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Speakers' Biographies – *In Order of Speaking*

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Welcome and Introductions

**G. Brian Wells, *EMLF PRESIDENT*
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP**

Brian Wells concentrates his practice in the area of general business law, mergers and acquisitions, real estate lending transactions, commercial leasing, and contract drafting and negotiation. He has also represented a variety of clients in commercial litigation matters before both state and federal courts. Mr. Wells is a member of the Corporate and Securities Service Team and is the Co-Service Team Leader of the Firm's Natural Resources & Environmental Service Team.

Mr. Wells has been included in Woodward/White's The Best Lawyers in America® since 2013 and has been listed as a Rising Star in Kentucky Super Lawyers since 2015. Mr. Wells is President of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation. He is a director of the Kentucky Coal Association and a member of the Lexington Economic Development and Investment Board, the Lexington Coal Exchange, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, the Indiana Coal Council, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Kentucky and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Wells received his B.A. degree in 2001 from the University of Kentucky, his J.D. degree in 2004 from the University of Louisville and his LL.M in 2005 from Georgetown University. He is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the United States Tax Court.

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**Kevin K. Douglass, *PROGRAM CHAIR*
Babst Calland**

Kevin Douglass is a shareholder in Babst Calland's Litigation Services and Energy & Natural Resources groups. Mr. Douglass has more than twenty-five years of experience litigating complex commercial matters in a variety of forums including federal, state and bankruptcy courts. His trial experience includes multiple jury trials, bench trials and preliminary injunction hearings. Mr. Douglass also has participated in numerous forms of alternative dispute resolution including mediations, mini-trials and arbitrations.

Mr. Douglass represents natural resources and energy clients in a variety of litigation matters involving pipeline construction, lease and title disputes, supply agreements and challenges to municipal ordinances. Mr. Douglass is a member of the Firm's Energy and Natural Resources Group and is immediate Past-President and an Executive Committee member of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF), a non-profit educational

organization focused on legal issues related to the energy and mineral industry. He is also a member of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an organization committed to the responsible development of natural gas.

Mr. Douglass has extensive experience handling a wide range of commercial litigation matters that frequently require a deep understanding and analysis of company financial information. He works closely with forensic accounting firms in matters involving allegations of financial improprieties, as well as business valuations and damage calculations. For example, Mr. Douglass manages and litigates ownership disputes on behalf of majority, minority and equal business owners, director/officer liability issues, fraud and negligent misrepresentation claims, restrictive covenant and trade secret violations and construction matters.

Mr. Douglass graduated *magna cum laude* from Mount Union College in 1983 with a B.A. in History. He earned his J.D. at Duquesne University School of Law in 1986 where he was a member of the *Duquesne Law Review* and served as an intern with Judge David W. Craig in Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court.

Mr. Douglass has been listed in *The Best Lawyers of America®* in the Natural Resources Law Section since 2013. He has also been recognized as one of Pennsylvania's top business litigation lawyers since 2012, according to an annual survey published in *Philadelphia* magazine.

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“The State of the Energy Business”

Seth Schwartz
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Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc.

Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc. has been a key player in the energy industry since 1981. With offices in Arlington, Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the experts at Energy Ventures Analysis guide clients to sound investment and operational decisions regarding the energy industries. As President, Mr. Schwartz is responsible for a wide variety of studies of energy supply and demand. The studies have included assisting utilities, industries, and independent power producers in developing fuel procurement strategies and in negotiating long-term fuel contracts; auditing utility fuel procurement practices, system dispatch, and off-system sales; directing EVA's analyses of coal supply and demand; testifying in fuel contract disputes; and assisting companies in acquisitions and sales of coal reserves and producing properties.

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“Powering the Energy Company of the Future”

Charles R. Patton

Appalachian Power, A unit of American Electric Power

Charles Patton is president and chief operating officer of Appalachian Power, serving approximately 1 million customers in West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. Patton has approximately 30 years in the electric utility business and has served in numerous capacities throughout AEP.

Previously, Patton served in Columbus at the parent company headquarters of American Electric Power as executive vice president – AEP Utilities West and senior vice president – Regulatory and Public Policy. Prior to these roles, a significant amount of Patton’s career was in Texas where he served as president and chief operating officer of AEP Texas as well as in other executive positions. During his tenure in Texas, Patton was appointed by former Texas Gov. George Bush to serve on the Texas Energy Coordination Council and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Later, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Patton to the Texas Energy Planning Council, which was established to advise the governor on energy matters.

As president of Appalachian Power, Patton has been appointed by West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin to chair the state’s Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Council, charged with advancing STEM education in West Virginia. He also has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe to serve on the Climate Change and Resiliency Commission.

Patton was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond’s board of directors for a three-year term beginning in 2014. He also serves on the board of Sterling Construction, a large public engineering and construction company located in Houston.

Patton has served and chaired numerous professional and civic organizations in the communities in which he has lived. Charles and his family live in Charleston, W.Va., where he currently serves on the boards of the University of Charleston, the West Virginia Education Alliance, the West Virginia Regional Technology Park and the Buckskin Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At AEP, he is an executive sponsor of the African-American Employee Resource Group (AAERG).

He is an undergraduate of Bowdoin College, located in Brunswick, Maine, and holds a graduate degree from The University of Texas LBJ School of Public Policy.

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“Federal Mitigation with Project Development”

James M. Auslander

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James (Jamie) Auslander’s legal practice focuses on environmental, natural resources, and administrative law and litigation. Mr. Auslander represents numerous major and small businesses, trade associations, and state agencies in a wide range of regulatory and litigation matters, both national and local in scope. He serves clients in all phases of

a case, including internal compliance, administrative proceedings and negotiations, and litigation when necessary.

Mr. Auslander devotes a significant part of his practice to counseling and litigation under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) and similar state laws. He has represented public and private clients in building strong administrative records and robust NEPA analyses to support complex projects and proposals.

Another cornerstone of Mr. Auslander’s practice addresses complex legal issues surrounding development of oil and gas, hardrock minerals, other natural resources, and renewable energy on public lands onshore and on the Outer Continental Shelf (“OCS”). Mr. Auslander assists multinational corporations, domestic companies, and leading industry trade associations in protecting valuable lease rights and navigating the ever-changing environmental requirements to develop those leases.

Mr. Auslander received his legal degree from Harvard Law School (J.D., 2005) and his undergraduate degrees in Public Policy Studies and Economics, as well as a Certificate in Health Policy, from Duke University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002). While attending Harvard, Mr. Auslander served as President of the Harvard Environmental Law Society (2003-04) and Line Editor on the Harvard Environmental Law Review. Mr. Auslander previously worked as a law clerk in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Law and Policy Section, of the U.S. Department of Justice, and as policy intern in the Director’s office of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, focusing on international environmental policy.

Mr. Auslander has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers Editions 2014 and 2015 as a "Rising Star."

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**Randy Wilgis
Chief Solutions Officer
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Randy leads company efforts to develop solutions for complex mitigation challenges in the species sector and other target markets. Randy joined RES with the EBX acquisition in 2014. Prior to RES, he led the development of the Carolina Heelsplitter Mitigation Bank and the Waccamaw Mitigation Bank, both precedent-setting projects for the South Carolina region, and provided oversight of multiple turnkey mitigation projects for major economic development initiatives in the area. In addition to his company responsibilities, Randy is a past President of the National Mitigation Banking Association and participates in the Association’s Rules & Legislative Committee. Past board positions include being the Founding Board Chair of the South Carolina Calvert Academy, a virtual public charter school serving the needs of over 300 elementary school children. He also speaks at a multitude of industry events, and is an instructor for the Conservation Leadership Network.

Prior to joining EBX, Randy was a Senior Vice President with TESSCO Technologies, where he founded three service businesses with combined annual revenues of over \$250 million in 2004. He received his BSE from the Duke University School of Engineering, and MBA from the University of Virginia-Darden School of Business.

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Ethics – “Ripped from the Headlines: Politics, Scandal and Professional Responsibility”

Kevin Colosimo
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Kevin Colosimo's practice spans the areas of oil and gas litigation, energy law, and business and contract law. He also has experience in international trade and creditors' rights, and has provided counsel to clients on a wide range of other legal matters that include risk management alternatives, claims assessment, and litigation strategy. Kevin was drawn to practice energy law by the entrepreneurial spirit and potential of the burgeoning oil and gas industry in Appalachia. He serves as the Member-in-Charge of FBT's Pittsburgh office.

Kevin is a frequent author and speaker on legal issues facing the oil and gas industry, having presented at the EMLF's Annual Institute, Kentucky Mineral Law Conference, CAIL's Institute for Energy Law and Law of Shale Plays Conference and numerous other bar and industry sponsored conferences. He is a regular advocate for the oil and gas industry at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. He served as a Member and Committee Co-Chair of the Marcellus Shale Roundtable sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's Institute of Politics. He serves as an officer and trustee for the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation. Kevin is a member of the United Way of Allegheny County's Tocqueville Society, the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Greater Pittsburgh and a Trustee of Seton Hill University in addition to involvement with various local charities. Kevin is AV rated by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

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Luncheon Speaker – “South Carolina’s Changing Energy Portfolio”

Daniel F. Kassis, Luncheon Speaker
South Carolina Electric and Gas Company

Danny Kassis is the Vice President of Customer Relations and Renewables for South Carolina Electric and Gas Company. His areas of responsibility include the large customer group, customer service engineering, lighting, right of way, pole attachments, demand side management, and the renewables business unit. Kassis has worked for South Carolina Electric and Gas for over 30 years and he has held the top operating position in both gas and electric operations in the Charleston area. Kassis was promoted to Vice President in February of 2012.

Kassis presently serves on the board of directors of the Charleston Area Communities In Schools, the National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina, and the MUSC Hollings Center Advisory Council. Kassis is also a past president of the Executive Association of Greater Charleston and the Rotary Club of North Charleston. He also previously served on the board of the Trident United Way, the Charleston Metro Sports Council, ThinkTEC, the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the Boy

Scouts, and the Charles Towne Landing Foundation.

Kassis graduated from Clemson University in 1986 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and is a registered professional engineer in the state of South Carolina. He currently serves as a member of Clemson's Board of Visitors and is past Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

He is married to the former Amy Nicholson of Columbia, South Carolina, and they have two children, Anna (18) and Daniel, Jr. (15). Kassis and his family are members of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

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"Perspectives from the Bench: An Overview of Energy Industry Bankruptcies"

**The Honorable Judith K. Fitzgerald
Tucker Arensberg, P.C.**

Judge Fitzgerald has more than 25 years of experience as a Bankruptcy Judge, having presided over matters in the Western District of Pennsylvania (where she was chief judge for five years), as well as in the District of Delaware (20 years), the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (8 years) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (9 years). During her tenure as a bankruptcy judge, Fitzgerald presided over many significant corporate cases including: *Flintkote, Kaiser Aluminum, Corp., Owens Corning, W.R. Grace, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Armstrong World Industries, United States Mineral Products, U.S.G., Specialty Products Holding Corp., Maronda Homes, Fleming Steel Company, Federal-Mogul Global, Innovative Communications Corp., Just For Feet, Inc., WorldClass Processing, Inc., Combustion Engineering, Inc., Peregrine Systems, American Pad & Paper Co., PHP Healthcare Corporation, Color Tile, Inc., Italian Oven, Shannopin Mining, Busy Beaver Bldg. Centers, and Papercraft Corporation.*

Judi has unique experience in mass tort bankruptcies, having adjudicated more cases involving section 524 asbestos trusts than any other bankruptcy judge in the country. She has an extensive trial background and frequently served as a settlement judge and mediator. She was the sole judge hearing all chapter 13 cases in the Western District of Pennsylvania and Delaware for many years.

Judi is a regular national speaker, moderator and panel member on bankruptcy, evidence and litigation topics. Judge Fitzgerald is an author on bankruptcy law. Among her publications are *The Rutter Group National Practice Guide – Bankruptcy* (ThomsonReuters) which she co-edits, and *Bankruptcy and Divorce, Support and Property Division* (Aspen) which she co-authored. She also served as an associate editor of *The American Bankruptcy Law Journal*.

In addition to practicing law, Judge Fitzgerald taught contracts, commercial law and bankruptcy courses at the Indiana Tech Law School as a tenured faculty member. She also teaches bankruptcy law and advanced bankruptcy law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Among her recognitions, Judi was awarded the prestigious Lawrence P. King Award for her professionalism and actions to expand the scope of educational opportunities for

bankruptcy professionals. She was designated as one of the top 10 bankruptcy jurists of the year several times by Turnaround and Workouts.

Before being appointed as a bankruptcy judge in 1987, Judi was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Pennsylvania, with a concentration in complex frauds and criminal tax cases.

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"Protecting Personal Assets of Directors and Officers Ahead of Potential Bankruptcy"

**Carrie O'Neil
Senior Vice President
JLT Specialty USA**

Carrie joined the JLT Legal and Claims Practice in April 2016 as Senior Vice President. In addition to her national role in servicing and advising clients and brokers on complex management liability issues and claims, Carrie serves as US Financial Lines Product Leader, driving innovation and solutions in the fast paced world of management liability.

Carrie has over 15 years of experience in the insurance industry. Prior to joining JLT, Carrie spent two years at Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance where she served as Head of Product Development for the Executive and Professional Lines team. Her duties included drafting all insurance products, negotiating and drafting all endorsements and manuscript policies, and educating the E&P team on management and professional liability coverage issues. Prior to Berkshire Hathaway, Carrie was Managing Director of the Financial Services Group and Directors and Officers/Fiduciary Liability National Practice Leader at AON in Denver, and Senior Vice President in the Financial Services Group at AON in San Francisco. Prior to that, Carrie served as Client Advisor and Claims Advocate at Marsh Risk Services for four years. Before entering the insurance industry, Carrie served as Director of Business and Legal Affairs at SF Interactive, Inc. in San Francisco, and as Associate General Counsel for Vail Resorts, Inc. in Colorado

Carrie received both her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Virginia.

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"Judicial Review of EPA's Clean Power Plan"

**Thomas A. Lorenzen
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Tom Lorenzen is a partner in Crowell & Moring's Washington, D.C. office and is a member of the Environment & Natural Resources and Government Affairs groups. Tom works with clients seeking to successfully navigate the federal environmental rulemaking process.

With a decade of Justice Department experience managing the legal defense of all EPA rules, Tom has a unique ability to help clients shape environmental policy, provide vital input on proposed federal environmental regulations through written comment and direct interaction with regulators, and mount effective judicial challenges to EPA actions that adversely affect his clients' interests. Tom also helps clients ensure compliance with existing environmental regulations. In addition, he is a noted appellate lawyer who has briefed, argued, or supervised hundreds of petitions for review of EPA regulations and other final EPA actions.

While he was at the Department of Justice, Tom oversaw many of the seminal environmental cases of the last decade. These include *Massachusetts v. EPA*, in which the Supreme Court affirmed EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, and *Entergy v. Riverkeeper*, in which the Court held that EPA has discretion under the Clean Water Act to consider or decline to consider costs in determining how to regulate cooling water intake structures. In the D.C. Circuit and the other federal courts of appeals, he oversaw the government's defense in *Coalition for Responsible Regulation v. EPA*, in which the court upheld EPA's first suite of greenhouse gas regulations (largely upheld by the Supreme Court in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA*); *EME Homer City Generation, L.P. v. EPA* and *North Carolina v. EPA*, in which the court reviewed EPA's various attempts to address interstate transport of air pollutants; numerous cases challenging EPA regulations governing emissions of hazardous air pollutants; and *National Cotton Council v. EPA*, in which the Sixth Circuit reviewed EPA's Clean Water Act regulations governing the application of pesticides over waters of the United States.

Tom is a frequent lecturer and commentator in print, on the internet, and on television regarding federal environmental law, climate change regulation, administrative law, federal policymaking, and effective appellate brief-writing and argument.

Tom earned his J.D. at the Harvard Law School and his B.A. at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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“Surprise! You Are a Joint Employer.”

**Erin E. Magee
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Erin E. Magee is a Member of Jackson Kelly PLLC working in the Litigation Practice Group. Her practice currently focuses on labor and employment consultation and litigation, ERISA matters and commercial litigation for energy-industry clients.

Ms. Magee consults daily with employers about work-related issues, including wage and hour problems, employee leave and benefit questions, reductions in force, drug testing, workplace privacy concerns, personnel policy and handbook drafting and employee discharge and discipline issues. In addition, she regularly provides training and speaks at seminars, conferences and workshops on these topics, particularly focusing on the issues of harassment, discipline and the overlap between FMLA, ADA and workers' compensation laws.

Ms. Magee also regularly litigates on behalf of employers in state and federal court, as well as before the West Virginia Human Rights Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board and in arbitration. In the course of her practice, Ms. Magee has handled age, gender, disability and workers' compensation discrimination, wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, wage and hour, FMLA, employee benefit, breach of contract, deliberate intent, wrongful death and workplace safety lawsuits.

Chambers USA has recognized Ms. Magee for her work in the labor and employment field. In the 2011 edition, Ms. Magee is noted by sources as "always on top of everything - up on changes in the law and skilled in the courtroom." She is listed in Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America*® in labor and employment law, and is named by *Law & Politics* as a West Virginia Super Lawyer®.

Ms. Magee is a member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation and served on its Strategic Planning Committee. She is a founding member and past-President of the Women's Energy Network's Appalachia Chapter, which presented her with its Pioneer Award for leading new ideas that pave the way for others. Additionally, she is recognized in Who's Who in Energy by the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Active in the community, Ms. Magee is a former member and officer of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Charleston and past-President of the Boards of Directors of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center and the Children's Therapy Clinic Board. She also is a graduate of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Leadership West Virginia program and is a member of the Chamber's Human Resources Committee.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Ms. Magee received her undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary in Virginia in 1989 with a concentration in government and a minor in history. She received her law degree from William and Mary's Marshall Wythe School of Law in 1992. She is admitted to the West Virginia Bar, the Pennsylvania Bar, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia and the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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**C. David Morrison
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C. David Morrison, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, was Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Department from 1994 to 2010. His office is located in Bridgeport, West Virginia. He has 35 years of experience in employment counseling, supervisory training and litigation in state and federal courts as well as before federal agencies. This past year, he was selected by West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Menis Ketchum to assist in drafting pattern jury instructions for employment cases in West Virginia state courts.

Currently, David is a past President of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation ("EMLF"), a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, a member of the Employment Law Committee of the West Virginia State Bar, and a member of the

Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association. In 2012, he received the McClaugherty Award from the EMLF.

David is a Fellow in the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers and a Fellow of the West Virginia Bar Foundation. He has presented over 75 seminars, and has served as an adjunct lecturer on both trial advocacy and pre-trial strategies at the West Virginia University College of Law.

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Tuesday, June 14 – Breakout Session A

“New and Unsettled Issues in Federal Natural Gas Act Condemnation and State Law Condemnation in the Marcellus and Utica Shale Plays”

**Stefanie L. Burt
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Stefanie is a senior associate in Reed Smith's Energy & Natural Resources Group. She focuses her practice on oil and gas law, energy litigation, and environmental litigation and regulatory work. Stefanie represents natural gas companies in a wide variety of litigation, including lease and contract disputes, royalty disputes, encroachments, condemnations, dormant mineral act claims, personal injury claims, and adversary proceedings in bankruptcy. Stefanie also provides counsel on pipeline and natural gas storage issues, including negotiating and preparing right-of-way and easement agreements for her clients. Stefanie has a broad environmental law background, with experience in federal environmental litigation, environmental administrative hearings, advising on federal and state regulatory compliance and permitting issues, and performing environmental due diligence. She regularly practices in state and federal courts in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York, and also has experience in alternative dispute resolution.

Stefanie was an Adjunct Professor of Oil and Gas Law in 2014 and 2015 at the Duquesne University School of Law and an Adjunct Professor of Scholarly Writing in 2010-2011 at the George Washington University Law School.

Stefanie received her J.D., with honors, from George Washington University Law School. While there she served on *The George Washington International Law Review* – Notes Editor and as a Dean's Fellow for the Legal Research and Writing program. She earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh.

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and land use issues. She also handles litigation relating to natural gas pipelines, including condemnations and encroachments, and the negotiation and preparation of pipeline right-of-way and easement agreements. Ariel has represented clients in the energy sector and oil and gas industry, including natural gas exploration and production companies, public utilities, and pipeline companies. She has practiced in both federal and state courts throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Ariel received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Order of the Coif. She was the Managing Editor of the Pittsburgh Law Review. She earned her B.A., *cum laude*, from Colorado College.

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"Help! I Think My Counter-Party May Be Insolvent."

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Demetra L. Liggins is a Partner in Thompson & Knight's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group in the Firm's Houston office. She has nearly 15 years of experience in business finance and restructurings for a variety of large and small public and private companies. She helps navigate her clients through complex corporate reorganization and distressed acquisitions. She works on both in-court and out-of-court restructurings. Demetra is highly regarded for her ability to quickly and efficiently help clients assess the effects of a bankruptcy on their corporate and financial transactions. She is a trusted business partner who works with her clients to identify and achieve their goals in the bankruptcy process.

Demetra received a J.D., *cum laude*, from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 2000 and a B.S. in Business Administration, *cum laude*, from Christian Brothers University in 1997. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable U.W. Clemon, Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Demetra is licensed to practice in both Texas and New York.

Demetra is actively involved in numerous organizations, including serving as Houston Chapter Chair of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC); a member and former Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Houston Bar Association; a member of the Women's Energy Network; a member of the Women's Business Alliance, Greater Houston Partnership; a former Fellow of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity; and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Her accolades include being named to *Texas Rising Stars*® by Thomson Reuters, as a Law Firm Rainmaker by *Diversity & the Bar*, and to Houston's "Top Lawyers" by *H Texas* magazine. She has also been featured in *Law360*'s Minority Powerbroker Q&A series.

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“Treatment of Oil and Gas Leases in Bankruptcy”

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John has represented secured and unsecured creditors, ad hoc creditors’ committees, statutory creditors’ committees, trustees, equity security holders, companies reorganizing under Chapter 11, DIP lenders and purchasers of distressed assets and companies. He also has represented purchasers and sellers of assets, claims and equity interests in distressed situations. In addition, he has represented indenture trustees in connection with bond debt transactions, including new issuances, tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions, amendments, work-outs and bankruptcies.

John is a member of the Texas Bar Association and Houston Bar Association, where he serves on several committees. He is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

John received his J.D. *magna cum laude*, from the University of Houston Law Center, where he was an associate editor of the *Houston Law Review*. He received his BBA from the University of Texas.

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“Coal Industry Insolvencies and Reclamation Financial Assurance Issues”

Ronald E. Gold
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Ron is a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC where he serves on the Firm's Executive Committee. He concentrates in finance and reorganization law, primarily in the area of bankruptcy and out-of-court workouts. Ron actively represents corporate debtors, borrowers, secured lenders, landlords, creditors' committees, court appointed receivers and automotive customers in bankruptcy proceedings, restructurings and out-of-court workouts. Ron also represents purchasers of entire businesses or business segments both in and out of chapter 11 and regularly counsels equity funds in matters involving distressed real estate.

Ron was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2010. In addition, he is listed in the Bankruptcy Section of the 2003 - 2015 editions of the *Best Lawyers in America®* and was named one of Ohio's leading bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers by *Chambers USA®: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the 2004 - 2015 editions and recognized by *Ohio Super Lawyers®*, 2004 - 2015 by *Law and Politics Magazine*.

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Ms. Medine develops and implements fuel procurement strategies for U.S. and foreign coal consumers. Fuel procurement assistance has ranged from determining an appropriate strategy to soliciting bids and negotiating purchase agreements. In the last five years, Ms. Medine has advised several international coal consumers of their fuel procurement activities. Ms. Medine continues to advise numerous U.S. and international coal consumers on their coal and petroleum coke procurements.

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Ms. Medine was an advisor to the Horizon Natural Resource companies which operated as a debtor-in-possession in the development of a plan to accomplish reclamation on all permits not sold and transferred as part of the plan of reorganization. For a period of 15 months, Ms. Medine served as Executive Vice President of Centennial Resources, Inc., a debtor-in-possession, as part of EVA's contract to manage this company post-petition. In this capacity, she managed the day-to-day operations of the company as well as serving as the liaison between the company, state and county regulatory agencies, the bankruptcy court, and the lenders. This assignment ended upon the filing of Centennial's plan of reorganization. Ms. Medine has also served as the advisor to secured lenders in another coal industry bankruptcy. In this capacity, she reviewed and developed independent financial forecasts and operating plans of the debtor-in-possession.

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“Wastewater Management Regulation in the Appalachian Basin”

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“From Monopolies to Markets and Beyond – The Evolution and Future of the U.S. Electricity System”

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“Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO), Independent System Operators (ISO) and Wholesale Electricity Markets”

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"Power Purchase Agreements"

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"Like-Kind Exchanges in the Oil and Gas Industry"

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“The ‘Double Fraction’ Issue”

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“Natural Gas Market Natural Monopoly: An Antitrust Regulatory Paradox”

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