

Faculty Biographies

(Alphabetical Order)

Oliver (Ollie) J. Armas, Esq.

Hogan Lovells US LLP



Ollie Armas is the Managing Partner of our New York office. He is sought out by our clients around the world to resolve some of their most complex and delicate matters in domestic and foreign litigation, before international arbitration tribunals, and to conduct sensitive internal investigations.

Just recently, Ollie represented an Asia-based client in a US\$1 billion putative RICO class action, a Saudi agent against its Argentine principal in a US\$100 million+ ICC arbitration, a Brazilian owner in three international FPSO construction arbitrations totaling over US\$1 billion in claims, a Korean conglomerate in an ICSID claim, a Korean contractor in an ICC arbitration involving a combined cycle power plant in Chile, a U.S. healthcare provider in an AAA "mass arbitration" brought by multiple doctors, the Government of Mongolia in defending enforcement of an UNCITRAL and Energy Charter Treaty arbitration award (involving the U.S. Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act), and a U.S.-based client in a FCPA investigation in Latin America.

Ollie leads a multilingual and multicultural team that prides itself on its creative, tenacious approaches to resolving client disputes. The team focuses on energy - oil and gas, power, nuclear, renewables; mining; engineering; manufacturing; licensing; commodities; franchising; agency disputes; financial products and services; M&A (including purchase price and working capital adjustments, and earn outs); shareholder issues; joint ventures; hospitality; electronics; technology; transportation; and pharmaceutical and life sciences.

Ollie has handled arbitrations under the rules of many of the major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, AAA/ICDR, LCIA, ICSID, HKIAC, SIAC, SMA, LMAA, DIAC, and the DIFC. He is also a highly sought after arbitrator. Fluent in Spanish, and with an understanding of Portuguese, he routinely counsels clients on matters involving Latin America. Ollie has acted as a legal advisor in certain aspects of U.S. law in Mexico and Peru, and he has supervised litigation and conducted FCPA investigations in almost every country in Latin America.

Philip M. Berkowitz, Esq.

Littler Mendelson, P.C.



Philip M. Berkowitz is the U. S. practice co-chair of Littler's International Employment Law Practice Group. He advises multinational and domestic companies in a wide range of industries on employment-related matters. He has significant experience advising multinational companies regarding U. S. and overseas employment and executive compensation practices. He represents employers in individual and class action lawsuits and arbitrations, and he appears in U. S. federal and state courts and before administrative agencies and international arbitration tribunals.

Carl-Olof Bouveng, Esq.

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Carl-Olof has key expertise in corporate law, mergers & acquisitions and insurance. Carl-Olof represents publicly and privately held companies as well as private equity sponsors in a broad range of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations and tender offers. He also advises on capital market, corporate governance and general corporate matters, as well as regulatory issues in the insurance industry. Carl-Olof also represents a number of international NGOs.

Recent transactions include Battery Venture's public offer for Jeeves Information Systems, Accel Venture's and Baring Vostok's investment in Avito in Russia and Ukraine, Electronic Arts' acquisition in Sweden, Littelfuse acquisition of Accel in Sweden and Lithuania.

Carl-Olof is a recent Chair of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association, and also admitted to practice in New York.

Carl-Olof Bouveng has extensive experience in all aspects of corporate/M&A and is a member of the New York State Bar. Sources say he is "incredibly committed and commercial, with a great client focus." - Chambers

Aurora Cassirer, Esq.

Troutman Sanders LLP



Aurora is a Business Litigation partner at Troutman Sanders, whose leadership roles have included several terms on the firm's Executive Committee and service as New York office managing partner. An experienced trial attorney, Aurora has had substantial experience in securities fraud class actions, breach of contract, qui tam, fraud, and privacy actions. She has counseled pharmaceutical companies, cyber security firms, private equity funds, start-ups, medical technology companies and various financial institutions on compliance, FCPA, privacy, and whistleblower issues. In the area of professional liability, she has defended professional liability claims against actuaries, attorneys, and consultants. Among her international clients, she has represented clients based in Israel, Korea, India, and China in disputes before U.S. courts or in arbitrations. Aurora serves as co-chair of the International Corporate Compliance Committee of the New York State Bar Association, and has frequently lectured and written on cyber security issues, securities litigation against pharma and medical device companies, whistle-blower claims, internal investigations and attorney-client privilege issues.

Gerald J. Ferguson, Esq.

BakerHostetler



Jerry Ferguson assists clients in developing, protecting and exploiting intellectual property, data and media assets. His diverse experience includes designing privacy and data protection programs, managing legal compliance programs for online business operations, responding to data security breaches, and developing intellectual property portfolios. His clients include online media companies, luxury goods brands, financial institutions, email and text marketers, and data analytics companies. Jerry brings his clients the benefit of his multidisciplinary perspective as he assists them in solving problems, creating opportunities and achieving their objectives.

A founding partner of BakerHostetler's Privacy and Data Protection team, Jerry is a regular contributor to BakerHostetler's Data Privacy Monitor blog and has authored numerous published articles. Jerry frequently speaks before client and industry groups, such as the Mortgage Bankers Association, Advisen, ExecuSummit, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the Practising Law Institute, and the New York State Bar Association.

Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1988
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1984

Azish Filabi, Esq.

Ethical Systems



Azish Filabi is Executive Director of Ethical Systems. Through research and collaboration with the best academics in the field, she dedicates her time to helping businesses measure and promote ethical behavior and culture in their organizations. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the NYU Stern School of Business.

Azish has presented on business ethics and culture at various forums, including the Ethics and Compliance Initiative, the Conference Board, the Good Work Institute, and the NY State Bar Association (International Section), among others. She also writes frequently on these topics.

Previously, she was as an Assistant VP, Ethics Officer and Counsel in the Legal Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of NY. She was also an Associate at the NYC-based law firm Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP. She is active in the NY State Bar Association as an Officer in the International Section and co-founded the The [Committee](#) on Social Finance and Enterprise.

Azish has a B.A. as an Echols Interdisciplinary Scholar from the University of Virginia (UVA), a J.D. from the UVA School of Law, and a M.A. in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Glenn G. Fox, Esq.

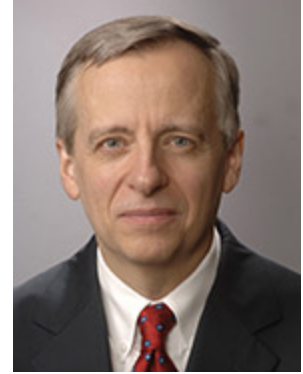
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Glenn G. Fox is a partner of Baker McKenzie's Wealth Management and Tax Practice Groups in New York and a member of the Firm's Global Tax Wealth Management Steering Committee. He is a domestic and international tax, estate planning, and tax exempt (charitable) organizations lawyer with vast experience working with families and charitable organizations from the US and overseas. Glenn is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and has been recognized for ten consecutive years (2007-2016) as a New York Super Lawyer by the New York Times.

Michael Galligan, Esq.

Phillips Nizer, LLP



Michael W. Galligan of New York City is a member-at-large on the New York State Bar Association's Executive Committee.

Galligan is a partner at Phillips Nizer LLP. He concentrates his practice in domestic and international estates and trusts, U.S. and cross-border estate and income tax planning, private international law and immigration.

A 29-year member of the State Bar, Galligan is the International Section's delegate to the House of Delegates and a past chair of the International Section. He is a member of the General Practice, Tax and Trusts and Estates Law sections and the Membership Committee. He was a member of the Task Force on New York Law in International Matters.

Galligan graduated from the University of San Francisco and earned his law degree from Columbia Law School. He also earned a Ph.D. from Yale University.

April Gu, Esq.

NYU Stern Center for Business & Human Rights



April Gu oversees the Center's operations, including the Center's integration into the broader university, resource stewardship, and ability to implement cutting-edge programming for students, companies, and other stakeholders. Prior to the joining the Center, she practiced law in the Singapore and New York offices of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, where she focused on the financing of infrastructure and energy projects throughout Southeast Asia, Latin America and the United States. She is a former Fulbright Research Scholar who conducted research on economic development in Beijing, China.

April is a graduate of NYU Stern and the NYU School of Law, where she participated in the International Human Rights Clinic and won numerous human rights and public service fellowships for her work.

William C. Heuer, Esq.

Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP



Bill Heuer is a Partner in the Firm's Bankruptcy, Workout and Restructuring Department. Bill has considerable experience acting on behalf of creditor clients and constituencies in bankruptcy and pre-bankruptcy litigation in matters relating to distressed or insolvent businesses. His experience spans a wide range of industries, including landlord/tenant, real estate, shipping, satellite and telecommunications, golf and entertainment, print media, intellectual property, consumer goods, finance, chemical manufacturing/distribution, insurance, retail merchandise, air travel (domestic and international), health care and long-term health management facilities. Bill has been retained in bankruptcy cases under chapters 7, 9, and 11 of the bankruptcy code, and has also been retained in a number of international bankruptcy proceedings under chapter 15. Bill has expertise in addressing jurisdictional issues in bankruptcy.

Bill has considerable appellate experience, and has been involved in a number of landmark bankruptcy appeals decided by the U.S. Supreme Court including *Wellness Int'l Network, Ltd., v. Sharif*, 135 S. Ct. 1932 (2015) (co-counsel to National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees as *amicus curiae*); *Law v. Siegel*, 134 S. Ct. 1188 (2014) (co-counsel to National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees as *amicus curiae*); *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011) (counsel of record to academic *amici curiae*); and *Schwab v. Reilly*, 130 S. Ct. 2652 (2010) (counsel of record to National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and several law professors as *amici curiae*).

Bill is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, and has authored numerous articles on bankruptcy law. He is an adjunct professor of law in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at the St. John's University School of Law, and is a member of the Bankruptcy Program Advisory Board at St. John's. Bill is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy law, and has had speaking engagements with the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

Bill serves his community by devoting substantial time to *pro bono* matters, including *pro bono amicus* representations in matters before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2017, Bill became a member of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and is a member of the Pro Bono subcommittee. He is a member of a committee

advising the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York regarding its local rules, and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. In addition to serving his community through pro bono service, Bill is an active member of a local property owners' association and through his service to that organization has devoted substantial time to addressing local environmental concerns.

Bill is a 1997 graduate of St. John's University School of Law, where he was an articles editor and staff member of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review*, and a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Robert J. Leo, Esq.

Meeks, Sheppard, Leo & Pillsbury

ROBERT J. LEO is a partner in the New York office of Meeks, Sheppard, Leo & Pillsbury. The firm's practice focuses on U.S. and international law and regulations affecting exports and imports. Bob has been in private practice since 1991.

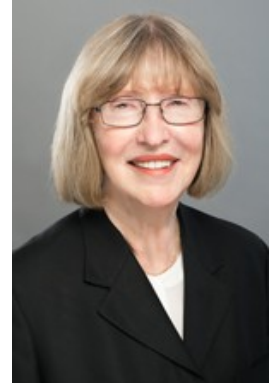
After law school, Bob joined the staff of the American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI), a national trade association representing U.S. companies before Congress and the Executive Branch. He served as its Vice President and Counsel from 1989 to 1991. Currently, Bob is a member of the AAEI Board of Governors. He is also a Board member of the New York based trade association, NEXCO, and is active in various other associations, including the Home Fashion Products Association, which the firm serves as Counsel.

Bob is a cleared advisor to the U.S. government on customs issues and has served in that capacity since 1991. He was recently re-appointed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation (ITAC 14).

He served as Chair of the New York State Bar Association's International Section from January 2005 through January 2006, continues on the Section's Executive Committee Chair and was Program Co-Chair for the Section's Fall 2006 Meeting in Shanghai. He was Chairman of the Section's Committee on Customs and International Trade from 1991-1996. Bob is also a long-standing member of the Customs and International Trade Bar Association. He graduated from the State University of New York at Albany and received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. While in law school he was Managing Editor of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law, and served as an intern for former Chief Judge Edward D. Re of the U.S. Court of International Trade.

Janis M. Meyer, Esq.

Baker & McKenzie LLP



Janis Meyer focuses her practice on professional responsibility, risk management and professional liability law, with particular emphasis on attorneys and law firms. Having served as the general counsel of a global firm, Ms. Meyer is familiar with a broad spectrum of professional liability, human resource, and other risk management issues arising in law firms. During her career, Ms. Meyer has also represented and advised clients in a variety of industries, including banking, financial products and insurance.

Ms. Meyer began her legal career at White & Case, where she was an associate and then partner in the Litigation Department. Prior to joining Hinshaw & Culbertson in January 2015, she was a partner and the General Counsel of Dewey & LeBoeuf and its predecessor, Dewey Ballantine. She was a member of the two-person wind-down committee that oversaw Dewey & LeBoeuf's bankruptcy filing in 2012 and the subsequent wind-down of the firm.

Ms. Meyer is a Special Professor of Law at The Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University where she teaches "The Nuts & Bolts of Lawyering" and Legal Ethics. Ms. Meyer clerked for the Honorable George C. Pratt in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Daniel Pilarski, Esq.

Watson Farley & Williams LLP

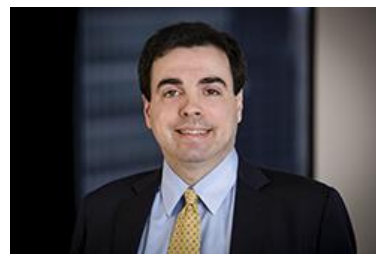


Daniel is a Partner in the firm's Tax group in New York. His practice primarily focuses on the US tax aspects of cross-border transactions. His advice includes structuring transactions to achieve the optimum tax result by minimizing withholding tax and addressing anti-deferral regimes. Daniel advises several clients regarding the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), both in compliance and in documenting FATCA provisions in loan and other agreements. Daniel also helps clients analyze the US freight tax on shipping income and the exemption from tax.

Daniel also heads the firm's US sanctions practice, and advises clients in understanding and complying with the rules and regulations of the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). In addition, Daniel advises on ERISA (US pension law) and the regulation of swaps and other derivatives. Daniel also represents clients in and negotiates real estate joint ventures and other corporate transactions.

Zachary S. Podolsky, Esq.

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz



Zachary S. Podolsky joined Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in 2011 as a corporate associate. He focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and securities law matters.

Mr. Podolsky received his J.D. in 2011 from Yale Law School and his A.B. *summa cum laude* in 2004 from Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Podolsky was an equity research analyst at Goldman Sachs & Co. covering the oil and gas industry. He is also a CFA charterholder.

L. Donald Prutzman, Esq.

Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP



L. Donald Prutzman has a broad-based intellectual property and trade regulation practice that encompasses both litigation and non-litigated matters. Donald has broad experience in commercial litigation, particularly disputes involving trademark, copyright and antitrust issues. Other areas in which he is an experienced litigator include securities regulation and insurance coverage.

Donald's practice also includes a full range of non-litigated intellectual property matters including licensing, purchase and sale of intellectual property assets, copyright registration and trademark registration and prosecution, including representation of clients before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and antitrust and trade regulation advice and compliance.

Neil Quartaro, Esq.

Watson Farley & Williams LLP

Program Chair



Neil is Of Counsel in the Dispute Resolution group. His areas of focus include commercial litigation and arbitration matters (particularly those involving international or maritime issues), international contract disputes, creditors' rights in US bankruptcy proceedings, obtaining pre- and post-judgment security, and vessel foreclosure. He also works on international and domestic transactions in the transportation sector, particularly those with maritime legal issues.

Neil is the immediate past Chair of the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA"), International Section. He also co-chairs the NYSBA International Section Transportation Committee and is the Secretary of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Committee of the Maritime Law Association.

Neil lectures at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs ("SIPA"), where he teaches Maritime Transportation, Law & Public Policy, a graduate-level course offered to SIPA and business school students by the Center for Energy, Marine Transportation & Public Policy ("CEMTPP"). Neil serves on the research team at CEMTPP, which is conducting academic and commercial research on the public policy response to strategic issues in marine transportation and the movement of energy supplies globally in light of the current economic climate.

Mark F. Rosenberg, Esq.

Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP



Mark Rosenberg is Coordinator of the Firm's Environmental Law and Insurance Groups. He has extensive litigation and transactional experience in insurance, reinsurance, environmental, and products liability matters (including asbestos and other mass tort litigation). In the course of such work, Mr. Rosenberg has regularly represented and advised clients on complex alter ego, successor liability, fraudulent conveyance and bankruptcy issues. In addition, he has extensive experience in spearheading recoveries of foreign sovereign debt, both through litigation and arbitration. Mr. Rosenberg has acted as international lead counsel in debt recovery and political risk insurance litigation, and national counsel in domestic environmental and toxic tort matters.

Mr. Rosenberg has written articles on environmental, toxic tort, bankruptcy, insurance and foreign debt recovery issues, and is past Chair (i) of the Reinsurance Subcommittee of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association ("ABA"); (ii) of the ABA's Toxic and Hazardous Substances and Environmental Law Committee; (iii) of the Directors and Officers Liability Subcommittee of the ABA's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee; and (iv) of the ABA's Subcommittee on Revisions to the Comprehensive General Liability Policy. He has also been the Tort and Insurance Practice Section's Liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law, and a member of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section's Task Force on Superfund Reauthorization. He is currently Co-Chair of the Environmental Committee of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Careen Shannon, Esq.

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP



Careen Shannon is a Partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, the world's largest immigration services provider, with 50 offices in 27 countries. A frequent speaker and writer, Careen has spoken before numerous bar associations, professional organizations and human resources groups, and has written countless articles on immigration law topics for a variety of legal, human resources and mainstream publications. She has also written a number of scholarly articles published in U.S. law reviews. She is the co-author, with Austin T. Fragomen, Jr. and Daniel Montalvo, of a series of legal handbooks and treatises published by Thomson Reuters/West and the Practising Law Institute. For more than a decade (2004-2015), Careen was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she served as Director of the Immigration Law Field Clinic from 2011-2015. Careen is one of the leaders of Fragomen's pro bono practice, and in 2014 she launched the U.S. firm's nationwide effort to provide pro bono legal services to unaccompanied minors and to detained asylum-seeking immigrant women and children from Central America. She is the Vice Chair and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Safe Passage Project, a New York-based nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that no child faces the immigration process alone. In 2017, she received the New York City Mayoral Service Award, awarded by Mayor Bill de Blasio for outstanding volunteer service, for her work with Safe Passage Project. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York State Bar Association and the Association of Pro Bono Counsel. She is also a long-standing member of the Study Group on Immigrant Representation (convened by Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit), which has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at increasing access to counsel for indigent immigrants in the United States. Careen is fluent in English and Danish, proficient in French, and has a working knowledge of Spanish, Norwegian, Swedish and Japanese.

Nancy M. Thevenin, Esq.

Thevenin Arbitration & ADR

Nancy M. Thevenin is an international arbitrator and mediator based in New York City. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an adjunct professor of the International Commercial Arbitration course at St. John's University School of Law. Ms. Thevenin also serves as Chair of the New York State Bar Association International Section and is a general counsel for the United States Council for International Business.

Ms. Thevenin advises on arbitrations, mediation strategy, dispute boards, expertise proceedings, ad hoc cases and use of pre-arbitral referee procedures. Her extensive experience includes arbitrations under various institutional rules, including the ICC, ICDR, UNCITRAL and ICSID, and advising on early resolution of matters that would otherwise become formal disputes. Ms. Thevenin started her career as an international litigation and arbitration practitioner in Miami, Florida, then became the deputy director of arbitration and ADR for North America for the ICC International Court of Arbitration in New York, and was special counsel in and global coordinator of Baker & McKenzie's International Arbitration Practice Group.

Ms. Thevenin's areas of practice include international commercial litigation and arbitration, creditor's rights and business torts. She has handled disputes for multinational companies and governments in the construction and engineering, financial services, commercial real estate and aviation industries, often involving issues concerning mergers and acquisition, sales, distribution, licensing, technology transfer and leasing agreements.

Oren J. Warshavsky, Esq.

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Oren Warshavsky focuses his work in the areas of intellectual property and complex litigation. He brings rich trial experience to his practice. Throughout his career, Oren has represented individuals and companies in numerous patent, trademark, copyright and commercial disputes, litigating cases in federal and state courts before judges and juries, and is counsel of record in more than 100 reported decisions. Oren serves as the leader of BakerHostetler's national Copyright, Content and Platforms team. Oren has received local and national recognition for his work and remains at the forefront of major cases.

Oren is recognized by his peers as a leading attorney, having been named one of the top 100 lawyers in the New York metropolitan area, one of the top 50 intellectual property attorneys in the U.S. and a "Super Lawyer" every year since 2008, and he is one of only 28 U.S. attorneys listed in *Who's Who Legal 100 in Asset Recovery*. Oren is the co-editor of and a contributor to BakerHostetler's IP Intelligence blog, offering commentary on intellectual property issues. Likewise, he is a contributor to BakerHostetler's Data Privacy Monitor blog, offering commentary on data privacy and information security topics.

