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*2024 Annual Conference
September 25-27, 2024*



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM-1:00 PM Golf

Jimmie Austin Golf Course

3:00-5:00 PM

NAFUSA Board Meeting

Location: The National Hotel

6:00-9:00 PM

Opening Cocktail and Dinner Reception

Location: The National Hotel

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the door

Thursday, September 26

7:30-8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Location: The National Hotel

8:30-9:00 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

John C. Richter, President, NAFUSA

Wendy Goggin, Executive Director, NAFUSA

9:00-10:00 AM

The Intersection of Law, Ethics, and Public Relations in High Profile Litigation and Investigations

Mark Corallo, Co-founder of Corallo Comstock

Ellen Moskowitz, Senior Partner Brunswick Group

Debra Wong Yang, Partner Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Ronald Machen, Partner, WilmerHale

Moderator: Honorable Robert Conrad, Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, WDNC

10:00-10:15 AM

Break

10:15-11:15 AM

The Emerging Cross-Border Enforcement Environment: Advances and Challenges for the DOJ, Corporations, and Defense Counsel

Mark Mendelsohn, Partner, Paul Weiss

Vaughn Ary, Director, OIA, Criminal Division

Molly Moeser, Chief, MLARS, Criminal Division

Moderator: Melinda Haag, Partner, Paul Weiss, and NAFUSA Director

11:15-12:15 PM

Midnight in Moscow – A Conversation with Former Ambassador to Russia, John Sullivan

Moderator: John Richter, Partner King & Spalding and NAFUSA President

12:15 PM

Buffet Lunch at Hotel

Opening Remarks: Frank Keating, former Governor of Oklahoma, former Associate Attorney General, former U.S. Attorney, NDOK

Introduction: Joe Whitley, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson

Afternoon

OKC National Memorial & Museum

Guided tours starting immediately after lunch

Reunion Dinners at various off-site locations

Friday, September 27

7:30-8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Location: The National Hotel

8:30-9:15 AM

DOJ Report: Current Legal Issues

Gary Restaino, U.S. Attorney, DAZ and AGAC Vice-Chair

Norman Wong, Acting Director, EOUSA

9:15-10:15 AM

Supreme Court Review

Ethan Davis, Partner King & Spalding

10:15-10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 AM

Ethical and Practical Uses of Generative AI in Legal Practice

Julie Myers Wood, CEO Guidepost Solutions Int'l
Jay Town, VP & General Counsel, Gray Analytics and NAFUSA Director

Justin Helms, Artificial Intelligence Solutions Strategist, Husch Blackwell

Valerie McConnell, Thompson Reuters

Moderator: Catherine Hanaway, Partner, Husch Blackwell and NAFUSA Vice President

11:30-12:15 PM **Presentation of J. Michael Bradford Award**
Tim Purdon, Partner, Robins Kaplan and NAFUSA
Secretary

Presentation by award recipient John Romano,
Assistant U.S. Attorney, DNJ

12:30-1:00 PM **General Membership Meeting**
Election of Officers and Directors

Lunch on your own

6:00-7:00 PM **Cocktail Reception** at Vast Restaurant

7:00-8:00 PM **Dinner** at Vast Restaurant

8:00-9:00 PM **Keynote Address: Scott Schools, Chief
Compliance and Ethics Officer at Uber
Technologies, Inc.**

Interviewer: John C. Richter, NAFUSA President

9:00-11:00 PM **Hospitality Suite**
Location: The Mint, National Hotel

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2024 Conference Speakers

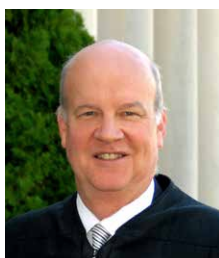


Vaughn A. Ary

Vaughn A. Ary has served as the Director of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) for the U.S. Department of Justice since March 2016. In this capacity, he supervises the international operational work of the Department in support of international extraditions, mutual legal assistance, and international prisoner transfers.

Before joining the Department, Vaughn had a successful career with the United States Marine Corps, from which he retired as a Major General. As the senior attorney in the Marines, he led more than 1,450 attorneys and support staff worldwide and guided the organization through a significant modernization. Following his military career, Vaughn was appointed to serve as Director and Convening Authority of the Office of Military Commissions.

Vaughn earned his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from George Washington University and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma.



Hon. Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Hon. Robert J. Conrad, Jr. is a Federal District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. He was appointed by President George W. Bush and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 2005. He served as the Chief Judge of that district from 2006-2013 and later served on the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference. He currently serves as a Senior Judge and as Director of the Administrative Office of United States Courts.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Judge Conrad attended Clemson University. A member of the Clemson University Sports Hall of Fame, Judge Conrad was named among the top 25 Best Players of Clemson's Basketball program, and was an Academic All American. Judge Conrad graduated from University of Virginia School of Law in 1983.

After a career in private practice, Judge Conrad served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, Chief of the Department of Justice's Campaign Financing Task Force and was later named the United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina in 2001.

Judge Conrad is the author of "John Fisher & Thomas More: Keeping Their Souls While Losing Their Heads," described by reviewer Mary Eberstadt "as one of the most inspiring books I have read in years."

Judge Conrad, and his wife Ann, have five children and thirteen grandchildren.



Mark Corallo

Called “a ‘street-smart’ Republican spin doctor” by National Journal, Mark Corallo is a veteran communicator with extensive experience in the high-pressure, high-stakes world of Washington, D.C. media affairs. Mark draws on his experience on Capitol Hill, in the Executive branch, and on the campaign trail, to advise Fortune 500 companies, leading trade associations, as well as high-profile business and political leaders.

Said Politico: “Called ‘the master of disaster’ by many, Corallo has been in the crisis management game since the mid-1990s.... From Sept. 11 to Karl Rove, the self-proclaimed adrenaline junkie has had a hand in almost every newsworthy piece of Republican crisis management in Washington over the past decade.”

In private practice since 2005, Mark has advised business leaders ranging from the CEOs of Hewlett Packard and Pepsico, to former AIG Chairman Hank Greenberg to the News Corp Board of Directors. He has guided corporations such as Microsoft and AT&T and whole industries including the music and motion picture industries through high-stakes litigation all the way up to the Supreme Court.

From 2002-2005, Mark was the Press Secretary and then Public Affairs Director for the U.S. Department of Justice. In this capacity he served as the chief spokesman for Attorney General John Ashcroft and the Department of Justice on all matters including the Global War on Terrorism and the corporate scandals that engulfed America’s financial markets.

From 1999-2002, Mark was the Communications Director for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform. From 1996-1999, he served as Press Secretary to U.S. Representative and Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Bob Livingston (R-LA).

Mark is a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry. He is a graduate of Georgetown University, is married and has four children.



Ethan Davis

Ethan Davis is a litigation and investigations partner in the Special Matters and Government Investigations Practice Group. He defends executives and companies facing U.S. Justice Department investigations, qui tam litigation, and other litigation under a variety of statutes, including the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the healthcare fraud laws, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Controlled Substances Act, and the Consumer Product Safety Act. Until September

2020, Ethan served as the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Division, the Department’s largest litigating division, where he supervised approximately 1,000

lawyers. In that role, Ethan oversaw the Civil Division's investigations and litigation under the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, and the other statutes described above, and played a key role in laying the groundwork to combat fraud in the CARES Act's stimulus programs.

Previously, Ethan served as the Civil Division's Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Before that, he was the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Consumer Protection Branch, which enforces the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. During his time at DOJ, Ethan served on the Deputy Attorney General's corporate enforcement working group and led the Civil Division's fight against the opioid crisis and elder fraud, including overseeing the Civil Division's Elder Justice Initiative and the Division's participation in the DOJ's National Nursing Home Initiative. He was also one of the key DOJ leaders in developing policies related to COVID-19 and False Claims Act enforcement strategies to address fraud in the Paycheck Protection Program, the Main Street Lending Program, and the Provider Relief Fund.

Prior to his government service, Ethan was a partner at King & Spalding. While in private practice, he has represented a variety of executives and companies facing DOJ investigations and qui tam litigation, including pharmaceutical and medical device companies, suppliers, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health companies, pharmacies, technology companies, and others. Ethan also counsels clients on developing and improving their compliance programs and policies, and represents them in high-stakes, complex commercial and government-facing litigation. He has also participated in significant intellectual property matters, as well as cases in the energy sector.

Ethan is an accomplished litigator who has argued in the U.S. Supreme Court, many other federal and state courts, and who has participated in multiple trials. He clerked for Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain on the Ninth Circuit, and Justice Neil M. Gorsuch on the U.S. Supreme Court.



Melinda Haag

A partner in the Litigation Department and co-chair of the White Collar & Regulatory Defense Group, Melinda Haag is widely recognized as among the nation's leading trial lawyers. Over more than three decades, Melinda has led or co-led more than 20 jury and bench trials, including complex white collar and civil rights cases, and has handled numerous white collar criminal matters, corporate investigations and complex commercial litigations. Melinda has long represented companies and

their boards in law enforcement and multi-regulator investigations and in internal investigations, as well as senior executives in connection with government and internal investigations. Clients have described Melinda as "one of the best white collar lawyers in practice right now" and the lawyer that they "like to bring the thorniest cases."

Melinda has had a distinguished career in public service. During her five-year tenure as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, she spearheaded numerous high-profile investigations and prosecutions. Earlier, Melinda served for nine years as a federal prosecutor, ultimately being tapped by then-U.S. Attorney Robert Mueller as Chief of the White Collar section of the San Francisco office.

A Fellow with the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, Melinda has been recognized three times by the Daily Journal as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California.

Catherine Hanaway



A former U.S. Attorney and Missouri House Speaker, Catherine defends clients nationwide, helping resolve their toughest and most sensitive legal issues. Catherine has successfully handled high-profile, bet-the-company, complex matters in federal court and before regulatory agencies. She represents leading global and closely-held companies – as well as their officers and owners – in civil and criminal investigations and in business litigation. Catherine also strategically advises senior

management and boards of directors, offering comprehensive solutions to address their legislative and enforcement challenges. Matters Catherine handles include: • Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS) • Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) • False Claims Act (FCA) • Fraud • Money laundering • Trade secrets.

Clients value that Catherine is uniquely positioned to identify complex legal issues, along with the pathways and collaborative strategies to resolution. Before leading the firm as the first woman to serve as Chair, she also served as the chief federal law enforcement officer for the Eastern District of Missouri, the only woman Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives and for five years on staff for U.S. Senator Kit Bond. As U.S. Attorney, she supervised more than 4,000 criminal, affirmative and defensive civil cases and personally tried cases to jury verdicts. She also supervised and assisted in the development of cutting-edge theories of criminal prosecution. Experience

PUBLIC INTEGRITY • Won total declination of all potential charges against significant donor in public corruption case where elected official pled guilty. Managed significant communications and reputational issues during pendency of investigation. • Won total declination of all potential charges against former Missouri Governor in investigations of whether he misappropriated assets of a charity. • Obtained motion to dismiss for high-profile 501(c)(4) organization and its board members after political activist plaintiff brought suit. Prior to this unprecedented matter, no case analyzed statute at issue. Court dismissed claims against social welfare organization and board members with prejudice. Decision was affirmed on appeal. **STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL** • Successfully recruited a number of State Attorneys General to join amicus curiae in two separate but related cases. **MANUFACTURING & RAIL** • Obtained total declination of all charges for Fortune 500 engineering corporation in trade secrets claims stemming from federal investigation of employee installer. • Negotiated and guided Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation for publicly traded railroad, leading to no enforcement action.



Justin Helms

Justin Helms is the Artificial Intelligence Solutions Strategist at Husch Blackwell. He helps drive AI technology development and application to transform legal practice and business operations. A licensed attorney (non-practicing) and private pilot, Justin holds a JD, MGIS, and MPA. With over 10 years of federal government experience, he has worked in HR, Procurement, DoD/Intelligence, IT, Legal, Aviation, and Customer Experience. His expertise in digital transformation and operational

efficiency drives innovative solutions and exceptional client value.



Ronald Machen

Ronald Machen, a member of WilmerHale's global Management Committee and Chair of the firm's Litigation/Controversy Department, specializes in litigating complex criminal and civil actions and helping clients navigate high-stakes, crisis situations that garner the attention of multiple regulators, Congress, and private litigants. He is an experienced litigator, having tried more than 35 cases to verdict, and is currently litigating matters involving the state and federal False Claims Act,

alleged breaches of contract, consumer and securities fraud class actions, sexual discrimination and retaliation, federal patent infringement, and Sarbanes Oxley Act whistleblower retaliation claims.

He has conducted numerous high-profile internal investigations, including on behalf of Fortune 100 corporations, the World Bank, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General.

Prior to rejoining the firm in 2015, Mr. Machen served for over five years as the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. As the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 2010 to 2015, Mr. Machen led the nation's largest U.S. Attorney's Office, where he supervised more than 600 attorneys and support staff and routinely represented the United States in matters of great significance to the entire country. As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Machen embraced a holistic approach to public safety by investing in intervention and prevention programs designed to educate young people, reduce domestic violence, and protect underserved communities. He also created the first Conviction Integrity Unit, focused on identifying past wrongful convictions, in any federal prosecutor's office. Throughout his career, Mr. Machen has repeatedly been recognized for his professional accomplishments. He has been honored as a Criminal Law Trailblazer by the National Law Journal, recognized by Chambers USA for his white-collar crime and government investigations practice, and selected by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America. Recently, he was named as a finalist by The National Law Journal in the 2023 Winning Litigators category and a 2023 Best Mentor Finalist by The American Lawyer.



Valerie McConnell

Valerie is the Senior Director of CoCounsel Customer Success at Thomson Reuters, where she uses her litigation and computer science background to advise lawyers on how to leverage artificial intelligence in their practices. Valerie is a frequent speaker on the application of generative AI to solve common pain points in legal workflows. Before joining Thomson Reuters, Valerie served as the Vice-President of Customer Success at Casetext, where she worked on the testing and development of CoCounsel. Previously, Valerie was a litigator at Jones Day, where she litigated intellectual property, antitrust, white-collar criminal defense, and commercial litigation matters. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School, served as a fellow at Yale Law School, and studied computer science at Princeton University.



Mark F. Mendelsohn

A partner in the Litigation Department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Mark F. Mendelsohn is chair of the firm's FCPA and AntiCorruption Practice Group, and a member of the firm's White Collar Crime and Regulatory Defense, Economic Sanctions and AML, Securities Litigation, and Latin America Practice Groups. Prior to joining Paul, Weiss, Mr. Mendelsohn served as the deputy chief of the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), and is internationally acknowledged and respected as the architect and key enforcement official of DOJ's modern Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) enforcement program.

He is widely known for dramatically increasing the level of sophistication of FCPA enforcement globally and for underscoring the importance of anti-corruption compliance. Prior to joining the Fraud Section, Mr. Mendelsohn was senior counsel in the DOJ's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section in Washington, D.C., and prior to that served for nearly six years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York.



Molly Moeser

Molly is the Chief of the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) within the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. She oversees investigations and prosecutions of financial institutions and related individuals and entities for any criminal violations, including violations of money laundering laws, U.S. economic sanctions, and the Bank Secrecy Act; investigations of complex third-party money laundering schemes; and investigations, prosecution, and asset recovery

actions related to kleptocrats and their associates engaged in foreign official corruption and money laundering. In addition, MLARS manages the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program. Molly was previously MLARS' Principal Deputy Chief, the Chief of MLARS' Bank Integrity Unit and a trial attorney in the BIU. Within the BIU, Molly prosecuted financial institutions, including banks and money services businesses, and individuals for criminal violations of the Bank Secrecy Act, money laundering, wire fraud, and sanctions laws. Before joining the Department, Molly was in private practice in Los Angeles and worked for a member of the U.S. Senate.



Ellen Moskowitz

Senior Partner, New York

Ellen Moskowitz is a co-leader of Brunswick's global litigation communications and crisis practice. In that capacity, she has counseled both public and private companies on critical enterprise-threatening issues, including some of the largest civil, criminal, and regulatory cases of the last fifteen years.

Ellen joined Brunswick in 2007 and was formerly a Managing Director at Clark & Weinstock, a boutique communications and lobbying firm. Previously, she was a litigation partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis specializing in antitrust, securities, products liability, regulatory and other complex commercial matters. From 1989-1994, Ellen was a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Ellen graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University and received a J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Ellen was profiled in Band 1 of "Ranked Individuals" for her work in crisis and litigation communications by Chambers and Partners' Litigation Support and Risk & Crisis Management guides for 2024.



Gary M. Restaino

Gary M. Restaino was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona on November 23, 2021. He has served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee since March 2022. He also served as the Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from April 25, 2022 until July 13, 2022.

Prior to his confirmation as United States Attorney, Mr. Restaino had been an Assistant United States Attorney since 2003. Before his employment as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Restaino was a civil rights lawyer from 1999 to 2003 with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, and he was a legal aid lawyer representing migrant and seasonal farmworkers from 1996 to 1999. Between college and law school he served for two years with the Peace Corps in rural Paraguay.

Mr. Restaino received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1996 and his B.A. from Haverford College in 1990.



John Richter

John Richter regularly represents companies, Boards of Directors, Board committees, and individuals facing white-collar criminal and regulatory enforcement matters, parallel civil litigation, and internal corporate investigations. John previously served as the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice and as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Notably, John has defended clients in trials and investigations involving U.S. Attorneys' Offices in over fifteen different districts around the country, the Criminal and Civil Divisions at the Justice Department, and state attorney general's offices for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



John Romano

John has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey since 2007 and has served continuously as a member of the Appeals Division. He has handled 24 arguments in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and filed more than 200 briefs. John coordinates the Office's affirmative appeals and has given numerous office-wide lectures on a variety of topics.

Prior to joining the Department, John clerked for the Honorable Maryanne Trump Barry of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, as well as the Honorable John E. Sprizzo of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. John earned his BA from Fordham University and his JD from St. John's University School of Law.

John's wife, Katherine, is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office's Health Care Fraud unit. They have two daughters, Mary and Anna.



Scott Schools

Scott Schools is the Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer at Uber Technologies, Inc. He joined Uber on July 16, 2018 after a legal career that has included twenty-one years at the Department of Justice as well as seven years in the private sector. In the summer of 2016, then-Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates asked Scott to return to the Department in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General to serve as the Department's

senior career official. In that capacity, he advised Attorneys General and Deputy Attorneys General on significant matters to the Department with a focus on ethics and professional responsibility. In total, Scott spent 6 ½ years working in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General following a career during which he served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, the United States Attorney for South Carolina, the General Counsel of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and an Assistant United States Attorney.



John J. Sullivan

John J. Sullivan is an American attorney and government official whose career spans four decades in the public and private sectors. He has served five presidents in prominent diplomatic and legal positions, including as U.S. ambassador to the Russian Federation under Presidents Joe Biden (January 2021 to October 2022) and Donald Trump (December 2019 to January 2021). Before his post in Moscow, he served for almost three years as the U.S. deputy secretary of state.

He is currently a distinguished fellow at Georgetown and Columbia Universities, a partner in Mayer Brown LLP, and a member of the congressionally-chartered, bipartisan Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State. He splits his time between the Washington, DC area and Connecticut.



Jay Town

Jay Town is the former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. Appointed by President Trump, Town served from 2017-2020. Prior to that role, Town was a violent crimes prosecutor for the State of Alabama in the Madison County District Attorney's Office for 13 years. Town served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Major. Town is currently the Vice President & General Counsel at Gray Analytics, a defense contractor in Huntsville.

Town has served on a number of charitable boards, to include the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and America's Warrior Partnership. He is recognized by his peers as being way better than Justin Herdman at everything. Jay received his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in Government & International Relations. He received his J.D. from the Seton Hall University School of Law. He lives in Huntsville with his wife and daughter.



Norman Wong

Since July of 2023, Norman Wong has served as the Acting Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) in addition to his role as the Principal Deputy Director of EOUSA. In these positions, Norm leads EOUSA in its wide-ranging responsibilities in guiding and supporting the United States Attorneys' offices through budgeting, human resources, information technology, legal education, and legal programs.

Before becoming Principal Deputy in 2019, Norm had served as Deputy Director and Counsel to the Director since 2007. And before that, he was the Assistant Director for EOUSA's Legal Programs Staff. Norm started his career in the Department in 2000, as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of California, where he worked in the White Collar Crimes Unit.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Norm spent time in private practice in Los Angeles, representing corporate and government clients in a wide range of litigation.

Norm received a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law.



Julie Myers Wood

Julie Myers Wood has more than 25 years of experience in the public and private sector working on regulatory and enforcement issues from many perspectives, including as federal prosecutor, defense counsel, government investigator and compliance consultant. Key highlights include leading 15,000 special agents, lawyers, and officers at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); helping the President choose cabinet members to serve in his administration; and co-founding a

compliance software and consulting startup, which was later acquired by Guidepost Solutions. Ms. Wood is currently the Chief Executive Officer at Guidepost Solutions, a leading investigations, compliance, monitoring, and security firm with offices throughout the United States, as well as England, Colombia, and Singapore.

At Guidepost, Ms. Wood provides practical advice to help transform companies. She focuses on regulatory compliance and investigative work and regularly serves as an independent monitor/consultant appointed by the U.S. government. Significant engagements include: Led independent investigation into the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee's response to sexual abuse at the leadership level, including the development of proposed comprehensive reforms to prevent abuse. Court-appointed four times, upon the recommendation of the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, to serve as a Monitoring or Divestiture Trustee responsible for evaluating divestiture of various business units for a global security firm, major defense contractor, global health care corporation, and manufacturing company. Appointed by the Federal Reserve to serve as an Independent Consultant for a global bank's OFAC remediation. Served as Deputy

and then Independent Consultant for a global bank's AML, KYC and OFAC remediation upon approval of the New York Department of Financial Services. Served as the third-party auditor for a global security firm and was responsible for evaluating the firm's compliance with EAR and OFAC for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Appointed as an Independent Consultant by the U.S. Department of Justice for a global energy services firm relating to OFAC issues and the company's compliance culture. Ms. Wood has a particular interest in how technology and artificial intelligence is transforming compliance.



Debra Wong Yang

Debra Wong Yang is a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Yang is Chair of the Crisis Management Practice Group and former Chair of the White Collar Defense and Investigations and Information Technology and Data Privacy Practice Groups. Ms. Yang focuses part of her practice on strategic counseling. She leads critical representations, both high profile and highly confidential, involving a wide variety of industries, economic sectors, regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, global jurisdictions and all types of proceedings. Ms. Yang was appointed U.S. Attorney in May 2002 by President George W. Bush, becoming the first Asian-American woman to serve in that capacity. Prior to this service, Ms. Yang was a California state judge. She was also an Assistant U.S. Attorney for seven years prior to her judicial career. Ms. Yang received her law degree from Boston College Law School.

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