



2023 Diversity for Success Seminar

June 13–16, 2023 | Sheraton Le Méridien Charlotte | Charlotte, NC

Diversity Expo Law Firm Interview Application

FIRM INFORMATION

Firm Name: Baker, Donelson, Bearman,

Address: 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 3600

City, State, Zip: New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: 504.335.7753 Fax: 504.636.4000 Email: kbdavis@bakerdonelson.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

At Baker Donelson, we strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all our employees. We welcome people of all races, genders, ages, languages, ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, disabilities, sexual orientations and religious beliefs to assist our clients in achieving their legal goals.

We understand and salute the unique perspectives and approaches that are provided by differences in educational background, socio-economic background, personality profile, geographic location, job duties, marital and family status.

Our goal is to create an atmosphere at our Firm that honors the diverse quality in each of our employees. Meeting once a month, the Committee is charged with overseeing and implementing the Firm's diversity initiatives. At the beginning of the Firm's diversity initiative, in 2002, we had seven minority attorneys. We outlined a goal of increasing our minority attorney population by 100 percent in two years, and we met it. Today, we have nearly 50 minority attorneys and more than 250 women attorneys, and continue to strive to attract and retain diverse talent. Baker Donelson's COO and president is a woman, and female attorneys currently serve as chair of eight of our 17 practice groups, and serve as four of our 17 managing shareholders. Four female and one minority shareholder serve on the board of directors, and numerous committees are chaired by minority and female lawyers.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

, GA , FL , AL
, TN , DC , MD
, TX , MS , NC

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Insurance Law
- Product Liability
- Construction Law
- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts
- Intellectual Property
- Professional Liability
- Drug and Medical Device
- Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation

Other: _____

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ATTORNEYS

Maximum of three (3) attorneys per firm may interview

Attorney #1

Name: Kennard Davis

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kennard Davis is an associate in Baker Donelson’s New Orleans office and assists clients in a wide variety of litigation matters, including commercial litigation, environmental and energy law, and arbitration. Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Kennard served as a law clerk for Judge Kern Reese in Division “L” of the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and as an extern for Senior Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Attorney #2

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

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Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Firm Name: Bowman and Brooke LLP

Address: 150 S Fifth Street Suite 3000

City, State, Zip: Minneapolis, MN 55402

Phone: 612.656.4062 Fax: _____ Email: mindy.mcreynolds@bowmanandbrooke.

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Bowman and Brooke's program is overseen by a Diversity and Inclusion Committee and partners with the firm's Executive and Management Committees to achieve our diversity goals. Soon after joining Bowman and Brooke, attorneys are assigned a partner whose responsibility is to oversee and assist the new attorney's professional development as a practicing lawyer and employee of the firm. Women and minority attorneys may request an affinity group or mentor to help with acclimation. We actively recruit, mentor and promote to partnership minority and women lawyers. We hold leadership positions, and invest our time and resources, in organizations that sponsor minority law students and lawyers and promote diversity.

Attorneys:
43% are women 23% are BIPOC
2% are veterans
1% are LGBTQ+

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

<u>Los Angeles, CA</u>	<u>Dallas, TX</u>	<u>New Brunswick, ZNB</u>
<u>San Jose, CA</u>	<u>Austin, TX</u>	<u>Orlando, FL</u>
<u>Phoenix, AZ</u>	<u>Detroit, MI</u>	<u>Miami, FL</u>

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Drug and Medical Device
- Other: _____
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts
- Health Care
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Transportation Litigation

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Attorney #1

Name: David Koob

Email david.koob@bowmanandbrooke.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

David Koob is an experienced trial attorney who defends clients in complex product and premises liability matters. In more than 20 years, David has tried hundreds of cases in both state and federal courts across the country in administrative and regulatory proceedings. He has served as national counsel for several large corporations – a national restaurant chain, a national provider of residential security services and a national real estate development and management company – managing their litigation dockets across the country. Serving in the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, David managed civil and regulatory matters for various Minnesota state agencies.

Attorney #2

Name: Hannah Mohrman

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Hannah Mohrman focuses her practice in the areas of product liability and warranty litigation. From high-profile catastrophic injury cases to large-scale warranty matters, she brings a strong background of focused experience to her clients within the automotive, consumer and chemical product industries. Hannah defends major motor vehicle and highway product manufacturers in high-exposure cases often involving catastrophic injury and wrongful death. An active member of the California Minority Counsel Program and Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Hannah was chosen by the firm to be a 2018 Pathfinder for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD).

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Curriculum Vitae (*100 Words or Less*)



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Address: 1819 5th Avenue South One Federal Place

City, State, Zip: Birmingham, AL 35203

Phone: 2055218595 Fax: 2054886595 Email: ghoward@bradley.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Diversity & Inclusion are part of Bradley's Core Values identified in our Strategic Plan. To further our goals, our Board appointed a Diversity Task Force to examine ways Bradley could become more inclusive. As a result of the work of the Task Force and our Inclusion & Diversity Committee, we have implemented actions to further promote inclusiveness. We hired our first full-time Director of Inclusion and Diversity. In addition to maintaining our robust WINN initiative for women attorneys, we also launched Employee Resource Groups/Affinity Groups for Attorneys of Color, LGBTQ+ Attorneys, and Veterans. We continue to expand our recruiting of marginalized communities by recruiting at HBCUs and career fairs for law students from traditionally underrepresented groups, such as LGBTQ+ Bar's Career Fair. We requested ranking in the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index and are actively working toward Mansfield Certification. These are a few of the steps Bradley is taking to promote inclusion and diversity in all of our offices. We continue to evolve and to strive to make our Firm a place for all people to know that they belong and that they can bring their whole authentic selves to work.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

<u>Charlotte, NC</u>	<u>Nashville, TN</u>	<u>Washington, DC</u>
<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Houston, TX</u>	<u>Jackson, MS</u>
<u>Tampa, FL</u>	<u>Dallas, TX</u>	<u>Huntsville, AL</u>

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

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- Employment Law
- Insurance Law
- Product Liability
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- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts
- Intellectual Property
- Professional Liability
- Drug and Medical Device
- Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation
- Other: Financial Servs; Class Actions; Appeals; Life Sciences; Bankruptcy; Securities; Economic Devpt; Insurance Litigation; Energy; Food/Beverage/Hospitality; Gvt Contracts; IP

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<u>CVS Pharmacy</u>	<u>3M</u>	<u>Lowe's Home Centers</u>
<u>Coca Cola Bottling Company</u>	<u></u>	<u>Priceline.com</u>

ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Gary Howard

Email: ghoward@bradley.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Gary has served as national and regional counsel and is licensed in 9 states and the District of Columbia. He has litigated matters ranging from class actions and MDLs to interpleaders, across the country. He has worked on a wide range of cases, including products liability, life sciences, policyholder coverage, business lost profits, breach of contract/fiduciary duty, patent, ERISA, and LHD insurance. He also provides regulatory advice. Gary is the founding and current Chair of Bradley's LGBTQ+ Resource Group. He is Vice-Chair of DRI's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, a member of Bradley's Inclusion & Diversity Committee, and a member of the LGBTQ+ National Bar Association.

Attorney #2

Name: Dana Lumsden

Email: dlumsden@bradley.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Dana's practice focuses on business litigation in manufacturing, financial services, healthcare, and complex commercial matters. He handles cases with a high probability of going to trial and his trials encompass product liability, contract, corporate governance/shareholder rights, federal securities, unfair trade practice/trade secret, IP, restrictive covenants, and antitrust. He has tried cases in jurisdictions throughout the country and is admitted to the NY, NC, and MA state courts, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, and various U.S. District Courts. Dana devotes his time to the advancement of the legal profession and to improving the community, including leadership on committees of various organizations.

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Name: Rachel LaBruyere

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Rachel represents clients in litigation matters, including contract disputes, trade secrets, defamation, and franchises. She assists mortgage lenders/servicers against consumer claims and disputes. She is a Certified Privacy Professional, working on digital advertising, e-commerce, SaaS products, and mobile applications. She drafts privacy policies, terms of service, data license agreements, consumer-facing privacy notices, vendor contracts for SaaS products, software subscriptions, applications, and professional services with a particular eye toward data privacy. She works to promote DEI and is dedicated to pro bono work. She is a member of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association's DEI Committee; NC Bar Association's Data Privacy Division; and Bradley's LGBTQ+ Resource Group.



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Address: 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400

City, State, Zip: Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: 6019854539

Fax: 6019854500

Email: beau.cole@butlersnow.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity is the "fabric" from which we are woven. We recognize the legal profession's shortcomings in this area and strive to make our firm more like the clients and communities we serve. Our commitment to these concepts is not driven by external pressures- we are committed because it is the right thing to do.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Charleston, SC

Austin, TX

Denver, CO

New Orleans, LA

Memphis, TN

Atlanta, GA

Dallas, TX

Montgomery, AL

Albuquerque, NM

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- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Insurance Law
- Product Liability
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- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts
- Intellectual Property
- Professional Liability
- Drug and Medical Device
- Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation
- Other: Business Services, Advisory Services, Arbitration

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

International Paper

3M Company

Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.

Johnson & Johnson

Roche

Trinity Industries, Inc.

BASF

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

FMC

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Attorney #1

Name: Beau Cole

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Beau Cole is an experienced attorney representing manufacturers, small businesses and Fortune 100 companies in Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. His background includes all types of litigation, including product liability, first-party contract and “bad faith” claims, government-led public interest claims, environmental disputes, mass actions and toxic tort claims. Recognizing that early resolution is often the best outcome, Beau frequently secures near nuisance value settlements in the most challenging claims, brought in some of the most challenging jurisdictions. Beau is AV® Preeminent™ Rated, recognized in Best Lawyers in America®, 2020 Distinguished Service Award recipient and Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Association.

Attorney #2

Name: Denver Smith

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Denver Smith is a Charleston, SC native who practices primarily with Butler Snow’s Tort, Transportation, and Commercial Litigation practice groups. Given his unique upbringing as an adopted child, Denver fosters a desire to help others at a professional and personal level. He has trial and oral argument experience in South Carolina state courts, and has also successfully defended clients in South Carolina’s federal courts. Denver is a member of the South Carolina Bar’s professional development committee, serves as a vice-chair on DRI’s Young Lawyers’ steering committee, and was invited to participate in DRI’s inaugural diverse mentorship program.

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Address: 1100 Poydras, Suite 2300

City, State, Zip: New Orleans, LA 70163

Phone: 504-585-7000 Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

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OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

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Other: _____

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Bayer Healthcare	Pfizer	Tulane University
Chubb	Boston Scientific Corp.	The Proctor and Gamble Company
Loyola University	LabCorp	Conformis, Inc.

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Attorney #1

Name: Amy McIntire

Email mcintire@chaffe.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Amy McIntire is a partner in Chaffe McCall's Litigation and Labor and Employment sections. She has litigated several high-profile cases, including the longest criminal trial in the history of the United State District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Attorney #2

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

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Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

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Firm Name: Christovich and Kearney, LLP

Address: 601 Poydras St. Ste. 2300

City, State, Zip: New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (504) 561-5700 Fax: (504) 544-6242 Email: clmcmannen@christovich.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Christovich & Kearney is committed to promoting diversity within our firm and within the legal profession. Within the firm, Christovich & Kearney has established concrete benchmarks to ensure it recruits attorneys and other personnel with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Once at the firm, Christovich and Kearney provide continuous, meaningful mentoring to its associates to promote their professional growth and also provides an environment for all voices to be heard. Outside of the firm, Christovich & Kearney a signatory to the Louisiana State Bar Association's Statement of Diversity Principles and an active participant in the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession. The firm's former Managing Partner, Phelps Gay, also co-chaired the Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Committee with former Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Johnson. It was through this work that Justice Johnson and Phelps presented a resolution at the Association's Annual Meeting to make the Committee on Diversity a Standing Committee of the Association. Said resolution passed unanimously. Christovich and Kearney firmly believes that all of these efforts form an integral part of our core mission to provide our clients with superior legal representation.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

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Mark all that apply.

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- Other: _____

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

U-Haul International, Inc.

ResCare, Inc.

ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

Sentry Insurance Company

Westfield Insurance Group

Hartford Insurance Company

ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Christy McMannen

Email: clmcmannen@christovich.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Christy McMannen is a partner who provides proactive, creative and cost-effective defense to companies and insurers in personal injury cases involving premises liability, automobile and trucking accidents, products liability, first-party bad faith, and general liability. Christy also served as in-house counsel at a Louisiana oil and gas services firm. Christy graduated from the University of Virginia in 2002, with a B.A. degree in Government and Women's Studies. She obtained a Juris Doctor degree from Tulane Law School in 2007. She is licensed to practice before all Louisiana federal and state courts. Prior to law school, Christy taught high school math in New Orleans as a corps member for Teach for America.

Attorney #2

Name: Kyle Anderson

Email: kanderson@christovich.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kyle Anderson practices in the areas of general casualty, automotive defense, and premise liability. He has made innumerable court appearances and has extensive deposition experience.

He is a graduate of Loyola University College of Law where he was chosen by his peers as the commencement speaker. Upon graduation, Mr. Anderson clerked for the Honorable Fredericka Homberg Wicker of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. Mr. Anderson holds a Master's Degree in Linguistics from the University of South Florida. He is proficient in both written and spoken Spanish.

Mr. Anderson is licensed to practice in all Louisiana State and Federal Courts. He frequently presents continuing

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Curriculum Vitae (*100 Words or Less*)



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Firm Name: Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP

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City, State, Zip: Jackson, MS 39201-2375

Phone: 601-969-4299 Fax: 601-960-8613 Email: vernon.mcfarland@formanwatkins.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

<https://www.formanwatkins.com/diversity-inclusion/>

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

New Orleans, LA Beaumont, TX

Detroit, MI Houston, TX

Red Bank, NJ

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

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- Commercial Litigation
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- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation

Other: _____

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

International Paper Company Medtronic, Inc. Weyerhaeuser Company

Walmart, Inc. Chevron Corporation Celanese Corporation

Owens-Illinois, Inc. Primerica Life Insurance Company Warren Pumps, LLC

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Attorney #1

Name: Vernon M. McFarland

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Vernon's focus is always on the client. He offers honest, personal solutions catered to each client's specific needs and works within the boundaries of the client's goals to craft innovative solutions, making him an invaluable asset in any defense. His analytical engineer's mind is solution-oriented, allowing him to translate the facts of each matter into options the client can be assured will be effective in achieving their goals. Vernon values his clients and approaches them with genuine candor and a sincere interest in their perspective and overall success.

Attorney #2

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Attorney #3

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Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Address: 400 Poydras Street Suite 2700

City, State, Zip: New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: 504-310-2235

Fax: 504-310-2101

Email: dpeters@irwinllc.com

Please mark if your firm is:

Minority Owned

Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Our firm is proud of our accomplishments and keenly aware that the diversity of our teams is essential to providing our clients with the sound legal advice and representation they expect and deserve. All seven of our Railroad Litigation Attorney Team are from traditionally underrepresented groups. Further, diversity is reflected in our leadership - two members of our law firm's four-member Executive Committee include a female, Kim Moore, and an African American male, Tim Daniels, who is also President of the firm. In 2022, Irwin Fritchie was recognized by Law360 as one of the top 20 law firms in the nation for its diversity and inclusion among those with less than 100 attorneys.

We firmly believe in continuing our efforts to improve and hold ourselves accountable. To this end, under the leadership of our firm's DEI Committee, Irwin Fritchie has a continuing partnership with Southern University Law Center, a historically Black University in Baton Rouge, LA, to support its Students and Career Development Office by conducting mock interviews and career discussions, which have resulted in hires for our Summer Associate program. We are a signatory to the Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Statement, and we utilize a recruitment policy that 30% of applicants for any open position are of an underrepresented population. Our firm's leadership ensures that the diversity of our firm is well-represented on client teams and provide opportunities for client contact, mentorship, and leadership/professional development. Our DEI Committee has worked to develop a three-part DEI program for all attorneys and staff to discuss issues of racial inequity and implicit bias in society and within the work environment, which is also used in our onboarding process. Beyond these discussions, the program also includes the retention of external consultants to advise firm leadership about additional areas for improvement within our firm.

In March 2023, Irwin Fritchie completed its Mansfield Certification, meeting the criteria set forth by Diversity Lab, and also attained "Certification Plus" status for its additional efforts. The official certification is to be announced on May 23, 2023. Internal evaluations, policies and procedures are routinely reviewed in an ongoing effort to supplement our current diversity efforts and ensure we exceed certain benchmarks, and continue to strengthen the DEI efforts and representation of our firm.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Baton Rouge, LA

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Railroad Litigation</u> | | | |
| <u>Land Use & Zoning</u> | | | |
| <u>Products Liability</u> | | | |
| <u>Surety</u> | | | |

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

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ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Darleene Peters

Email: Dpeters@irwinllc.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Darleene represents pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in Louisiana and throughout the country in state and federal court, as well as in numerous MDL matters. Darleene's practice also includes defending corporate clients in environmental and occupational hazards cases involving asbestos, and other chemicals, exposure. Darleene is involved in the retention, development, and preparation of experts for depositions, hearings, and trials and works with numerous experts in various fields, including, but not limited to cardiology, endocrinology, epidemiology, environmental exposures, gynecology/urogynecology, hydrology, infectious diseases, psychiatry, and toxicology, as well as forensic experts. Darleene also serves as the Chairperson of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

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Attorney #2

Name: Carlos Benach

Email cbenach@irwinllc.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Carlos works with various product manufacturers including major pharmaceutical, medical device, and industrial clients on individual and mass-tort actions. He works in all phases of the litigation process, including discovery, expert workup, and trial preparation. He works with national experts to interpret and explain key litigation issues, prepare reports, and develop deposition and trial testimony. Carlos' railroad practice includes the defense of employee lawsuits arising under the Federal Employers' Liability Act as well as the defense of grade-crossing accidents, derailments, and trespasser claims. He also handles various premises liability lawsuits against property owners and merchants in slip-and-fall accidents.

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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FIRM INFORMATION

Firm Name: Liskow & Lewis

Address: 701 Poydras Street Suite 5000

City, State, Zip: New Orleans, LA 70139

Phone: 504-556-4180 Fax: 504-556-4108 Email: mdlatham@liskow.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Liskow is committed to advancing DEI at all levels in our firm. Cultivating an equitable and inclusive environment is a pillar in our strategic plan, represents our core values, and is essential to our culture. We recognize that diversity and inclusion reflects the communities of the clients we serve and provides the benefit of diverse perspectives that enhances the quality of our work.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

1200 Camellia Boulevard, Suite 300 _____

1001 Fannin Street, Suite 1800 _____

450 Laurel Street, Suite 1601 _____

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Insurance Law
- Product Liability
- Construction Law
- Environmental Law and Toxic Torts
- Intellectual Property
- Professional Liability
- Drug and Medical Device
- Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation
- Other: Real Estate Transactions

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

BP Shell ExxonMobil

Luv 'N Care Foss Maritime Company The Dow Chemical Company

Hancock Whitney Bank Ingram Industries Hess Corporation

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ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Jared Elijah-Akeem Nelson

Email: jenelson@liskow.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Jared is an energy litigator practicing in the firm's Lafayette office. He has experience in multiple facets of litigation, including drafting motions, exceptions, demand and settlement letters, discovery requests and responses and direct and cross examination questions.

Prior to practicing law, Jared served as a Probation and Parole Officer for the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections for seven years. Prior to joining the firm, Jared served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General handling tort and civil rights litigation for the State of Louisiana.

Attorney #2

Name: Jackie Hickman

Email: jhickman@liskow.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Jackie Hickman is a trial lawyer whose significant litigation experience includes representing global energy companies in business disputes and against claims brought by private individuals. Jackie has served as first and second chair trial counsel in matters involving multi-million-dollar claims. She has managed all aspects of complex litigation, from initial pleadings and discovery to delivering closing statements at trial. In addition to her energy practice, Jackie has brought her litigation savvy to a broad range of cases, including securities fraud, mass torts, civil rights litigation, media law/defamation claims, and employment discrimination.

Attorney #3

Name: Kathryn Gonski

Email: kzgonski@liskow.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kathryn Gonski is a litigator and appellate lawyer who represents both individuals and local, national, and global companies in all areas of litigation, including energy, environmental, personal injury, and general contract and other commercial disputes. Her corporate clients span various industries, including retail, staffing, marine, and energy companies. She has successfully represented her clients in all phases of litigation—from dispositive motion practice, through trial, and with extensive experience at the appellate stage. Kathryn handles cases in state and federal courts, and her appellate practice regularly includes appearances before the various Louisiana courts of appeal, Louisiana Supreme Court, United States Fifth Circuit and United States Sixth Circuit.



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Firm Name: Porter Hedges LLP

Address: 1000 Main St 36th Floor

City, State, Zip: Houston, TX 77006

Phone: 7132266628 Fax: _____ Email: jcohen@porterhedges.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Porter Hedges has increased its focus on recruiting and retaining diverse attorneys across all areas of the firm. Whether partnering with law schools to provide diverse candidates new opportunities, engaging our current lawyers in organizations, or partnering with clients, Porter Hedges is firmly committed to advancing diversity within the firm and in the legal industry.

- In 2022, the firm launched the Black Attorney Resource Group, the first of its kind at the firm. The group meets on a quarterly basis to network, share success stories, and to discuss issues they are dealing with at the firm.
- Porter Hedges began the process of obtaining the Midsize Mansfield Rule certification in March 2022 and is on track to receive certification in June 2023. The Mansfield Rule has become the most recognized designation for diversity in the legal industry among clients, law firms, and recruits.
- In 2022, the firm participated in the University of Houston Law Center Pre-Law Pipeline Program by providing a paid summer internship to a student interested in attending law school. The firm will be hosting an intern in 2023 as well.
- The firm recently updated the Voluntary Self-Identification form that is used for new hires. The new form is more inclusive and collects data that was not previously gathered during the onboarding process. The new data will allow the firm to better support all personnel. A campaign was launched in May 2022 to encourage all current personnel to complete an updated form.
- In 2022, the firm implemented a billable hour credit policy to recognize the efforts and contributions by individual lawyers to promote and advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in the legal profession. Attorneys will receive billable hour credit for their involvement in a variety of diversity related activities.
- Porter Hedges has been named a 2022 Top Performer winner by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). The Top Performer award recognizes member organizations in the top 20 percent of participation in LCLD programs and activities.
- In 2021, the firm joined Momentum Education as a Founding Law Firm Partner in the organization's Legal Pipeline Program launch. Porter Hedges is one of thirteen Houston law firms partnering with the organization on its new initiative, giving sixty first-generation, low-income college sophomores and juniors with an interest in becoming lawyers the opportunity to connect with practicing and current lawyers.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Oklahoma City, OK _____

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FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Liability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law and Toxic Torts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Medical Device | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Litigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Former employees of multiple major pharmaceutical and device manufacturers

Confidential company involved in contract and fraud arbitration

Confidential company involved in trade secrets arbitration

ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Joe Cohen

Email: jcohen@porterhedges.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Joe Cohen leads the firm's Litigation Practice Group and is ranked nationally by Chambers USA among the leading lawyers for Product Liability & Mass Torts. His practice focuses on handling the defense of catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases arising from allegations of products liability (including pharmaceuticals and medical devices), chemical and substance exposure, general negligence, and commercial litigation.

Joe also provides individual representation to employees (current and former) of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and biotech companies in both civil and criminal contexts, including U.S. Department of Justice and State Attorneys General investigations.

Joe serves on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Defense Counsel, and previously served on the Board of Directors for DRI.

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Firm Name: Porter Hedges LLP

Attorney #2

Name: Heather Hatfield

Email hhatfield@porterhedges.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Heather Hatfield is a partner in the Houston office of Porter Hedges. She represents clients in product liability matters, complex contractual disputes, general commercial litigation, oil and gas litigation, and bankruptcy litigation. She also represents clients in corporate investigations, white-collar investigations, FCPA defense, and OSHA investigations. She also represents former employees of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. Heather serves as the firm's Hiring Partner, is former Chair of the Pro Bono Committee, and is active in the Women's Initiative. Heather is a founding member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association – Houston Chapter and former Board Chair of the Houston Urban Debate League.

Attorney #3

Name: Kenesha Starling

Email kstarling@porterhedges.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kenesha Starling is an associate in the Houston office of Porter Hedges who focuses her practice on complex business and commercial litigation. Kenesha was a Law Clerk for the Honorable Charles Eskridge in the Southern District of Texas. Kenesha was Editor in Chief of the South Texas Law Review while in law school. She remains active in diversity and inclusion initiatives, partnering with South Texas College of Law to establish the Kenesha L. Starling Scholarship for Minority and Second Career Students. Prior to law school, Kenesha was a Business Manager and an Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity Law Clerk at NASA.



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Address: 9300 South Dadeland Blvd 4th FL

City, State, Zip: Miami, FL 33156

Phone: 3056701101 Fax: 3056701161 Email: eboyer@qpwbllaw.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

More than 50% of our approx. 400 attorneys are women; We average about 35% gender and ethnic diversity; approx. 85% of our managing partners & rainmakers are women/diverse attorneys. We are members of NAMWOLF. We actively engage in numerous DEI events and participate frequently on the speaking and publishing circuit. We sponsor and contribute to many diversity and community philanthropic endeavors. We have a minority and women owned certification process certification team.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

we have 29 offices throughout the U , TX , CO

CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, LA, MD, MI, MS, N , TN , LA

the US. Virgin Islands, CA , AZ , NV

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

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- Professional Liability
- Drug and Medical Device
- Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Litigation

Other: Workers Compensation, Administrative, Appellate, Litigation, Financial Practices, Real Estate, White Collar Crime, SIU/Investigations, Transactional, Aviation, General Counsel

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

CNA Gallagher Bassett Crum and Forster

Axis Capital Fed Ex Target

Walmart Collis Roofing Sedgwick

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Attorney #1

Name: Debbie Riley

Email driley@qpwblaw.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Debbie Riley is General Counsel for the firm and licensed in Kansas, Illinois and Georgia. She is an accomplished insurance claims and litigation management expert with over 20 years of senior executive experience. Ms. Riley is a trained mediator and settlement negotiator. She concentrates in managing complex insurance issues, insurance standards and practices. She has deep insurance and corporate knowledge with experience involving reorganizations, restructures, process and technology improvement initiatives and creating/implementing strategic vision plans. Ms. Riley also focuses in the areas of nursing home and long-term care liability, professional liability, auto and premise liability.

Attorney #2

Name: Pamela W. Carter

Email pamela.carter@qpwblaw.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Pamela W. Carter is the managing partner of the New Orleans office at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Ms. Carter concentrates her practice in litigation and represents clients in a wide variety of areas in federal and state courts in Louisiana and Texas. She litigates complex disputes, insurance claims for corporate clients, employment disputes, commercial litigation and other matters including mold, asbestos, premises liability, insurance defense, coverage claims, bad faith litigation and race/gender discrimination cases.

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Firm Name: Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney

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City, State, Zip: Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: (248) 994-0060

Fax: (248) 994-0061

Email: kwilliams@smsm.com

Please mark if your firm is:

Minority Owned

Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

We are committed to fostering a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion that provides opportunities to all our team members and empowers them to be their best whole person, professionally and personally. We also seek to maintain a strong organization that effectively represents the interests of our clients, who also reflect the rich diversity of their organizations and communities, and we endeavor to hire, develop, retain and promote talent to ensure the firm remains a DE&I leader within the profession and community at large. To that end, the firm's DE&I Committee formulates and shepherds its key initiatives relating to DE&I, such as: Education, Mentorship Programs, Forward Together (an education, networking and marketing program designed to provide female associates with tools for professional advancement), Diversity Pipeline (via Thurgood Marshall Diversity Pipeline Initiative we provide summer internship for high school students from diverse communities, and Community Involvement (pro bono and public service initiatives addressing issues of justice and equality).

Segal Cambridge attorneys and staff represent the rich spectrum of diversity of skin color, gender, country of birth, sexual orientation and other factors that collectively make us human. This diversity guides one of our core principles: We value everyone for who they are as a person. We are adamant in viewing one's uniqueness as an asset rather than a limitation and insist that colleagues bring their complete selves to our team.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Austin, TX

Indianapolis, IN

Houston, TX

New York, NY

Jersey City, NJ

Fort Lauderdale, FL

St. Louis, MO

Philadelphia, PA

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

Commercial Litigation

Employment Law

Insurance Law

Product Liability

Construction Law

Environmental Law and Toxic Torts

Intellectual Property

Professional Liability

Drug and Medical Device

Health Care

Premises Liability

Transportation Litigation

Other: Technology & Cyber Risk

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Zurn Industries, Inc.

Nationwide Insurance Company

United Services Automobile
Association (USAA)

State Auto Insurance Companies

Allstate Insurance Company

Zurich American Ins. Co.

Metlife Auto & Home

Hauck Manufacturing Company

DeZurik/Illinois

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Attorney #1

Name: Kenneth P. Williams

Email KWilliams@smsm.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kenneth Williams defends corporations in complex coverage, property, product liability and commercial litigation matters. He represents insurance carriers and individual corporations in coverage and personal injury litigation. He serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee and is co-chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

In addition to his trial litigation practice, Kenneth's experience includes cybersecurity coverage consulting and litigation, counseling insurers on an array of coverage issues, rideshare coverage and injury litigation, and representing insurers in bad faith and declaratory relief lawsuits in cases involving general liability, homeowner, auto and E&O policies.

Attorney #2

Name: Madina Axelrod

Email MAxelrod@smsm.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Madina Axelrod defends companies in high-stakes product liability, toxic tort and commercial litigation matters. Madina is currently co-chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. She is also chair of the firm's Toxic Tort/Hazardous Substances practice group.

Madina serves as national coordinating counsel, regional counsel and local counsel for multinational equipment manufacturers and other companies in asbestos litigation in managing complex claims.

After obtaining her J.D. from Moscow State Academy of Law in 1997, Madina practiced law in Moscow serving as in-house counsel for Russia's largest brewing company. In 2002, she obtained her LL.M. from Cornell Law School.

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Attorney #3

Name: A. Solomon Luwoye

Email: sluwoye@smsm.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Solomon Luwoye concentrates his practice in civil litigation including areas of first-party and third-party no-fault insurance defense, insurance coverage disputes and general negligence litigation. He has previously also spent a number of years as an insurance advisor for one of the largest brokerages in North America, which has provided him with a unique, behind the scenes, knowledge and set of skills when handling insurance related matters.

Solomon earned his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, cum laude.