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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.