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Born in Africa and educated in the U.K. and the U.S., with law degrees from Oxford University and the University of Virginia, Rachel's primary focus is on highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy. She believes in a personalized, hands-on approach that involves analyzing client needs and concerns, and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result as speedily and cost effectively as possible. This may involve addressing issues at the Federal agency or congressional level, or the solution may be commercial, operational, transactional, or based on a combination of approaches, including mediation, arbitration and/or litigation. Rachel has extensive experience in all these disciplines, including in the international arena. She brings to the table a deep well of knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries that enables her to bring critical perspective to any problem.



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For more than 35 years Mary E. Pivec has counseled employers dealing with government regulations, investigations and enforcement actions. Rated by peers as AV Preeminent in the Martindale Hubble Attorney Survey, Mary is recognized as one of the most experienced and knowledgeable attorneys in the U.S. in the field of immigration-related worksite enforcement and compliance. She has represented employers in over 100 Form I-9 inspections, immigration-related discrimination investigations, and OCAHO proceedings, has testified as an expert on I-9 compliance and immigration-related discrimination claims in civil and criminal litigation, and has trained and counseled hundreds of managers and human resource officers on immigration compliance issues. Mary also represents employers in DOL H-1B/LCA enforcement audits and in appeal proceedings before DOL administrative law judges and the DOL Administrative Review Board. Mary is a 1981 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law and practices with the firm of Pivec & Associates, PLLC, located in northern Virginia. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Association College of Labor and Employment Attorneys and has been listed annually in *Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Immigration Law since 1990. Mary also served for nine years on the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Board of Governors and on numerous AILA liaison and advisory committees relating to the employment of foreign nationals and immigration compliance and enforcement issues of concern to employers of foreign nationals.



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