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LAURA A. BREVETTI

Over the past 25 years, Ms. Brevetti has built a highly respected and successful white-collar criminal defense and business litigation practice. She is a superbly skilled, tenacious, and zealous advocate for her clients, and has been recognized by her peers as one of Manhattan's Super Lawyers and a preeminent-rated lawyer in her specialties. Ms. Brevetti has experience as a General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of a NYSE-listed company, managing attorneys, supervising litigations and major outside law firms, conducting internal investigations, advising the Board, and responding to government and SRO regulatory inquiries.



She now regularly represents individual and corporate clients in investigations and at trial and arbitration; conducts complex internal corporate investigations of allegations of fraud, bribery, and violations of employment and corporate policy; advises companies on matters of governance, compliance, and crisis management; and defends individuals and financial entities facing government and SRO enforcement investigations and actions in securities and other areas.

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Allegra Lawrence-Hardy is the co-founding partner of Lawrence & Bundy LLC, a commercial litigation firm with a comprehensive breadth of experience representing and advising clients across a wide spectrum of industries. Allegra uses creativity and results-oriented strategic analysis to develop legal solutions that work for her clients. Allegra focuses her practice on Business and Commercial Litigation and Labor and Employment law. She has successfully defended Fortune 100 companies throughout the United States and abroad in numerous trials, arbitrations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Allegra is known for her skill in trying cases, negotiating complex settlements and finding creative solutions. She helps develop processes and tools for improving the efficiency and delivery of legal services.



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Susan G. Chappell has 20 years' experience in complex business and commercial litigation and advice, and employment law. She is a knowledgeable, professional, responsive, and skilled advocate. She has litigated in state and federal court, and before administrative bodies, and she has arbitrated complex matters under the AAA rules and otherwise. Her clients – including international companies and local businesses, corporate directors and shareholders, employers, employees and other individuals – value her significant experience in civil litigation, which she acquired over her years in private law firm practice. Ms. Chappell practiced in a private law firm until January 1, 2016, when she opened her own practice. She now proudly serves her own clients, giving them her effective, efficient, individualized, and hands-on attention. They turn to her for her ability to solve or resolve their most difficult issues. She is a skilled negotiator, as well as a litigator.



Ms. Chappell is highly regarded by her peers. She is rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been included in The Best Lawyers in America in Commercial Litigation.

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JULIE QUINN

Former State Senator Julie Quinn doesn't just know the law, she helped write it. As a freshman senator, Julie was tapped as the first woman to chair the esteemed Senate Judiciary Committee, and served on the Louisiana Supreme Court's Judicial Council and the Louisiana Law Institute. Using her "big firm" experience, business knowledge, and public service, Julie founded the boutique firm Quinn Alsterberg specializing in business law and government relations. Quinn Alsterberg maintains a diverse roster of corporate clients from multinational transportation companies to gulf coast shrimpers. Highly regarded as a problem solver, Julie is rated AV-Preeminent by her peers and the judiciary for ethics and legal knowledge, and was recognized as one of the top zoning and permitting lawyers in the country. Julie negotiates deals and corporate growth, drafts complex transactional agreements, manages buyouts and "business divorces," navigates regulatory compliance and resolves violations, skillfully engages in government relations, and effectively manages a commercial litigation practice. Partner Justin Alsterberg specializes in complex litigation, masterfully managing a courtroom, juries and trials, and manages the firm's complex litigation process, and is known as one of the areas top construction law attorneys. With associate James King who specializes in employment and labor law, the firm offers a full suite of legal services for business needs "from the boardroom to the courtroom".



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Mary E. Vandenack is founding and managing partner of Vandenack Weaver LLC, a boutique tax, business, trusts and estates, real estate, and asset protection planning firm in Omaha, Nebraska. Mary founded the firm in 2005 with a vision for improving the delivery of legal services by embracing innovation and technology.

Vandenack's areas of expertise include tax law, real estate, high net worth estate planning, asset protection planning, business succession planning, and tax-exempt entities. Mary regularly writes and speaks on issues related to her practice areas and on practice management issues.

Mary is a commentator for Leimberg Services, a prestigious publication covering taxes, business succession, asset protection, and non-profits. Mary recently acted as an editor for a Leimberg publication, The Tools & Techniques of Trust Planning.

Mary's efforts as a legal innovator and technologist were recognized with the 2015 James I. Keane Memorial Award, for excellence in e-lawyering. Mary has also been appointed to the College of Law Practice Management.

Mary has been active in the national bar, serving the Law Practice Division as an Executive Council Member and as Features Editor for the Law Practice Magazine. Mary writes a leadership column for Law Practice Magazine. Mary served on the American Bar Association Futures Commission and currently acts as co-chair of the Futures Task Force for the Real Property, Trusts & Estates Section of the ABA. Mary is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

As well as being active in the national bar, Mary is active in the local community. She has served on the boards of many non-profits. She recently received an award for partnership from the Nebraska Cancer Coalition.

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Kristen Fancher is the Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel for Margaritaville Enterprises, LLC. In this role, she is responsible for all legal matters and serves as a legal and strategic advisor on the Senior Executive team.

Prior to joining Margaritaville, Kristen began her career in law as an associate at the IP boutique firm Fish & Neave, located in New York. Thereafter, she joined and became a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig in Atlanta. Kristen spent her 11 year career at Greenberg Traurig specializing in intellectual property protection and transactions.

Kristen completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Kristen has been ranked by World Trademark Review as one of the leading trademark lawyers in the world. In 2014 she was named as one of the "Top 250 Women" in Intellectual Property Law by Managing IP Magazine. In addition, she is recognized as AV Top Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.



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Ms. Klibanow celebrates her 20th Year maintaining her Martindale-Hubbell "AV" "highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards." Throughout her career, while "wearing many hats" (management advocate, defense litigator, labor/individual advocate/litigator, neutral mediator, employment arbitrator, collective bargaining arbitrator, hearing officer, discovery referee), Ms. Klibanow has always focused her practice in the continually evolving and constantly fascinating fields of labor and employment law.

A member of the California and National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, she is a member of several nationwide employment law panels, including AAA, NAM, CPR (Employment and Commercial), FMCS, is an Advanced Workplace Arbitrator with ACR, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Ms. Klibanow has served in leadership positions with the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar and most recently with the ADR Committee of the California Bar Association. She has contributed to several seminal treatises and enjoys authoring magazine and journal articles on practice-impacting caselaw developments. Ms. Klibanow's legal acumen, keen insight, and wise judgment render her widely sought to hear, determine, or resolve the most daunting of labor and employment controversies.

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Drawing on her extensive experience in complex litigation, technology and business, Tara helps clients leverage and defend their intellectual property in the courtroom. Her background on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, coupled with a keen understanding of technology, markets and people, allows Tara to customize legal strategies designed to meet the specific needs of each client she serves. With an unrelenting focus on results, Tara has secured victories for her clients in district and appellate courts and arbitrations around the nation. Tara is a highly respected member of the legal community where she serves as president of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is a Fellow of the American Bar Association and the Litigation Counsel of America. She has earned the Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent® rating, is listed in Best Lawyers in America® and named among the Top 50 Women Minnesota Super Lawyers®.

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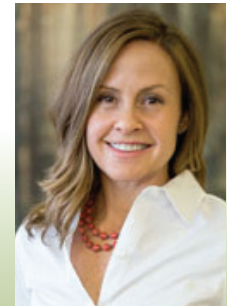
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Without getting bogged down in any monarchical or religious underpinnings of the popular nursery rhyme—"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?"—Jennifer is intrigued by how the worlds' gardens grow. Not a green thumb by any stretch of the imagination, Jennifer instead turned to advising and collaborating with actors across the agribusiness spectrum. Specializing in the crop input sector, Jennifer has provided legal consultation and directed litigation involving labeling, distribution, and regulatory compliance. Jennifer has also represented multiple entities in the industry against crop damage claims and what some might perceive as the more mundane claims involving employee management and relations. Always willing to get her hands dirty (she prefers work boots over high heels any day), Jennifer advocates for early analysis and assessment, to identify optimal alternative outcomes for the agribusinesses she represents. Jennifer delights in cultivating her client relationships and firmly believes that collaborating with clients—as opposed to lording legal advice over them—results in optimal outcomes.



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STEPHANIE RESNICK

A partner and seasoned trial lawyer at Fox Rothschild LLP, Stephanie Resnick is consistently ranked among top business litigators and lauded by her colleagues and peers for her strategic handling of high-stakes, complex business disputes in both federal and state courts. She has served as lead counsel in numerous high-profile litigation matters.

Stephanie is Chair of the firm's Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance Practice and is a member of Fox Rothschild's Executive Committee. She chaired the firm-wide Litigation Department for seven years, overseeing more than 200 attorneys. In state and federal courts across the United States, she has earned a reputation for sound judgment and innovative problem solving. Corporate executives, *Fortune* 500 companies and family-owned businesses turn to Stephanie for solutions to their most difficult and sensitive personal and professional issues.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has received numerous accolades, including being named among the "Women Leaders in the Law" by American Lawyer Media; *The National Law Journal's* list of Litigation Trailblazers; "The Best Lawyers in America" for Commercial Litigation; a "Litigation Star" in Pennsylvania and listed in the "Top 250 Female Litigators in America" by *Benchmark Litigation: Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*; and listed among the "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania" and "Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania" by *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine*.



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