleblower Lawyer" in 2017, and selected by his peers to be included in The Best Lawyers in America® in the category of employment law (2011-2017).

He has lectured extensively on whistleblower law and employment law, and has written several articles on whistleblower protections. Zuckerman co-authored a chapter on litigating whistleblower cases for Whistleblowing: The Law of Retaliatory Discharge, drafted a chapter on the D.C. Whistleblower Protection Act for the D.C. Practice Manual, and is a contributing author to The International Handbook on Whistleblowing Research.

Zuckerman serves as Co-Chair of the Whistleblower Subcommittee of the ABA Labor and Employment Section's Employee Rights and Responsibilities Committee and served as Co-Chair of the National Employment Lawyers Association's Whistleblower Committee, Co-Chair of the Sarbanes-Oxley Subcommittee of the ABA Labor and Employment Fair Labor Standards Legislation Committee, Co-Chair of the Whistleblower Committee of the District of Columbia Bar's Labor and Employment Section, and member of Law 360's Employment Editorial Advisory Board.
