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Rolf Asphaug
General Counsel
Regional Transportation District

Rolf Asphaug is General Counsel for the Regional Transportation District in Denver, Colorado. Prior to joining RTD in 1989, Rolf was an associate with Baker Botts and the Sierra Club (now Earthjustice) Legal Defense Fund. Rolf manages RTD's Legal Services, Risk Management, and Information Governance and Management Divisions, and is part of RTD's senior leadership team. He earned a BA degree in 1980 from Rice University and a JD degree in 1983 from Columbia University. Rolf is a former president of the Colorado Mountain Club, a founding board member of the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, and a volunteer for Boy Scouts and Scouts for Equality. He and his wife Jane live in Centennial, Colorado and have two teenage sons.

Jayne Blakesley
General Counsel
Utah Transit Authority

Jayne Blakesley is General Counsel of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). UTA is the provider of public transportation throughout the Wasatch Front of Utah, which extends approximately ninety miles north to south along the Wasatch Range and includes the metropolitan areas of Ogden, Salt Lake City, and Provo. The services provided by UTA include buses, light rail, streetcar, and commuter rail.



Scott Carlson
General Counsel
Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Scott Carlson is the general counsel for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). Carlson, a former member of the DART Board of Directors, was selected by the board to succeed Hyattye Simmons as the agency's top attorney. Simmons retired earlier this year.

Carlson was named to the DART Board in 2003 by the Dallas City Council. He served on a number of board committees and chaired the planning committee during his tenure. He was also a board officer. He joins the transit agency from the law firm of Cavazos, Hendricks, Poirot & Smitham, where he served as Senior Counsel. Previously Carlson oversaw regulatory matters at Nortel Networks and supported various business initiatives. He has also

been an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Dallas. Before beginning his legal career he was a civil engineer in the oil and gas industry.

He is a graduate of the Southern Methodist University School of Law and holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Texas Tech University.

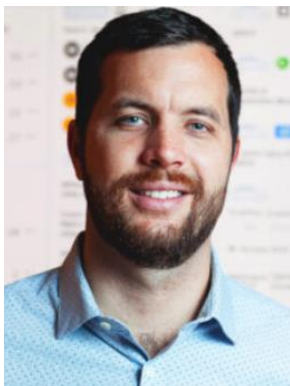


Susan Cleveland-Knowles
Deputy City Attorney
City & County of San Francisco

Susan Cleveland-Knowles has committed her career to public service. She has worked for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office City for over 18 years as a Deputy City Attorney. She currently serves as General Counsel to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA). The SFMTA is a department of the City and County of San Francisco responsible for the management of all ground transportation in the city.

With an annual operating budget of over \$1 billion and almost 6000 employees, the SFMTA has oversight over the Municipal Railway (Muni) public transit, as well as bicycling, paratransit, parking, traffic, walking, and taxis. In her role as General Counsel, Susan manages a team of 7 attorneys and coordinates all legal advice to the SFMTA including advising the Board of Directors, Director of Transportation and staff. Prior to her role advising SFMTA, as a Deputy City Attorney Susan advised the San Francisco Planning Department, Planning Commission and other City entities on land use and housing issues. Susan has experience in land use litigation, legislative drafting and advice work.

Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, Susan was a two-year fellow at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger – a boutique law firm in San Francisco specializing in environmental and land use law on behalf of local government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Susan earned her J.D. from Stanford University and B.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. She lives in Sausalito, California with her husband and two children. In her volunteer time, she served for four years on the Sausalito Planning Commission and is currently a member of the City Council.



Ryan Croft
COO
TransitScreen

Ryan Croft is co-founder and COO at TransitScreen, a global information company based in Washington, D.C. Today, the company helps millions of people and cities across North America and Europe save time by providing local information at a glance. Customers include over 100

leading real estate companies, cities (Seattle, Toronto, Austin), Fortune 500 corporations, and world class universities (Cal-Berkeley, MIT, Harvard, Columbia University).

Previously, Ryan spent five years leading group travel adventures across Latin America, Europe, Middle East and the Caribbean. Croft has been fortunate to visit 60 countries on five continents and has lived in Spain, Washington, DC, San Francisco and the Dominican Republic. He is fully fluent in Spanish.

In his current role, he builds smarter cities by promoting sustainable transportation choices and making real-time information easily accessible to everyone. TransitScreen envisions cities of the future where single occupancy vehicles (SOVs) will be complimented by walking, bicycling, autonomous vehicles, and other sustainable forms of urban mobility.

Ryan is a frequent speaker at conferences & universities around the topics of transportation technology, smart cities, sustainable transportation, urban mobility, and entrepreneurship, including Code for America, Google X, Stanford University, Harvard University, US Department of State, NACTO, SPUR San Francisco, Oracle Open World, European Business Summit, and TUM (Technical University of Munich).



Cleveland Ferguson, III
Vice President of Administration
Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Cleveland is vice president of Administration at the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), which includes responsibility for safety and security, compliance, legal and governmental affairs, human resources, procurement, technology, performance management and organizational development. Prior to government service his practice focused on regulatory matters and complex commercial litigation. He previously served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Jacksonville, primarily focused on expanding the use of analytics to reform the delivery of citizen-based services and increase transparency into city operations. City departments received some of the most coveted regional, national and international accreditations as a result. He also coordinated the Renew Jax effort, a series of public private partnerships that invested in infrastructure and community development projects in some of the most neglected areas of the city. Cleveland also served as a chaired professor of law teaching and publishing in the law of contracts, administrative law, commercial law and constitutional law.



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.



Scott Giering
Acting Director, Office of Program Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Scott Giering serves as the Acting Director for the Office of Program Oversight in the Office of Transit Safety & Oversight at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). His office manages many of the agency's oversight review programs including state management, financial management, procurement system, and triennial reviews of FTA funding recipients.

Immediately prior to joining the FTA in 2015, Scott worked as a Senior Planner at the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority, where he was responsible for implementing new bus services including Metroway, the region's first bus rapid transit service. Scott's career also extends in the private sector including eight years as an Associate with Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, where he managed numerous stakeholder engagement and strategic planning projects for transportation agencies across the country.

Mr. Giering received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Georgetown University, a Master of Business Administration from New York University, and a Master's degree in Urban Planning from Hunter College.



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.



Catherine J. Groves
Associate
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Catherine has a varied practice representing both public and private clients in the public arena. She provides legal and strategic business advice and support across a broad spectrum of internal functions. She drafts, negotiates, and advises clients on contracts in areas including public works, services, purchase and sale of goods and real estate, intergovernmental agreements, funding and grant agreements, software licensing and maintenance contracts, and software as a service. She regularly works closely with clients, collaborating to provide support to technical experts and executive-level staff.

Catherine also provides client training on the Brown Act, Public Records Act, records retention, and government ethics and governance laws. Additionally, she assists clients in complying with Federal Transit Administration grant conditions, funding agreements, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Her clients include cities and special districts.

Catherine has particular enthusiasm for, and expertise in, the evolving legal landscape of data protection and privacy laws. Catherine is passionate about providing pro bono assistance to various organizations and serves as the Deputy-Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee.



Dana Henderson
General Counsel
Pierce Transit

Dana Henderson is the first in-house General Counsel for Pierce Transit, which she joined in 2013. As the only lawyer on staff, she handles all the Agency's legal, ethical, and municipal governance issues with heavy reliance on her exceptional assistant and specialized help from outside counsel.

She has been practicing law for twenty years and is licensed in Louisiana and Washington State. Dana was a Partner and Chair of the transportation industry practice group at Betts Patterson Mines, one of Seattle's oldest litigation firms. She has served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Association of Transportation Law Professionals, and is the Co-Chair of the Washington State Transit Association's Legal Affairs Committee. Dana is on the Board of the Washington Women Lawyers' Pierce County chapter, and is active with that group's judicial evaluation committees in Pierce and King Counties.

Outside of work, Dana has been a long-time Board member at Compass Housing Alliance, a nonprofit focused on alleviating homelessness in and around Seattle. She's a golfer, and just broke 90 for the first (and possibly only) time.

Dana earned her J.D. *cum laude* from Tulane University and her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington.



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.



Angelica Jones
Interim Director
Detroit Department of Transportation

As Interim Director of Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Angelica brings 12 years of an impressive career of transit leadership. Her focus is to forward the vision to transform the transit system from good to great. Angelica was appointed by Mayor Mike Duggan on January 2018. She believes in the mission of the department to provide customer focused, safe, clean and reliable transit for all customers.

Prior to that, she served as the DDOT Deputy Director under two city administrations, Mayor Bing and Mayor Duggan. In that role, she led the development of policies for the department, focused on compliance regulations, lead the accounting division and other general administration functions. Her leadership capacity allowed her to build relationships with Federal, State and Local partners.

Starting in May 2006, Angelica entered the doors of DDOT as a Principal Accountant supervising the accounts payable division and expediently took opportunities to advance her career in management within the department. She received several leadership awards throughout the years during departmental ceremonies.

Angelica major accomplishments are; Assisted with the negotiations for current Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU Local 26) contract. Reduced audit findings for FTA Single Audit and the City of Detroit CAFR. Project Manager on transitioning the internal cash room to a third party Cash in Transit Company. Restructured the department and led hiring efforts to satisfy FTA 2015 Triennial Review Technical Capacity finding.

Angelica sits on the Detroit People Mover Board of Directors, a member of the Michigan Regional Transit Administration Providers Advisory Council, member of Michigan Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) and leads the departments Local Advisory Council (LAC) and DDOT Board of Commissioners.

Angelica received a B.A in Accounting from Davenport University, a M.S. in Accountancy from Walsh College.



Katie Kraft
Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Katie advises public transit agencies around the country on issues involving third-party procurement, Section 13(c) labor protection, Buy America compliance, and adherence to Federal statutes and regulations applicable to state and local grantees.

Clients appreciate Katie's conscientious and thoughtful manner and her ability to remain calm in stressful situations. She considers both the application of the law and the business goals of her clients when resolving an issue. Katie keeps abreast of the seemingly constant developments in transit funding, procurement, and regulation and enjoys helping clients understand how those developments affect transit operations and compliance activities.

Katie often serves as special outside counsel to public-entity clients. She advises on all aspects of the procurement process from solicitation drafting to contract management. She also is well-versed in many aspects of general litigation and regularly applies her skills in proceedings before federal courts, private arbitrators, and administrative bodies, such as the Department of Labor and the Surface Transportation Board.

Katie employs her persuasive writing skills to advocate for clients in all manner of fora, from arbitration to the United States Supreme Court. She has authored Supreme Court briefs on constitutional issues affecting transportation clients and tackled complex legal issues in briefs before a variety of decision makers. She recently served as co-counsel on a team representing a state's Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the Department of Labor's decision to deny 13(c) certification for federal transit grants.

In addition, Katie assists clients in financial restructuring matters. She has served as primary receivership counsel for the court-appointed receiver in an SEC receivership action in federal district court; has represented unsecured creditors in preference matters, including preference claim and defense analysis and settlement negotiations; and has assisted in the representation of debtors in Chapter 11 reorganization proceedings.



Marla L. Lien
Partner
Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell

Marla Lien was the General Counsel for the Regional Transportation District (RTD from 2005 through 2016), having served as Associate General Counsel from 1990 through 2005 and then as General Counsel. Marla's practice focuses on project development including rail and property acquisition. Her experience encompasses the FasTracks Program including the University of Colorado A Line, U.S. 36 BRTD, and other commuter and light rail lines in Denver, as well as the Denver Union Station redevelopment, where she participated in the negotiation and drafting of funding, real estate acquisition and sales, site planning, and design build contracts with the U.S. DOT, the City and County of Denver, the Denver Union Station Project Authority, and the master developer. She was also the lead negotiator for the Denver Union Station Historic Station building hotel project. Marla's responsibilities with these projects involved federal grant eligibility, project structure, and funding for the RTD Penta-P Project for the East and Gold Lines known as "Eagle P3." Eagle P3 is the first comprehensive public-private partnership to be undertaken by a U.S. transit agency.

Marla chairs the American Public Transportation Association Legal Affairs Committee and leads the annual conference of transit attorneys.

Marla also has expertise with railroad negotiations, real estate development projects, elections, legislation, and project finance and funding. She has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.



Kimon Manolius
Partner
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Kimon Manolius provides both transactional and litigation expertise and advice to his public entity clients, and currently serves as General Counsel to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

On the transactional side, he has special expertise in transit and transportation funding at the federal, state and local levels. He helps his transit clients on project delivery and compliance with the myriad of statutory and regulatory schemes governing public entities. He provides advice on the Brown Act and the Public Records Act, ethics, and risk management. His objective is to protect the interests of his public entity clients in their dealings with private entities and other public entities.

He frequently litigates in any number of areas including code enforcement, torts, civil rights defense, inverse condemnation, takings and other land use litigation. He is experienced in dangerous condition of public property, design immunity and other personal injury matters. He advises on and defends his clients on issues under the First, Fourth, Eighth, and 14th Amendments, Titles II, VI and VII, and the California Voting Rights Act. Kimon also provides risk management advice to public sector clients. In addition, he represents a number of private clients in various litigation matters.

Before joining the firm, Kimon spent 11 years at the City Attorney's Office for the City and County of San Francisco. He served as managing attorney and chief counsel at that 200-lawyer office, gaining a wealth of experience working with city officials, departments, and public safety agencies. During his tenure, he represented the city and county both as a plaintiff and as a defendant. He retooled and managed the City's code enforcement team with a focus on housing, building, planning, zoning, environmental health, drug abatement and consumer protection issues. On the defense side, Kimon became a specialist in many areas that confront public agencies including tort defense, dangerous condition of public property and the design immunity doctrine, civil rights defense, police misconduct, consent decrees, employment litigation, class actions, and medical malpractice issues.

Kimon also possesses considerable skills as a negotiator and mediator. He handled hundreds of settlement conferences for the City and County. He has served as a pro tem settlement judge for the San Francisco Superior Court and an early settlement panelist for the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Prior to earning his law degree, he was involved intimately in the 1988 Dukakis for President campaign. He served as director of administration and finance and assistant treasurer for the \$54

million general election campaign, as well as the Massachusetts state director for the primary election.

Kimon teaches legal research, writing and moot court at Hastings College of the Law, as well as intensive advocacy at both Stanford and the University of San Francisco law schools. He plays bass guitar, and is an avid reader of American and ancient Greek History.

Ted Mariscal
Assistant City Attorney
City of Phoenix Public Transit

Ted Mariscal is the attorney for the City of Phoenix Public Transit, the federal transit designated recipient for the Phoenix region. His practice focuses upon transactional work, including complex contracts, procurements, plus federal regulatory compliance. Mr. Mariscal has an extensive and diverse background in transportation, having represented the Arizona Department of Transportation, Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, various Arizona cities in street and engineering matters, in addition to his public transit work. Mr. Mariscal was involved in the drafting and negotiations that established the metropolitan area's light rail entity, Valley Metro Rail.

Mr. Mariscal received a Bachelor of Arts from Claremont McKenna College and his Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona College of Law.



Justin Marks
Associate
Nossaman, LLP

Justin Marks counsels passenger and freight railroads, public transit and light rail systems and state and local government agencies on regulatory, transactional and litigation issues.

Mr. Marks has experience representing agriculture, chemical, coal, oil, steel and other heavy industrial shippers on matters related to rail-served facilities governed by the Surface Transportation Board, the Federal Railroad Administration, and/or the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Mr. Marks first gained exposure to transportation issues while working as a law clerk for a national transportation firm that represented transit authorities and airports. In law school, he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Transportation Law Journal.



Micah M. Miller
Regional Counsel
Federal Transit Administration, Region IV

Mr. Micah M. Miller is the Regional Counsel for Region IV of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He received a Bachelor of Science (1998) and a Master of Business Administration (2000) from the University of California, Riverside, a Juris Doctor degree (2003) from the University of Alabama, and a Master of Laws degree (2010) from the University of Denver. He is a member of the Alabama and Florida Bar Associations. He came to the FTA in early 2014 after over a decade on active duty as Judge Advocate with the United States Marine Corps.



William R. Moseley
Of Counsel
Jackson Lewis P.C.

William R. Moseley is Of Counsel in the Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia, offices of Jackson Lewis P.C. His practice focuses on representing employers in workplace law matters, including preventive advice and counsel, collective bargaining and corporate governance.

Mr. Moseley advises and represents employers on a diverse range of issues, including discrimination and harassment, wrongful termination, and retaliation claims. He also advises management on preventive litigation practices, focusing on how to comply with applicable laws and regulations, avoid workplace disputes, and resolve employee relations problems.

Mr. Moseley has extensive experience in negotiating labor contracts with special emphasis on public sector labor relations. His practice includes representing management in labor arbitrations and other grievance resolution proceedings, National Labor Relations Board charges (both as charging party and respondent), and identifying and resolving union-management conflicts before they escalate.

Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, Mr. Moseley worked as the Chief of Staff and the Director of Legal Services for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority where, among other things, he was responsible for all of the Authority's legal matters, including labor relations. While working for the Authority, he successfully negotiated labor agreements with the ATU, the IAMAW and AFSCME.



Dana Nifosi
Acting Chief Counsel
Federal Transit Administration

Dana Nifosi currently serves the Acting Chief Counsel of the Federal Transit Administration. She joined FTA in February 2012 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.



Steven L. Osit
Associate
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell

Steven Osit primarily represents public entities with respect to the development and operation of airports and rail transit systems. He has served multiple posts within the U.S. Department of Transportation, including the representation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in investigations before the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and in litigation, and advising the Office of the Secretary on legal matters pertaining to the economic regulation of airports and air carriers. As a former Honors Attorney with the Department, Steven also gained experience with the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

During law school, Steven worked as a law clerk in the Office of Aviation and Admiralty Litigation in the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to law school, he was the Director of Information Technology at a prominent college in New York City. Steven is a certificated private pilot.



Colin Peppard
Manager for Outreach and Strategic Relationships
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Colin Peppard is Manager for Outreach and Strategic Relationships with the Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI) at LA Metro, the transportation agency that serves the 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. His work is focused on Metro's relationship with the private sector, and how the nation's third-largest public transportation system can form partnerships to improve mobility in LA County. This includes managing the agency's Unsolicited Proposal Process, and developing both innovative mobility pilot projects and Public Private Partnerships for delivery of Metro's capital program.

Previously, Mr. Peppard served as a policy advisor and legislative aide for U.S. Senator Thomas R. Carper, of Delaware. In this role, Colin oversaw policy development and legislative strategy to support the Senator's work as the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, including negotiations for the FAST Act and MAP-21 federal transportation bills. As part of this, Colin had a lead role in drafting several provisions to facilitate capital financing of public infrastructure, including through expansion of toll-based revenue sources and utilization of public private partnerships.

Before he began with Senator Carper, Colin was the Deputy Director of Federal Transportation Policy with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) where he focused on advancing policies and projects with mutual mobility and environmental benefits, and authored several publications on this topic. Has run transportation policy programs for several other NGOs, and is a graduate of the University of Virginia.



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.



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 Hetch 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 and Committees, 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.



James Sanchez
Senior Counsel
Lozano Smith

James Sanchez is Senior Counsel in Lozano Smith's Fresno and Monterey offices. He provides legal advice and services on the full range of municipal litigation and transactional legal issues facing local government and municipal agencies throughout California.

Mr. Sanchez has practiced municipal law for over thirty years. His passion is aiding elected and appointed officials in resolving complex social and economic challenges facing their cities.

Mr. Sanchez previously served as the City Attorney for the Cities of Sacramento, Fresno and Salinas, as well as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Fresno. While City Attorney for the City of Sacramento, he successfully oversaw coordination of multiple lawsuits, financing and transactions related to the half billion dollar Golden One Center entertainment complex in downtown Sacramento.

Mr. Sanchez has been active in several organizations and committees, including: Rotary Club; Editorial Committee of League of California Cities Municipal Law Handbook; Monterey Bay Representative to League of California Cities statewide Legal Advocacy Committee; and National

League of Cities invitee to meet with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. to advocate equitable approaches to municipal environmental liabilities. He has also served as a board member for several community-oriented nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Sanchez received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California Hastings College of Law. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in American History from Pepperdine University (magna cum laude).



Lauren Skiver
CEO/General Manager
SunLine Transit Agency

Responsible for the planning, budgeting and operation of transit services for the Coachella Valley. Operating 100 revenue vehicles, SunLines serves communities stretching 1,120 square miles and delivers transit from Palm Springs to Thermal and Mecca. SunLine also provides connectivity to the City of Riverside through the 220 Commuter Route. Working with one of the best teams in my career, we are currently instituting performance management principles to control cost, maximize efficiency and improve customer satisfaction.

Mrs. Skiver is a 16 year veteran of the transit industry. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Delaware Transit Corporation (DART) headquartered in Wilmington, DE. Larger than SunLine, DART operates 500 revenue vehicles, has 500 employees, an annual operating budget of \$100 million, and a capital budget of \$10 million. She has experience with alternative fuel vehicles and extensive experience working with taxi cab operations.

Before joining DART in April of 2012, Lauren held the position of Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Core Services for the State of Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). There, she was responsible for operation and budgets for Maryland's fixed route bus system, Mobility Paratransit Service, Light Rail, Metro Subway and the MARC Commuter Rail systems operating in the State of Maryland.

From 1997 to 2006, Lauren worked for the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority working her way up from Maintenance Administrative Assistant/Analyst, to Director of Paratransit and Customer Service.

Lauren served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1995 as a Switch Operator/Imagery Analyst. While in the Army, she possessed a Top Secret-Special Background Investigation Security Clearance, was a member of Battle Damage Assessment teams during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and was a finalist for soldier of the year in 1993.



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.



Tim Spangler
Chief Counsel
Sacramento Regional Transit District

Tim Spangler was selected as Chief Counsel for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) in July 2014. As Chief Counsel, Mr. Spangler advises the Board of Directors, District officers, and employees on a wide range of legal, business, and government affairs. The Chief Counsel also manages RT's legal department, which provides litigation and transactional law services, and Risk Management, which handles insurance, claims, property recovery and workers' compensation.

Mr. Spangler joined SacRT in 1998 and served as the agency's chief litigator for 16 years until his appointment as Chief Counsel. In 2016, he was elected to the Sacramento Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Of over 265,000 attorneys in California, less than 1% have been invited to join ABOTA. Prior to joining SacRT, Mr. Spangler was in private practice in San Jose representing public agencies and he then served as a Deputy City Attorney at the San Jose City Attorney's Office, representing the City in an array of litigated matters in state and federal court.

Tim received his undergraduate degree from University of California, Davis and his law degree from Golden Gate University.



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.



Curt Thye
Sales Director, Mid-West
StreetLight Data, Inc.

Curt Thye is a dedicated, results-driven business development leader with over twenty years of experience in sales and sales management. He is based in the Denver, Colorado area where he leads StreetLight's sales activities across the Mid-West helping consulting firms and public sector agencies succeed with their transportation modeling, planning and engineering initiatives. Curt's has experience with a broad spectrum of technology, big data and software-as-a-service (SaaS) companies, spending more than ten years at AutoDesk in a variety of roles focused on engineering, architecture, and construction. Most recently, Curt served as Sr. Director of Strategic Accounts at Dodge Data & Analytics, a leading construction industry data analytics and intelligence provider, where he led a forty-person team to over achieve long-standing retention and profitability objectives.



Paige Tsai
Senior Associate
Uber Technologies Inc.

Paige is a Senior Associate on Uber's Transportation Policy and Research team, and focuses on the future of mobility and transportation. As part of her work, Paige helps local teams foster collaboration with public transit agencies to improve access to transportation for people living in and around cities. Paige also leads Uber's accessibility policy efforts, working to identify ways to increase mobility and independence for people with disabilities. Prior to joining Uber, Paige worked at Dropbox on the communications team. Paige holds a B.A. in Psychology from Princeton University.



Erik Van Hagen
Senior Deputy General Counsel
TriMet

Erik Van Hagen advises the agency on a variety of topics, including municipal law, public records, constitutional law, technology, ethics, intellectual property, compliance, safety, policy and legislation, intergovernmental agreements, and governance.

Erik was previously a trial attorney on TriMet's litigation team, defending the agency in state and federal court. Prior to that, he was an associate and Miller Nash in Portland. Erik is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law.



Fred Wagner
Partner
Venable

Fred Wagner is a partner in Venable's Environmental Group. He joined the Firm in February 2017 after working in the private sector for over 20 years, and also serving in the U.S. Department of Justice Environment Division and as Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration. As Chief Counsel, Fred directed all of FHWA's programmatic and operational legal work, including compliance, ethics and business law functions pertaining to such areas as administration of FHWA grants and contracts, records management and disclosure, and personnel management. Fred assisted U.S. Department of Transportation leadership on the highest priority legislative and regulatory issues, and partnered with the DOJ in the defense of litigation challenging transportation projects of national significance. He managed all legal matters concerning the \$40 billion Federal-Aid Highway program, including environmental and natural resources issues for highway and multi-modal transportation projects across the U.S. In addition to his tenure at FHWA, Fred also served as a Trial Attorney in the Environment Division of the DOJ and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.



Lori A. Winfree
General Counsel
North County Transit District

Ms. Winfree began work at the North County Transit District (NCTD) as its first in-house General Counsel in April 2013, reporting directly to the NCTD Board of Directors. In this capacity, she is responsible for District-wide compliance and legal oversight, and for the disposition and management of all claims and litigation matters. Additionally, Ms. Winfree oversees the Procurement and Contract Administration Division, the Comprehensive Compliance and Oversight and Internal Audit Programs, the Civil Rights Program (which includes EEO, DBE and Title VI) and Insurance and Risk Management.

Prior to her work at NCTD, Ms. Winfree was employed by the County of San Diego, Office of County Counsel, where she served as a Senior Deputy County Counsel. In this capacity, Ms. Winfree represented the County in significant legal proceedings, and served as the primary advisory attorney assigned to the Office of Ethics and Compliance and the Department of General Services.

Prior to joining the County of San Diego, Office of County Counsel, Ms. Winfree served as a Litigation Associate for Nixon Peabody LLP in its San Francisco and Los Angeles offices where she specialized in commercial and product liability litigation related to the aviation industry. Ms. Winfree's other work experience includes working as an Associate Attorney at Mendes & Mount LLP in its aviation group, and serving as a Law Clerk Extern for the US District Court, Central District of California. Ms. Winfree holds a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles.



Nancy-Ellen Zusman
Assistant Chief Counsel
Federal Transit Administration

Nancy-Ellen Zusman is currently with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), where she is the Assistant Chief Counsel (ACC) for Litigation and Regional Operations. Although the position is a Headquarters position, she performs her duties from Chicago. As ACC, she supervises a staff of eleven attorneys, including all the Regional Counsel, and oversees all FTA affirmative and defensive litigation, except for personnel cases. She also is the point of contact for all Office of Inspector General and Government Accountability Office audits and investigations, including related qui tam complaints. Previously, she served as Regional Counsel for FTA's Chicago Regional Office for nine years. Ms. Zusman is a trained

mediator and mediates cases for the Shared Neutrals ADR Program in Chicago. She has received a number of awards, including an award from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

Ms. Zusman has been with the federal government for almost 28 years. In addition to her experience with the FTA, she has served as an Associate Regional Counsel with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a hazardous materials staff attorney with the Federal Aviation Administration. She also worked as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Eastern District of Wisconsin's U.S. Attorney's Office for a little over a year. Prior to joining the federal government, Ms. Zusman was briefly in private practice.

Ms. Zusman previously sat on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee for Professional Responsibility for nine years, and prior to that she served nine years on the Committee for Character and Fitness for the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar (the "Committee") for the First District. Before resigning from the Committee, she served two years as Chair and two years as Vice Chair. Ms. Zusman has been practicing law since 1987 and is licensed in Illinois and the District of Columbia. She graduated with a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1987 and received a B.A. in English Literature from Emory University in Atlanta in 1984. She also spent a year studying at the University of Edinburgh. She is married and has 15-year old girl/boy twins.