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Anthony Anderson
Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Over the past 30 years, Tony has been a legal advisor to many of the nation's largest transit systems.

He serves as an important resource to public transit agencies, providing guidance related to project development, proposal review, bid protests, contract negotiations, Section 13(c) issues, transportation financing, and contract disputes. In addition, Tony helps his clients understand and meet the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Tony works closely with his clients—both from a legal and practical perspective—to solve a variety of challenges unique to the transit sector, keeping in mind the impact of the resolution on all stakeholders involved. For example, he helped a longtime client develop a training and compliance plan that resulted in a nearly 80 percent reduction in a hazmat-related fine. Tony also regularly assists with the procurement of transit equipment as well as service contracts; for a longtime client, he managed the restructuring of its third-party contracts for its fixed route system to reflect an increased ability to oversee and direct transit services in-house.

Partly inspired by his father, who worked for 30 years as a signal maintenance operator for the New York City Transit Authority, Tony began his career at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There, he was involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Title VI program under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. He also served as staff attorney for the reauthorization of the federal transit program. This experience laid the groundwork for him to fully understand the needs of his clients and successfully guide them to compliance.



Stephanie Anderson
Attorney-Adviser
Office of Chief Counsel, Safety Law Division
Federal Railroad Administration

Stephanie Anderson is an attorney-adviser in the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Office of Chief Counsel, Safety Law Division. Previously, Stephanie was in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Honors Attorney Program, where she completed rotations at FRA, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Office of International Law. Stephanie graduated from Georgetown University Law Center and the University of California, Berkeley, with distinction. While attending law school, Stephanie served as a Law Fellow for the Legal Research and Writing Department and as a student attorney in Georgetown Law's Domestic Violence Clinic. She interned at the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for the District of Columbia and the Southern District of New York, as well as at other public service organizations. Stephanie lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband, Keith Howell, also an attorney who practices in Washington, DC.



Justin T. Augustine III
Chief Executive Officer
New Orleans Regional Transit Authority

Justin Augustine is the Chief Executive Officer of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority as well as a Vice President of Veolia Transportation. Mr. Augustine is a professional in management and finance with over 28 years of experience in the fields of Transportation Management and Finance/Accounting. Augustine has managed numerous multi-modal transit agencies including Capital Metro in Austin, Texas, The Africa Transportation Company in Johannesburg, South Africa and Regional Transit Authority/Transit Management of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc in New Orleans, Louisiana, and many transit agencies in California including: San Diego Transit, Santa Clarita, San Francisco, Oakland Transit, Napa Valley, Sonoma County Transit, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, San Jose, Redding, Chico, Victor Valley, Antelope Valley, and Yolo County Transportation. He has also managed other transit agencies in Phoenix, Arizona, Seattle, Washington and Dallas, Texas.

Augustine received his undergraduate degree from Xavier University where he studied accounting. He is also a member of many past and present Boards including: Industrial Development Board of New Orleans, New Orleans Public Media Access Board, United Way of Greater New Orleans, Downtown Austin Alliance, Austin Area Urban League, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Greater Austin/San Antonio Corridor Council, TMSEL Retiree Board, AICPA Information Technology Alliance, APTA Financial Management Committee and Institute of Internal Auditors.



Jayme L. Blakesley
Partner
Hayes, Godfrey, Bell

Jayme L. Blakesley represents public entities, developers, and homeowner associations, with an emphasis on transportation, real estate, and employment law matters.

Mr. Blakesley is the former General Counsel of the Utah Transit Authority and a ten-year alumnus of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. He has advised on major capital and joint development projects throughout the country. He has been recognized nationally for his expertise in transportation, complex negotiations, real estate, and compliance investigations.

Mr. Blakesley has advised on public transportation projects from coast to coast. He wrote many federal regulations and guidance documents, and has provided direct legal support to several Federal Transit Administration Administrators and Secretaries of Transportation.

Mr. Blakesley has litigated matters before the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Utah State Courts; and has advised on litigation before all levels of Federal and State courts.

Mr. Blakesley grew up around the law. His father James R. Blakesley was a vanguard of condominium and planned-unit development law in Utah. Mr. Blakesley left government service and entered private practice the same year his father retired. It has been Mr. Blakesley's distinct pleasure to assume his father's practice and start advising homeowner and condominium association clients throughout the State of Utah.



Marlene Brehm *
Senior Vice President
@RISK Technologies

Marlene is bringing energy, excitement and a unique perspective that is not traditionally associated with information technology, cyber technology, and artificial intelligence. “If we accept the idea that Cyber Security is solely a technical discussion, and not a better understanding of human tradecraft that is automated by machines, then what are the limits we are placing on solving this global challenge?” Brehm asks. Marlene is not new to many of trade concepts and regulatory issues having been a Regional Vice President in the Energy and Telecommunications sectors. As an international recording Artist with a number # 1 Album in Europe, she brings a new kind of energy and excitement to @RISK Technologies. She has transformed the company to a 51% woman majority workforce while spear heading its outreach efforts in an emerging Cyber A.I. technology sector. The event-based lead generation model built by Ms. Brehm resulted in a 30%+ quarterly growth rate for the company. Ms. Brehm brings a practical and easy to understand perspective on emerging trends in Cybersecurity while presenting how her company is positioned to address them.

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Matt Burrows
General Counsel
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Matt Burrows grew up in Berkeley, California, earned a BA in sociology from the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1994. After spending a few years as an associate at a Bay Area labor and employment law firm he went to work for BART in 1997 and was appointed General Counsel in 2008. He now lives in Oakland with his wife, two kids and a dog.



Dorval R. Carter, Jr.
President
Chicago Transit Authority

Dorval R. Carter, Jr. is President of the Chicago Transit Authority, the nation's second-largest transit agency, providing approximately 500 million rides annually and serving the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs. Overseeing approximately 10,000 employees, President Carter helps to carry out CTA's mission of delivering quality, affordable transit services that link people, jobs and communities.

Providing 83 percent of the region's public transit trips, CTA runs about 1,880 buses over 130 routes for a total of about 160,000 mile traveled per day.

With elevated rail service to two major airports, O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport, CTA's rail system covers eight routes and 224 miles of track with more than 1,490 rail cars.

Initially created in 1947 by state legislation, the CTA is currently in the midst of renovating a number of its stations, upgrading infrastructure, purchasing new vehicles, and building new amenities to provide customers with a better experience. Across the CTA system, since 2011 the Mayor and CTA have completed, started work on, or begun planning for more than \$8 billion in projects, from new stations to new rail cars and buses. During this time, 40 CTA stations have received major rehabs or reconstructions—nearly 30 percent of the entire rail system.

Prior to becoming CTA President in 2015, Carter served as the U.S. Department of Transportation Acting Chief of Staff to Secretary Anthony Foxx. Carter helped manage a Department with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime and surface transportation while working to ensure that America maintains the safest, most efficient transportation system in the world.

Carter previously served as Acting Deputy Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), leading a staff of more than 500 in the Washington D.C. headquarters office and 10 regional offices throughout the United States, and implementing an annual budget approximating \$10 billion. Before that, Carter served as the FTA's Chief Counsel, where he advised the FTA Administrator and his Executive team on a broad range of legal issues including appropriations, emergency operations, procurement, grants, ethics, personal and real property, labor protection, innovative finance, personnel, legislation, regulations, and litigation. He also provided support to the Department of Transportation's General Counsel on legal matters concerning the federal transit program. During his time as a political appointee Mr. Carter also served on the President's U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Interagency Task Force for Support of Military Families.

Before rejoining FTA as its Chief Counsel, he served for nine years as the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the CTA, including serving as its Acting President. From 1998 to 2000 he was FTA's Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, and from 1991 to 1998 he was FTA's Regional Counsel in Region 5-Chicago. He began his legal career with the CTA, where he held various positions including staff attorney, legal assistant to the General Attorney, Acting General Attorney, and Deputy General Attorney for Corporate Law.

Carter is a member of the Transportation Research Board's National Research Council. He is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). He is also a Senior Fellow from the Council for Excellence in Government Fellows Program and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Saint Anthony Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. A graduate of Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he is Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he also holds a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law and is a member of the Illinois and Federal Bars.



Kerri Butcher

EVP, Chief of Staff, Chief Counsel & External Relations
Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Austin, Texas

Kerri Butcher is the Chief Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Austin, Texas. CapMetro is the regional transportation provider of bus, rail and paratransit services in Central Texas. Her duties include responsibility for legal advice and counsel to the President & CEO and Board of Directors and leading the government relations, community engagement, board of directors and diversity and regulatory compliance functions.

Prior to joining Capital Metro in 2007, Kerri served as the Chief of Staff to a senior member of the Texas House of Representatives for almost ten years. She earned her J.D. from the University of Texas and a B.A. from Austin College, in Sherman, Texas. Kerri lives with her husband and two young, energetic boys in Austin.



Madeline Chun
Partner
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Madeline represents public agencies in the transportation sector as general and special counsel. Her particular areas of expertise include federal and state regulations pertaining to public transportation, public contracts and procurement, public works and infrastructure, civil rights, real property, and government ethics.

Madeline is the prior chair of the Public Transit & Transportation Practice Group at Hanson Bridgett, and is the past chair of the American Public Transportation Association Legal Affairs Committee. She is nationally recognized for her extensive experience in federal public transportation law, including Americans with Disabilities Act, Buy America, charter rules, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and procurement.

Madeline represents major regional public transportation agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, San Mateo County Transit District, and Caltrain.

Representative Work

Develops policies, standards, manuals, and contract templates for public procurements, such as information technology systems, buses, ferries, and regional fixed route and paratransit service contracts.

Advises on legal issues for major transportation infrastructure projects, such as all electronic toll collection, the seismic retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the design, procurement and construction of the suicide deterrent system for the Golden Gate Bridge.

Drafts interagency agreements and joint powers agreements for the provision of coordinated regional transit services, such as the Clipper® interoperable regional transit fare collection system for over 20 transit systems.

Negotiates agreements for the acquisition and development of real estate for public transportation, such as the purchase of 150 miles of right of way from Marin to Mendocino for passenger rail service.

Develops legislation and organizational documents for public transportation governing boards, such as the legislative structure for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART).



Michael Conneran
Partner
Hanson Bridgett

Michael represents public agencies in matters involving real estate, transportation, and environmental law. Michael currently serves as general counsel to the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Railroad Authority, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority. He serves as the Assistant City Attorney of a Bay Area municipality, where he is responsible for zoning, environmental compliance, and telecommunications regulations.

Michael negotiated some of the first agreements that public transit agencies entered into with ride-sharing firms to provide service to public transit patrons. He is also assisting a client with implementing an autonomous vehicle project serving a local transit station and environs. Michael has counseled public agencies with regard to transit-oriented development projects and has negotiated long-term ground leases and other types of public-private partnerships. He has also negotiated numerous contracts for the use of public property by telecommunications companies.

He has played an active role in several acquisitions of railroad rights-of-way on behalf of public transportation agencies, including the purchase of the commuter rail line from San Francisco to San Jose on behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. He was the lead attorney for the acquisition of property for the extension of the S.F. Bay Area Rapid Transit system to the San Francisco International Airport.

Mr. Conneran attended Princeton University, receiving his A.B. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1976. He also attended Hastings College of the Law, where he served as Note Editor of the Hastings Law Journal, receiving his J.D. in 1988.

Patricia Day
Senior Director of Labor Relations
Transdev Services, Inc.

Patricia Day is an accomplished labor relations professional with more than 35 years of experience in advising and assisting clients on day-to-day labor relation matters. Her background includes presenting arbitrations, negotiating collective bargaining agreements and presenting cases before governmental regulatory agencies. Patricia brings a proven track record of advocacy, negotiations, dispute resolution and counseling General Managers, CEOs, CFOs and senior operations managers to achieve mutually beneficial results.

Prior to joining Transdev, Patricia served as Chief Labor Relations Officer for two of the nation's largest transit authorities and held a similar position at the Massachusetts Port Authority. Most recently, she served as Vice President for Human Resources at the University of Scranton. She has also worked for several law firms during her career where she advised clients on labor and employment matters.



Shelley Devine

General Counsel

Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet)

Shelley Devine joined TriMet in March 2008 as Senior Deputy General Counsel and was promoted to General Counsel in March 2014. In addition to advising the General Manager and Board of Directors, Shelley oversees the Legal Services Division, which includes Litigation, Real Estate, Records Governance, and Transit-Oriented Development.

Before joining TriMet, Shelley spent a decade as in-house counsel for two national corporations headquartered in Portland -- KinderCare and Hollywood Video. Prior to her in-house work, she was a litigation partner in the San Francisco office of a national law firm.

Shelley received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was an editor of the California Law Review, and her B.A. in Journalism, with honors, from the University of Oregon. A native Oregonian, she lives on a small farm in Southeast Portland and is an enthusiastic regular TriMet rider.



Teri R. Fisher
CEO & Managing Partner
Insight Strategies, Inc.

Acclaimed consultant, executive coach, author and speaker, Teri Fisher is known for integrating theory, expertise and real world business practices into her engagements.

Ms. Fisher's approach is collaborative and results-oriented, earning her the status of trusted counsel with a multitude of organizations.

She is a Managing Partner of Insight Strategies, Inc. Through her trusted counsel, Ms. Fisher is recognized in the areas of Succession Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Leadership & Influence, Performance Management, Mediation/Conflict Resolution, Interpersonal Communications and Team Development. Since forming Insight Strategies, Ms. Fisher has provided professional services to organizations such as: American Public Transportation Authority, American Water Works Association, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, Sun Microsystems, Entergy, CitiFinancial, Microsoft and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). In addition, Ms. Fisher served as part of the Adjunct Faculty with Sun Microsystems for their worldwide leadership initiatives.

Ms. Fisher has been published on the Financial Times, ft.com and the Wall Street Journal's, career.com specifically directed toward corporate executives. She has been featured on the Discovery Channels' nationally acclaimed American Hot Rod program as their on-air Management Consultant and Coach.

In 2006, Ms. Fisher published a white paper on the topic of succession planning and in 2008 was a contributing author along with Stephen Covey and Ken Blanchard for a book entitled, Blueprint for Success.



James N. Foster, Jr.
McMahon Berger
St. Louis, Missouri

N. Foster, Jr., practices in all areas of labor and employment law representing employers exclusively in negotiations, and in litigation before the courts, the National Labor Relations Board and the National Mediation Board. In representing and serving the firm's clientele, Jim relies upon his legal education, his tenure as a Field Attorney with Region 14 of the National Labor Relations Board, and over thirty (30) years of experience in private practice.

In the arena of traditional labor law Mr. Foster provides multiple services, which include representing employers in negotiations, proceedings before the NLRB and NMB, including NLRB unfair

labor practices, statutory remedial issues, statutory priority cases such as secondary boycotts, and NLRB representation proceedings, inclusive of post-election challenge and objection proceedings. With respect to established bargaining relationships, he has a broad range of experience in negotiating collective bargaining agreements, in providing legal advice regarding strikes, and in obtaining state and federal court injunctions.

Mr. Foster also handles all facets of employment law, including employment discrimination claims arising under Title VII, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act. He has appeared and litigated cases in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies throughout the country. In addition, he advises clients on employment-related matters such as personnel policies, daily human resources issues, employment contracts, severance agreements, and employee handbooks.

Mr. Foster's extensive airline and railroad industry background under the Railway Labor Act includes the representation of major carriers in litigation before the federal courts, in arbitration before the adjustment board and in representation matters before the National Mediation Board.



Allison I. Fultz
Partner
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP

Allison Fultz focuses her practice on transactional and regulatory matters relating to transportation and infrastructure projects. She represents public transportation bodies, state and municipal governments, and private entities in connection with the use and regulation of unmanned aerial vehicles, and stands before numerous federal agencies, state, and federal courts in connection with the acquisition and abandonment of railroad rights-of-way, rails-to-trails proposals, fixed-guideway transit project development, airport development, environmental reporting, and agency rulemaking. Allison's expertise includes negotiations with freight railroads for the acquisition and shared use of rail corridors and the drafting and negotiation of contracts for railroad operations and maintenance services.

Allison advises clients on coordinated land use and multi-modal transportation planning and development, historic preservation issues, and construction-related matters, including drafting and negotiating contracts for architectural and engineering consulting services, project management, construction, demolition and materials management, and large-scale redevelopment. She has extensive experience with federal procurement programs managed or funded by the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration, including compliance with Buy America and Buy American requirements. Allison regularly counsels clients on compliance with other federal requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

She also is a licensed architect and has practiced in both the United States and Canada. Allison has directed feasibility studies, master plans, and building projects for institutional, government, and educational clients from the project programming stage through construction.



Adam M. Giuliano
Partner
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell

Adam Giuliano's practice focuses on transactional matters related to transportation and infrastructure. He has experience advising public agencies, investors, project sponsors, contractors, and lenders in connection with the procurement, project financing, concessioning, privatization, and construction, operations, and maintenance of a variety of infrastructure, transportation, and energy facilities. His past projects have involved highways, roads and bridges, parking, transit, commuter rail and high-speed rail, airports, ports, water and wastewater, schools, telecommunications, energy and power generation, renewables, and natural resources. He has also represented clients on matters related to the governance, sale, and acquisition of project companies and infrastructure investment vehicles.

Adam has particular expertise advising on the use of public-private partnerships (P3 / PPP) and related alternative project delivery methods, including design-build contracting.

Prior to pursuing a legal career, Adam worked at a nonprofit foundation concentrating on economic and community development in Newark, New Jersey. This included work on land use, school redevelopment, and workforce issues as well as a downtown arena project.



Cliff Godiner
Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Cliff is a nationally recognized labor and employment attorney who advises executives and HR leaders on all aspects of employment litigation and labor disputes.

He has carved out a special niche in the area of the Railway Labor Act and is one of a limited number of practitioners nationwide who represent carriers in labor disputes under that law.

As the co-chair of Thompson Coburn's Human Resource practice, Cliff has 30 years of experience advising employers and representing them in state and federal courts across the country. He helps employers respond to claims involving discrimination, wage and hour violations, wrongful discharge, and non-compete actions, and has defeated numerous class actions through decertification or summary judgment. Cliff strives to provide the best possible value in each matter and determine early in the litigation process the most effective course of action, be it a compelling trial strategy or the early resolution of claims by settlement.

Cliff represents employers under the National Labor Relations Act, including the handling of unfair labor practice charges, grievance arbitrations, and related litigation. He has stepped in during strikes and contentious union disputes, providing clear, thoughtful guidance during high-stakes conflicts between labor and management. In one case, he secured a rare court-ordered payment from a union for damages caused by a violent union protest. Cliff also assists employers during union election campaigns, providing a unique approach that helps employers identify and address the key issues behind union organization activities.

Cliff's Railway Labor Act practice focuses on preventing unlawful strikes and handling lawsuit seeking to overturn arbitration decisions. In one case, Cliff successfully overturned an award that would have provided over \$10 million in relief to a class of claimants. Cliff also successfully arbitrated the first case in which a rail union was ordered to pay damages to a carrier for breach of the collective bargaining agreement.



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Diana Wagner Hilliard, JD, SHRM-SCP, ADA Coordinator, is the Director of EEO and Workforce Diversity for Bi-State Development/Metro Transit in St. Louis, Missouri. She is a licensed attorney and practices in all areas of employment and labor law representing employers exclusively. Ms. Hilliard has invaluable investigation and litigation experience from her years as an Assistant Circuit (Prosecuting) Attorney for the City of St. Louis and over twenty (20) years in practice representing management before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. She takes her role of counselor seriously-helping management and employers formulate sound preventative measures to avoid disputes prior to their inception.

Ms. Hilliard handles all facets of employment and labor law, including employment discrimination claims arising under Title VII, Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Equal Pay Act as well as claims for wrongful discharge, hostile work environment and work violence issues and other federal and state statutes. She has appeared and litigated cases in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies. She has advised employers and clients on all aspects of the employment relationship including personnel policies, employee handbooks, daily human resource issues, hiring, discipline and termination procedures, compliance with federal and state human rights laws, wage and hour laws, employment contracts and severance agreements. Ms. Hilliard also has extensive experience in labor negotiations and contract interpretation matters.



Eric M. Hocky
Partner
Clark Hill, PLC

Eric M. Hocky's practice focuses on a variety of transportation matters. His practice also includes representing companies on general corporate and business matters.

Eric's transportation practice relates primarily to railroads and their shippers. He has over 30 years experience representing railroads and other transportation interests throughout the United States on a variety of matters before federal (including the Surface Transportation Board, the Railroad Retirement Board and Federal Railway Administration) and state regulatory agencies including merger cases, abandonments (including adverse abandonments) and acquisitions of rail lines; construction of new rail lines; interchange rights; common control proceedings; and operating arrangements by lease or trackage rights.

Eric has counseled railroads on real property issues that have arisen in the course of acquisitions and in connection with the abandonment and transfer of rail lines, as well as those which arose in connection with the licensing and leasing of railroad property. He has also negotiated a variety of contracts between railroads, as well as between railroads and shippers and suppliers.

In financing transactions, Eric has advised both borrowers and lenders on the specialized requirements for mortgages and security interests in railroad property and equipment, and the proper recording of those interests.

Transportation matters litigated include issues involving preemption of local regulation of carriers, rail rates and commercial practices of carriers, freight loss and damage claims on behalf of carriers and freight shippers, judicial review of a variety of agency orders, inter-carrier disputes, contractual disputes, issues in carrier bankruptcies, and issues arising out of state taxation of railroad property and gross receipts.



Mark Hybner
Senior Legislative Representative
American Public Transportation Association

Mark Hybner is a Senior Legislative Representative at the American Public Transportation Association, where he has been since December 2014. With APTA, Mark is a staff advisor for three subcommittees of the APTA Legislative Committee: Small Operations, Federal Procedures and Regulations, and Funding, Finance, and Tax. Before joining APTA, Mark worked for four years in the U.S. Senate for Senators Baucus and Walsh.

With Senator Baucus, Mark staffed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Before working in the Senate, he was a law clerk in the Criminal Division of New Jersey Superior Court in Toms River. He attended Montana State University and Temple Law School in Philadelphia.



David Knight
Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice

David Knight started his career with the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights, where he rose to be the ADA Team Leader. He is now a Trial Attorney with the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section. He works a broad range of enforcement and policy issues, including public and private transportation investigations, settlement agreements, and lawsuits. He was the lead attorney for the matter of Dilworth v. Detroit Department of Transportation during the many years of compliance with the Settlement Order.



Eva Kripalani
Co-founder
Office of General Counsel Network (OGC)

Ms. Kripalani is the co-author of “The Generalist Counsel: How Leading General Counsel are Shaping Tomorrow’s Companies,” published by Oxford University Press in 2013, which offers guidance to lawyers making the transition to company leadership based on research and in-depth interviews with sitting and former General Counsel. Ms. Kripalani has over 20 years of experience in general counsel-level roles, including 10 years as General Counsel of KinderCare Learning Centers, where she led the company through many financing and M&A transactions, including the successful sale of KinderCare by KKR to a group of investors led by Michael Milken.



Karen Landers
General Counsel
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)

Karen Landers is General Counsel for San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). MTS provides bus and light rail transit in the city of San Diego, nine surrounding cities and areas of south and east San Diego County. MTS ridership in Fiscal Year 2015 was 96,710,268, or almost 315,000 daily riders.

Landers received a B.S. in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California and her law degree from UC Hastings College of the Law. After law school, she spent nine years as litigation associate with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger LLP, primarily representing public agencies in labor and employment, eminent domain/inverse condemnation and construction disputes. She then worked as a Senior Deputy County Counsel for the County of San Diego, representing various County departments, boards and commissions. In 2011, Landers joined MTS as General Counsel. At MTS she represents the agency in all legal matters and supervises the Land Management, Risk/Workers Compensation and Internal Audit departments. MTS has two in-house attorneys and uses a panel of outside counsel firms for representation and advice related to specialized matters.



James P. LaRusch
Corporate Counsel
RAUL V. BRAVO + ASSOCIATES, INC.

Jim has BS, JD, and LLM degrees. He is a practicing attorney licensed in Pennsylvania and authorized to practice before the US Supreme Court, the US 7th and 9th Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Court of Military Appeals. He served 22 years on active duty in the United States Army including 10 years as an enlisted military policeman and 12 as a Judge Advocate. His legal assignments include work as a criminal defense counsel, administrative law attorney, chief of administrative law, chief of litigation, combat developments officer, deputy staff judge advocate and staff judge advocate. Following retirement, Jim joined the Federal Transit Administration, serving in the Chief Counsel's Office. He was the FTA's primary contracts attorney, the author of FTA's procurement circular, and guided the third party procurement office.

In 2005, Jim moved to the APTA staff where he was the Chief Counsel and Vice President for Corporate Affairs. There, he led the transit industry's regulatory advocacy program, providing analysis of proposed rules, training and outreach to find consensus on regulatory positions, and comments to the dockets on about 300 issues.

In 2016, Jim joined Raul V. Bravo + Associates, advising the company and its clients on a broad range of public transportation issues. He is also a founding member of the Metropolitan Transportation Group LLC, providing a range of services to the public transportation industry.

Samantha Leslie
Staff Attorney
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)

Samantha Leslie serves as the Staff Attorney for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). In this capacity, Ms. Leslie focuses on various federal, state and local regulatory compliance matters. This includes U.S. DOT Regulations, such as ADA, DBE, Title VI, Charter Bus Service and Procurement. As such, Ms. Leslie is designated as the MTS DBE Liaison Officer, the MTS ADA Officer and the MTS Title VI Officer. Ms. Leslie also assists MTS staff with updating Board of Director Policies and internal staff procedures when new regulations are enacted. Ms. Leslie received her J.D. from California Western School of Law in 2013 and is a member of the California Bar.



Timothy Manglicmot
Manager, Capital Financial Planning & Analysis
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Tim Manglicmot is a manager within the Capital Finance section at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), overseeing the SFMTA's capital budget. Prior to this role Tim served as manager of the Capital Procurement & Management section within SFMTA. He has a deep understanding of a broad array of transportation-specific funding sources and grants, including local bonds and sales tax measures, state infrastructure bonds, cap-and-trade funding, federal grants, and the over 40 different funding sources that make up the SFMTA's \$3.0 billion 5-year capital program.

Prior to joining the SFMTA, Tim was a Senior Associate for Corporate Development at Robert Half International Inc. in Menlo Park, CA. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research. Tim is also a Certified Management Accountant (CMA), with expertise in financial accounting and strategic management, with a focus on management skills that aid in making strategic business decisions based on financial data.



Justin J. Marks
Associate
Nossaman, LLP

Justin Marks counsels passenger and freight railroads, state, local, and transit agencies on federal regulatory, transactional, and litigation issues.

Justin is counsel on Amtrak's STB proceeding to establish terms, compensation, and improved on-time performance for Amtrak trains operating across the lines of Canadian National Railway Company. Before the Federal Railroad Administration, Justin advises clients on a wide range of

Federal Railroad Administration safety regulations.

Justin earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bowling Green State University, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver, and a law degree from the University of Denver.



Christopher Mee, J.D. *

Assistant Vice President and Team Leader

Aon's Cyber Solutions Group – Professional Risk Solutions

Chris Mee is a broker and team leader for the Cyber Solutions broking team in Chicago. His responsibilities include the design, development, and implementation of Cyber Liability, Miscellaneous Professional Liability, and Technology Liability insurance programs. Chris has been with the Cyber Solutions team since 2015. Prior to joining Cyber Solutions, Chris spent time working within Aon's Logistics Practice.

Chris's expertise is in the areas of risk and exposure analysis, solution development, and design of professional liability insurance including network security and privacy, technology errors and omissions, and media liability. Chris works with clients across all industry sectors and is the leader of the Transportation and Logistics industry focus within the Cyber Solutions broking team.

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Steven D. Miller
Partner
Hanson Bridgett, LLP

Steven has a varied practice representing both public and private clients in the public arena. He is General Counsel to the San Mateo County Harbor District. He also assists public agencies throughout California operating bus, rail, and ferry service. His general areas of expertise include public contracts and procurements, regulatory compliance, intergovernmental agreements, constitutional issues, election law, and government ethics. He has particular depth of expertise in all issues relative to transit agencies and the complex statutory and regulatory framework under which they operate. Steven is the evaluator for the City of San Jose Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission), advising that entity regarding alleged violations of the San Jose Municipal Code in the area of election and ethics rules.

Steven has extensive experience in public sector contracting issues, including representing both public and private entities in the area of public works contracts, contract negotiations of all types, and bid protests relating to complex state and local procurements. He regularly advises private and public entities on compliance with federal Buy America requirements.

Steven also assists clients, both public and private, on a wide range of issues relating to political and election law. His constitutional law focus has led to his involvement in recent efforts to address structural reform in California, including drafting initiatives for Statewide ballots.

Steven's expertise includes advising local government, as well as manufacturers and users, regarding the developing legal landscape, and the increasing opportunities for commercial use, of unmanned aircraft systems (i.e. drones). In addition, Steven teaches legal writing and research at University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Steven has a particular enthusiasm for, and expertise in, the developing legal landscape, and the increasing opportunities for commercial use, of unmanned aircraft systems (i.e. drones). He blogs on the topic at www.Hoverlaw.com.

Beyond the practice of law, Steven is a Grammy-award winning violinist and served for many years on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has issued more than 20 CDs and has appeared on both NPR and PBS.



Dana Nifosi
Deputy Chief Counsel
Federal Transit Administration

Dana Nifosi currently serves as Deputy Chief Counsel, where she assists the Chief Counsel in advising the FTA leadership on all legal matters that come before the agency, including authorization and appropriations, grants, procurement, planning, environment, emergency relief, safety, innovative finance, Buy America requirements and litigation. Ms. Nifosi also is FTA's ethics officer.

Prior to joining FTA, Ms. Nifosi was a partner and associate with Venable LLP in Washington, DC from 2000-2012, where she was a member of the firm's Environmental and State and Local Government Practice Groups. She was involved in counseling and litigation on behalf of state and local governments and private entities in a wide variety of matters involving infrastructure development, environmental, land use, environmental and telecommunications matters, including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental statutes, development of airport, highway, transit, energy and telecommunications facilities, project finance and public-private partnerships. From 1992 to 2000, Ms. Nifosi was an associate with Cutler & Stanfield, LLP in Washington, D.C., where her practice focused on litigation relating to infrastructure development and environmental law.

Ms. Nifosi received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and history from Tufts University and her law degree from the George Washington University School of Law. After law school she received a fellowship from the Henry Luce Foundation to live and work in Bangkok, Thailand for a year on environmental issues.



Sean O'Brien *
President
@RISK Technologies

With a strong mathematics and engineering background, Mr. O'Brien was known during his military career as an out of the box thinker who questioned conventional thinking and contributed to modifying doctrine.

After his career, he spent time supporting the DOD and Intelligence community in various roles that leveraged his technical approaches and desire to combat global threats. In his personal quest to create automated insight for combating the global war on terror, Mr. O'Brien worked to leverage IBM's machine learning technology to help the DOD take advantage of the opportunities presented by adversary actions and decisions.

After leaving IBM to start YaData Solutions, he and his co-founders realized the power of what happens when machine learning systems in one organization or system are able to interact with lots of other machine learning systems. Since then, his team's goal is to create systems that will learn from one another. While supporting the United States Special Operations Community, Global Combatant Commands, the USMC, the US Army, and other strategic intelligence organizations, YaData went beyond the concept of data sharing and correlation. The company delivered analytic platforms that integrated human lessons learned from complex combat operations.

After selling the company, Sean and his team's vision expanded. Today, @RISK focuses on democratizing analytics. The team has over 150 years and \$400,000,000 in Big Data, A.I., and Cyber experience. @RISK's Quorum Technology provides customers a single pane of glass that enables an interactive orchestration of vision, mission, strategy, initiatives, and tasks because Quorum enhances and corroborates both available and new data across the existing information security program. Its 8-Step systems theory corroboration approach creates a "Security Operations Center (SOC) in a Box".

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Steven S. Policar, CISA, CFE, Med
Superintendent, Transit Fleet Contract Management Group
King County Metro Transit Division/Department of Transportation

Steve holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting and a Master's degree in Education with a major in Policy, Governance and Administration - both from the University of Washington.

Steve Policar has been in public transportation for over 25 years at King County Metro and its predecessor organization, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, aka Seattle Metro. He currently serves as Superintendent of the Transit Fleet Contract Management Group, directing Metro's revenue fleet procurement and contract management programs. Before leading the fleet procurement group, he served as Metro's Superintendent of Supply Chain Management, responsible for the acquisition, warehousing and distribution of parts and materials for the transit fleet. During his entire career at Metro he has served as Metro's Internal Auditor, directing and conducting Buy America Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits, cost analyses for change orders, sole source and single offer procurements.

Steve has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses for City University of Seattle, Seattle University, and Central Washington University. He is currently an adjunct faculty member of Rutgers the State University of New Jersey teaching procurement courses for the National Transit Institute.

Steve is the Owner and Principal of his own consulting firm, STEVE POLICAR LLC - procurement consultant for mass transit based in Seattle, providing procurement consulting services, Buy America and Buy American compliance and auditing services to transit authorities, city, county and state government agencies. STEVE POLICAR LLC is 100% minority owned and certified DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise), certified in 23 states and the District of Columbia.

An active member of APTA, Steve serves on the Committee of Audit Professionals, the Procurement Standards Committee, the Procurement & Materials Management Committee and the Zero Emissions Bus Committee, where he is part of the team of transit professionals drafting Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines for Zero Emissions Buses. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) & Pacific Northwest Chapter ACFE and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) & Puget Sound Chapter of the IIA.



Bonnie Prosser Elder
General Counsel / Senior Vice President
VIA Metropolitan Transit

Bonnie Prosser Elder is General Counsel / Senior Vice President for VIA Metropolitan Transit, the transportation system for the San Antonio/Bexar County area. In this capacity, she is responsible for the oversight and coordination of legal services for the organization. She is also responsible for the risk management and claims section of the organization. Bonnie has been involved in the public sector and transportation issues for over 25 years. She is the former chair of the American Public Transit Association Legal Affairs Committee and a frequent lecturer on government/public board ethics.

As General Counsel/Senior Vice President and in other positions held within the agency, Ms. Prosser Elder has developed experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Extensive experience in law, public administration, and open government matters for public agencies.
- Experience in litigation management, cost containment measures, and the development of in-house counsel/law firm partnerships for the effective management of legal matters.
- Significant experience working with the Board of Trustees and management teams at all levels to develop legal options and solutions for the company's business needs.
- Broad experience in intergovernmental relations, legislative matters, contract development and ethical considerations for public and private matters.

Over the years, Bonnie has devoted time and resources mentoring young people in the community and has been involved in a number of civic and professional organizations including the San Antonio Bar Association, San Antonio Black Lawyer's Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association 1993-94 Director, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association Bill of Rights Teaching Program, Leadership San Antonio 1993-94, Governor's Commission for Women - 1994-95, San Antonio Sports Foundation and Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (Immediate Past President),

Bonnie is an active member of San Antonio Chapter-LINKS, Inc., Junior League of San Antonio (Sustainer), Texas Women's Forum, Van Courtlandt Club Auxiliary and the American Public Transit Association Legal Affairs Committee (former Chair). She has been recognized by Who's Who in San Antonio, awarded the 2014 Friend of Sam Houston High School Community Award, identified by the National Diversity Council as one of the "Most Powerful and Influential Women of Texas" and selected as a 2014-2015 Blackbook San Antonio awardee.

Bonnie is a graduate of St. Gerard's Catholic High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law.

Bonnie is a native of San Antonio, Texas and the daughter of the late Frank and Melviline Prosser. She is married to Dr. Edward Carl Elder a local optometrist and active member of the San Antonio community. Together they have a daughter, Marissa Brooke Elder, a graduate of Antonian College Preparatory High School and junior student at The University of Texas at Austin. Bonnie and her family attend Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.



Kenneth F. Reed *
Director of Risk Management
Ohio Transit Risk Pool

Ken has worked in or with public transit since 1998 and has been with OTRP since 2003 where he is responsible for the oversight of all loss control, training, and risk auditing activities. Prior to his employment with OTRP, he served as General Manager at Butler County Regional Transit Authority in Hamilton, Ohio. Ken spent twelve years (1994 – 2005) as an elected member of Trenton City Council, a community of 11,000, situated in SW Ohio. Since 1994, he has served on the Board of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, which coordinates regional transportation planning in the Greater Cincinnati region. In 2011, he was appointed to the Board of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) which provides public transit service to the Greater Cincinnati Area. Ken holds a BSBA from The Ohio State University in Marketing/Transportation Logistics and has post-graduate designations of Associate in Claims and an Associate in Risk Management for Public Entities from the Insurance Institute of America (IIA/CPCU).

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Robin M. Reitzes
Deputy City Attorney
City & County of San Francisco

After graduating from the University of California at Santa Cruz and the University of San Francisco School of Law, Robin joined the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in 1981. Since that time, she has worked in such diverse areas as code enforcement, property tax, and public utilities.

Beginning in 1984, she served on the Public Utilities Team, advising the San Francisco Municipal Railway, the San Francisco Water Department and Hetchy Water & Power on procurements and other transactions, building and construction issues, federal regulations, financing, and real estate matters. She also litigated cases in Superior Court and on appeal involving property tax matters, drug testing, the City's Transit Impact Development Fee, cable car line noise, real estate, corrosion, and construction claims.

Since July 1994, as a member of the Public Transportation Team, she has advised the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency on vehicle procurements and other transactional matters, construction issues, public records, legislation, and federal regulations, including New Starts and relocation issues for the Central Subway project, ADA, DBE, procurement, and drug and alcohol testing requirements.

In 2010, Robin became Vice-Chair of the American Public Transportation Association's Legal Affairs Committee, and from 2012-2014, she served as Chair of the Committee.

From 2006-2014, Robin was Chair of the Transit Cooperative Research Program Committee Project Panel J-5, "Legal Aspects of Transit and Intermodal Transportation Programs." She is also a member of TRB's Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law Committee, and in 2016, became Chair of that Committee.



Jenifer Ross-Amato
Deputy General Counsel
Regional Transportation District

Jenifer Ross-Amato is Deputy General Counsel at the Regional Transportation District (RTD) in Denver. Ms. Ross-Amato leads a dynamic team of legal professionals who handle most legal issues for RTD including transactions, litigation and compliance. She is an experienced trial lawyer in the areas of civil rights, employment and complex litigation. She negotiates transactions involving transit-oriented development, public private partnerships, procurement of technology products and services, contracted transportation services, and other intergovernmental matters involving finance, construction and land use.

Ms. Ross-Amato is a graduate of the RTD Leadership Academy (2014) and the Multi-Agency Exchange (MAX) program (2015). She is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law and Vassar College. She is founder of Denver Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association (MAMA) and a former Chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Colorado Bar Association. She lives in Colorado with her husband and two children.



Suzanne Silverman
Partner
Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell, LLP

Suzanne Silverman is a transportation attorney focused on transactional and regulatory issues related to railroad and transit infrastructure projects. Suzanne brings substantial expertise in real estate, transit oriented development projects, and railroad negotiations to Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell's rail transit practice. Prior to joining the Firm, Suzanne was a Senior Director in New Jersey Transit Corporation's Capital Planning and Programs department from 2011 through 2018, and represented NJ TRANSIT as a Deputy Attorney General from 1993 through 2011. She negotiated agreements touching all aspects of projects such as the Hudson River Tunnel, NY Penn Station, Hudson Bergen Light Rail DBOM, and numerous other light rail, bus and passenger train facilities. Her practice focuses on recommending, developing, and implementing strategies during the planning, design, construction, and operating phases that achieve a project's objectives in a cost effective manner. She negotiates the acquisition of rail lines and assembles right-of-way for new commuter and light rail service expansions, as well as new stations and related facilities. Suzanne has a breadth of experience negotiating and drafting railroad operating, design, construction, force account, cost and risk allocation, utility relocation, and shared use agreements.

Suzanne also has experience interfacing with agencies including the Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the U.S. DOT Build America Bureau and regularly works closely with Amtrak and freight railroads. Prior to her career with NJ TRANSIT, Suzanne was corporate counsel to a real estate developer in New York City where she had extensive experience negotiating transactions to acquire, sell, and lease commercial and retail properties.



Bruce M. Smith
General Counsel
Memphis Transit Authority

Bruce M. Smith, Member, Apperson Crump PLC, Memphis TN, is General Counsel to Memphis Area Transit Authority. His transit practice includes legal aspects of projects from initial planning to opening; regulatory matters including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Buy America, and third party contracting compliance; representation of transit boards; and Section 13c issues. He's been recognized as a Power Player in Labor and Employment Law by the Memphis Business Journal, serves as the Ethics Officer for his firm and is a former Hearing Panel Member of the Board Of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Smith has decades of experience representing transit authorities both locally and nationally, having served on and holding leadership positions on the Transportation Research Board's Transit & Intermodal Transportation Law Committee and American Public Transit Association Legal Affairs Committee. He is a sought-after speaker and author on 13(c), labor and employment issues, transit procurement, federal regulatory issues, funding and financing, ADA compliance, and safety, to name but a few.

T. Byron Smith
Assistant Attorney General and Principal Counsel
Maryland Transit Administration

Mr. Smith is a member of the Maryland Office of Attorney General who serves as the Principal Counsel for the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). As the Principal Counsel to the MTA, he supervises a staff of 8 lawyers. He represents the MTA in a variety of procurement and contract litigation matters, which include providing legal advice to the MTA Contract/Procurement Department on the full range of contract matters, including solicitations, contract awards, clause interpretations, contract administration, enforcement actions, cancellations, and terminations. He is a key member of the Maryland Area Commuter Rail Service (MARC) negotiation team that is responsible for negotiating commuter rail service contracts between the MTA, Amtrak, CSX and Bombardier. He also serves as Counsel to the joint Maryland Department of Transportation and MTA's Office of Freight Logistics and MultiModalism. Mr. Smith graduated from the North Carolina Central University, School of Law, Durham, NC and is licensed to practice in North Carolina and Maryland



Charles A. Spitulnik
Partner
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Chuck Spitulnik has spent his entire legal career representing both public and private sector clients on issues relating, in one way or another, to the rail industry. For the past 25 years, his practice has focused on representation of state and local governments in addressing issues related to the rail companies that serve their communities or to the issues that arise when those communities develop and implement plans for operation of rail transit systems, whether commuter rail, light rail, or heavy rail systems.

Chuck regularly advises clients on issues related to negotiation of agreements with both freight railroads and Amtrak for acquisition or use of their lines; developing arrangements (including the procurement documents when required) with those railroads and with third-party operators for the operation of the rail transit systems in that right-of-way; compliance with the complex web of federal legislation and regulation of the rail industry as well as with state laws and other requirements; and understanding and addressing the unique features of the rail and transit-related labor laws and the protections available to workers in the industry.

Chuck also advises private industries regarding their relationships with rail carriers and has assisted companies in the formation of their own proprietary industry or switching carriers to enable them to have better control over their own transportation needs. Before shifting his focus to representation of the public sector, Chuck gained extensive experience representing freight carriers in the planning and submission of transactions that require governmental approval.

Additionally, Chuck has expertise in the acquisition, leasing, and financing of rail equipment and other issues related to rail equipment ownership, including the regulation of rail equipment pools. He practices regularly before the Surface Transportation Board and interacts frequently with regulators from the Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Transit Administration, assisting clients in ensuring compliance with—and, when appropriate, seeking waivers from—those agencies' rules.



Bill Spraul
Chief Operating Officer of Transit Services
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)

Bill Spraul is the Chief Operating Officer of Transit Services for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). Bill has responsibility for the bus system, including an 800 bus fleet that includes fixed route, commuter, BRT/Rapid service, and paratransit services, operated by both MTS and contractors. Bill's responsibilities include all bus operations, including 1,900 employees providing transportation and maintenance, facilities, revenue, and support services which includes the agency's customer facing pieces such as Customer Information and Customer Service.

Prior to San Diego MTS, Bill was employed by Transdev, Inc., where he served as the CEO/General Manager of TRANSPPO, the public transit system in South Bend Indiana, and was also involved with business development, operations oversight and transition and start-up. Bill started his transit career at SORTA in Cincinnati, Ohio where he led all aspects of Operations, including maintenance, transportation, operations, and paratransit.

MTS is a leader in proactively implementing emissions-reducing, clean technology and fuels. Almost the entire bus fleet runs on renewable natural gas, low NOx engines or propane. At MTS, Bill oversees the fleet technology program and the agency's zero emissions bus technology efforts, which currently includes a ZEB Pilot Project. This multi-year, \$10 million plus demonstration project is intended to provide detailed analysis and guidance to MTS as it prepares for the 100% ZEB fleet that will soon be required by the state of California through the Innovative Clean Transit Rule.



Jane Sutter Starke
Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Jane serves as counsel to transit agencies across the country on a range of issues from funding to project development to procurement.

An advisor to several transit authorities around the country, she counsels clients on labor protection issues under section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act; including claims, certification disputes before the Department of Labor and in arbitration, and labor issues associated with the contracting of transit services; procurement issues, such as contracting for transit operating and maintenance services, and the purchase of vehicles (including innovative technologies) and equipment; compliance with requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), including Buy America, and the development of and funding associated with capital investment projects, including bus rapid transit (BRT) projects.

Finding available funding opportunities is key to the success of the Nation's mass transit systems. Having served as Counsel to the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives, Jane understands the congressional authorization and appropriations process and works with clients to develop effective approaches for funding and statutory changes. Jane's Hill experience enables her to effectively formulate and advocate positions on legislation, develop advocacy documents and legislative language, analyze legislation, and advise clients on the legislative process as well as the implementation of enacted legislation by the Executive Branch. Jane was closely involved in the Congress' recent passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and in its ongoing implementation by FTA.

From appropriations to ensuring compliance with Federal statutes and regulations, Jane has helped agencies navigate the FTA process and the programmatic requirements with which capital investment projects and contracting solicitations must comply.

In addition, Jane and members of the firm's litigation group have successfully represented transit clients in environmental litigation, arbitration, and challenges to contracting actions and state legislation.



Emmanuelle Toussaint

Vice President Legal, Regulatory and Public Affairs at Prevost and Nova Bus North American Bus Divisions of the Volvo Group

Emmanuelle has 20 years of experience in legal affairs and management. She has worked for Prevost and Nova Bus for over 5 years and currently serves as Vice President of Legal, Regulatory and Public Affairs. She is also Compliance Officer for the Volvo Group. In her role, Emmanuelle manages a team of 10 people, including attorneys, engineers and public affairs advisor and coordinates all legal advice for the bus activities in North America. Emmanuelle is a part of the executive committee of Prevost and Nova Bus; she is also an officer and a member of the Board of Directors of the company.

Prior to joining Volvo, she has been director in the legal department of the City of Quebec and worked previously in different companies in the medical, aerospace, software and university fields, where she held a variety of legal, regulatory affairs and sales operations roles.

She is actively involved with APTA, participating in many committees. Emmanuelle has been appointed on the Business Members Board of Governors (BMBG) of APTA in 2017. Emmanuelle is also Vice-Chair of the Business Member Business Development Committee of APTA.

She is a board member of CUTA (Canadian Urban Transit Association) as well as of CUTRIC (Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium). She is also Vice Chair of Propulsion Quebec, the Quebec's electric and intelligent vehicle cluster since 2017. She is a member of the Quebec Bar Association and holds a bachelor degree in law and a certificate in administration from Laval University.



Mary VanderWeele
Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Chief Administrative Office
NIKE, Inc.

Ms. VanderWeele has led numerous legal teams during her 24 years at NIKE, including the Global Sports Marketing team that handles all athlete, team, and league deals, the Emerging Markets cross-functional team, and the Olympics Compliance team for the 2016 Rio Summer Games. For eight years Mary served as Chair and Director of the Beaverton School Board, leading a highly diverse, 40,000+ student school district. She began her legal career at Stoel Rives in Portland, received her J.D. from the University of Michigan, and a math degree from Kalamazoo College.



Fred Wagner
Partner
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Fred Wagner is a partner in Venable's Environmental Group with 30 years of government and private practice experience in infrastructure development and environmental law. He focuses his practice on major projects and infrastructure developments, including environmental reviews, permitting and approvals from federal and state natural resources agencies, and litigation defense of project decisions and policies.

From 2011 to 2014, Fred served as Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), where he worked with Department of Transportation leadership on high-priority legislative and regulatory issues, and partnered with the Department of Justice on litigation challenging transportation projects. In this role, he managed legal matters involving the \$40 billion Federal-Aid Highway program, including environmental and natural resources issues for highway and multi-modal transportation projects. He represented FHWA on the Obama administration's Transportation Rapid Response Team, a multi-agency task force focused on project delivery and environmental review reforms.

During his tenure with FHWA, Fred worked on numerous high-profile national projects across the country, including the Ohio River Bridges in Kentucky and Indiana, the Bonner Bridge in North Carolina, the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York, the Birmingham Northern Beltline in Alabama, the Zoo Interchange in Wisconsin, the State Road 520 Bridge and HOV project in Washington State, the Presidio Parkway in San Francisco, and the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway in Chicago.

Fred began his career as a trial attorney in the Environment Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Prior to joining Venable, he spent over 20 years in private practice at a national law firm focusing on environmental and natural resources issues.



Nicole S. Witt
Associate
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Nicole's practice focuses on government and public agency law, with a particular focus on transit agencies. She provides the firm's transit clients with legal and strategic advice on various legal issues, such as public contracts and procurements and governance laws. Nicole has assisted transit clients in developing contract templates for federally funded procurements and provided guidance and advice in responding to FTA audits.

Nicole drafts and advises the firm's transit clients on contracts in areas including public works, the purchase of goods and services, funding agreements, and real property.

Nicole also assists clients in complex procurements and infrastructure projects, including complex design-build/operate agreements. Nicole helps clients, both public and private, navigate unique project delivery challenges in the public contracting arena.