#### **SPEAKER BIOS**

#### The Honorable Mitch McConnell (R-KY) – Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell is the Senate Majority Leader. Elected to that position unanimously by his Republican colleagues first in 2014 and again in 2016, he is only the second Kentuckian to ever serve as Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate. The first, Senator Alben Barkley, led the Democrats from 1937 to 1949.

Senator McConnell has served, again by the unanimous vote of his colleagues, as the Republican Leader since the 110th Congress. He is the longest-serving Senate Republican Leader in the history of the United States. McConnell previously served in leadership as the Majority Whip in the 108th and 109th Congresses and as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 1998 and 2000 election cycles.

McConnell has been called "the most conservative leader of either party in the history of the Senate." He has also earned a reputation as a "master tactician" for permanently locking in critical tax relief for working families and small businesses and putting in place the most significant spending reduction legislation in a generation.

He has received praise from numerous media outlets for his work as Senate Majority Leader, and in 2015 TIME Magazine named McConnell one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

First elected to the Senate in 1984, McConnell is Kentucky's longest-serving senator. He made history that year as the only Republican challenger in the country to defeat an incumbent Democrat and as the first Republican to win a statewide Kentucky race since 1968. On November 4, 2014, he was elected to a record sixth term by receiving broad support across Kentucky, winning 110 of the Commonwealth's 120 counties.

McConnell graduated with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, where he served as student body president. He also is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association.

McConnell worked as an intern on Capitol Hill for Senator John Sherman Cooper before serving as chief legislative assistant to Senator Marlow Cook and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General to President Gerald Ford.

Before his election to the Senate, he served as judge-executive of Jefferson County, Kentucky, from 1978 until he commenced his Senate term on January 3, 1985.

McConnell currently serves as a senior member of the Appropriations, Agriculture and Rules Committees. He is the proud father of three daughters.

McConnell is married to Secretary Elaine L. Chao, the 18th U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Previously, Secretary Chao served for eight years as President George W. Bush's U.S. Secretary of Labor. She is also a former president of the United Way of America and director of the Peace Corps.

### The Honorable Kevin Brady (R-TX-8) - Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee

Congressman Brady is Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee – considered by many to be the most powerful committee in Congress with jurisdiction over taxes, health care, Social Security, Medicare, international trade and welfare.

Congressman Brady previously served as chairman of the influential Health Subcommittee for the House Ways and Means Committee. As chairman, he focused on ensuring a strong, free market in the nation's health care industry and look for ways to increase the quality of health care, while keeping costs low.

And as the former Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, Congressman Brady is a GOP leader.

Until 2013, Congressman Brady was the leader of the Trade Subcommittee and led the successful effort to pass new sales agreements with Panama, South Korea and Colombia – and he served as the White House point man on the successful passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement. On the Social Security Subcommittee, Congressman Brady fought to preserve this important program for future generations once and for all.

Prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Brady worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years and served six years in the Texas House of Representatives where he was named one of the Ten Best Legislators for Families & Children. In 1994 he was named one of Five Outstanding Young Texans.

In order to stay close to the people he represents, Congressman Brady never moved to Washington. He lives in Montgomery County with his wife Cathy and his two sons Will (18) and Sean (15) – and has logged nearly two million miles commuting to Congress each week.

Congressman Brady is an original Hometown Hero of The Woodlands, a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and a Distinguished Alumni of the University of South Dakota. He and his family attend Saints Simons and Jude Catholic Church.

# Charlie Cook - Editor and Publisher of the Cook Political Report, Political Analyst for the National Journal Group

Charlie Cook is the Editor and Publisher of *The Cook Political Report*, and a political analyst for the National Journal Group. Charlie is also a political analyst for NBC News.

In 1984, Charlie founded the independent, non-partisan *Cook Political Report*. Now, with a staff of six, it is a publication that the *New York Times* once said was "a newsletter that both parties regard as authoritative" while *CBS* News' Bob Schieffer called it "the bible of the political community."

Al Hunt in the Wall Street Journal has referred to Cook as "the Picasso of election analysis."

The late David Broder of *The Washington Post*, long considered "the Dean of the Washington press corp", once wrote that Charlie Cook is "perhaps the best non-partisan tracker of Congressional races."

Charlie has appeared on the *ABC World News Tonight*, the *CBS* Evening News, the *NBC* Nightly News, and on *ABC*'s This Week. Since the 1990's, he has also appeared on *NBC*'s Meet the Press over a dozen times. Over the years, Charlie has served as an Election Night analyst for CBS, CNN, and, since 1996, on the *NBC* News Election Night Decision Desk in New York. In 2010, Charlie was the co-recipient of the American Political Science Association's prestigious Carey McWilliams award to honor "a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics."

In 2013, Charlie served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

#### Ryan Abraham - Principal, Washington Council Ernst & Young

Ryan Abraham is a Principal at in the legislative group at Washington Council Ernst & Young. Prior to joining Washington Council Ernst & Young he served as a tax policy professional for over a decade on the Democratic Staff of the Senate Committee on Finance. Most recently, he served as the Senior Tax Counsel, Business and International to Senator Ron Wyden, the Ranking Member. He advised the Senator on the taxation of businesses, energy, bonds and municipal finance, transportation, partnerships, real estate, and economic development. His responsibilities included developing legislation, writing memoranda, and speaking to outside groups on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Prior to that position, he served on the Committee as Senior Tax and Energy Counsel, as Tax Counsel for almost four years, and Assistant Tax Policy Advisor for six years. Ryan started on the Committee in 2004 as the Tax Research Assistant.

He received his B.A. Dartmouth College and his J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law.

### Barbara Angus - Chief Tax Counsel (Majority), House Committee on Ways and Means

Barbara Angus has served as Chief Tax Counsel (Majority) for the House Committee on Ways and Means since February 2016. Prior to joining the Ways and Means staff, Ms. Angus was a Principal and leader of Strategic International Tax Policy Services at Ernst & Young. She previously served as the International Tax Counsel for the Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury, serving as the federal government's principal legal advisor on all aspects of international tax policy, and as the Business Tax Counsel for the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Ms. Angus also has extensive private sector experience, including forming and operating a consulting firm that developed legislative and regulatory solutions for multinational clients across the spectrum of tax issues. She was a national partner in the federal tax policy group at PricewaterhouseCoopers and was a partner with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago.

Ms. Angus received an A.B. from Dartmouth College, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

# Karen Antebi - Economic Counselor, Trade & NAFT Office, Mexican Ambassador, Embassy of Mexico

Ms. Antebi serves as Economic Counselor for the Trade and NAFTA Office at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C., where she leads Mexico's trade advocacy and communication strategies with the U.S. Congress, Administration, and private sector. Ms. Antebi has 25 years of experience at the highest levels of government as a diplomat and global advocate on international trade, investment and data issues.

Ms. Antebi has worked on international trade issues with Mexico's Ministry of Economy for nearly 25 years, serving as Counselor for Economic Affairs, Chief of Staff to Mexico's Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and a member of Mexico's NAFTA negotiating team. Currently, Ms. Antebi is leading the Ministry's government and business community outreach and communications strategies toward a renegotiated and modernized NAFTA agreement.

Previously, she designed and executed legislative and executive branch regulatory and policy strategies to prevent trade disputes, build global consensus, and advocate for Mexican business interests in the U.S. Ms. Antebi has a deep understanding of government decision-making processes and vast experience in setting a common agenda and securing support for specific policies from government agencies, trade associations, non-profit organizations, private sector leaders and members of the diplomatic community. Before rejoining the Trade and NAFTA Office in 2016, Ms. Antebi served as Director of Global Compliance Programs at BSA | The Software Alliance. There, she engaged the U.S. and foreign governments, business leaders, and trade associations on the cybersecurity risks and benefits of software asset management. She also advocated on international trade and data issues, fair market access in government procurement, IP protection policies, cybersecurity, STEM education, and immigration reform.

In 2004, Ms. Antebi co-authored, with Jaime Zabludovsky, "The Window to Europe: The Mexico-EU Free Trade Agreement," published in El Nuevo Milenio Mexicano by the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana.

Ms. Antebi graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from Brandeis University, and a master's degree in International Policy Studies and Political Economy from Stanford University. She is a native bilingual English and Spanish speaker and lives in Washington, D.C.

## Rob Baldwin – Partner, National MLP Tax Practice Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Rob Baldwin leads PricewaterhouseCoopers' National MLP Practice, which serves over 90% of the MLPs trading today and assisted in mailing out over 9.9 million K-1's for tax year 2014 alone. The practice consists of over 100 people and serves every sector of the MLP tax arena. Mr. Baldwin joined PwC as a tax partner in the National MLP Practice in 2007. Since joining PwC, Mr. Baldwin has assisted MLPs with modeling and structuring the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, and roll-ups, as well as tax shield calculations, partnership agreement interpretations, technical termination analysis, basis adjustment calculations, Section 704(c) remedial income allocations, and compliance reporting to various federal and state governmental agencies.

Prior to joining PwC, Mr. Baldwin served as the Vice President of Tax at Kinder Morgan Inc., the general partner of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, one of the largest MLPs. Mr. Baldwin was responsible for tax due diligence functions including strategy and structure identification, and implementation for domestic and international acquisitions/dispositions. His responsibilities also included the management of corporate and partnership federal, state, and international planning, compliance, and examinations. Rob serves on the Board of the Master Limited Partnership Association and holds a BBA in Accounting from McNeese State University. He also is a Certified Public Accountant, State of Texas.

#### Paul A. Brathwaite - Chief Strategist, Federal Street Strategies, LLC

Mr. Brathwaite brings more than a decade of government relations experience to clients in financial services, health care, food and nutrition, transportation and infrastructure, media and telecommunications, and the education and non-profit fields. With his extensive knowledge and high-level relationships, Mr. Brathwaite has a proven track record of helping clients work with Members in the House and Senate, on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Brathwaite is a widely known and well-regarded fixture in the halls of Congress, both for his consummate professionalism and his ebullient spirit. He has received numerous awards including the 2014 Washington Government Relations Group "Lobbyist of the Year" award. In 2016 and 2017, he was named to *The Hill's* "Top Lobbyists: Hired Guns" list and he was selected numerous times to *Roll Call's* "Fabulous Fifty" staffers on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Brathwaite began his lobbying career after serving for six years as the executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) under three CBC chairs: Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Elijah Cummings (D-MD) and Melvin Watt (D-NC). As executive director, Mr. Brathwaite worked for all 43 members of the CBC and coordinated both domestic and foreign policy legislative initiatives for the CBC. He also worked for Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), who was then a member of the House, Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE) and Governor Mario Cuomo (D-NY).

During the Clinton administration, Mr. Brathwaite served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration under Secretary Alexis Herman. Mr. Brathwaite also worked in the Department of Transportation's General Counsel's Honors Program.

A Washington, D.C. native, Mr. Brathwaite earned his bachelor's degree from Delaware State University and earned both a law degree and a master's degree in public policy from Duke University.

#### Mike Bresson - Partner, Baker Botts LLP

Mike Bresson is a partner in the Houston office of Baker Botts. He concentrates on federal income tax matters, with a particular emphasis on publicly traded partnerships, YieldCos, private equity transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Bresson is nationally recognized for his experience in transactions involving MLPs. He is the head of the firm's MLP/YieldCo Tax Practice.

Mr. Bresson graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering with distinction and received his juris doctor from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with highest honors (Order of the Coif and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity).

#### Bob Brooks - Partner, Capitol Counsel

Bob Brooks brings to Capitol Counsel a wealth of experience on Capitol Hill, serving as chief of staff to former Louisiana Congressman and Capitol Counsel Partner Jim McCrery. Mr. Brooks maintains strong relationships with the staff and members of the House Ways and Means Committee. As a member of numerous Republican steering committees, Mr. Brooks continues to serve as a trusted adviser to many powerful leaders in both the public and private sectors. In addition to his career in policymaking, Brooks has extensive political experience, having managed several successful congressional races and serving as an operative for both the

National Republican Senatorial Committee and the Republican National Committee's Presidential campaign team.

Prior to joining Capitol Counsel, Mr. Brooks was an Executive Vice President at the Alpine Group, leading their tax division. He spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill and prior to that, worked as a litigator for Hilburn, Calhoun, Harper, Pruinski & Calhoon.

Mr. Brooks went to University of Arkansas and earned his J.D. from the University of Tulsa.

#### Ryan Carney - Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP

Ryan's practice focuses on the tax aspects of domestic and international business transactions, primarily within the energy sector. He has extensive experience with the taxation of publicly traded partnerships, master limited partnerships (MLPs), private equity transactions and structures, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, and capital markets transactions.

Over the last ten years, Mr. Carney has represented issuers and underwriters in more than 45 MLP initial public offerings and more than 140 follow-on offerings, as well as multiple mergers, acquisitions, and financing transactions. He has particular experience in advising MLPs and prospective MLPs in connection with qualifying income matters and seeking private letter rulings and other guidance from the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Carney graduated with a B.B.A from Texas A&M University and from the Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D. *magna cum laude*, 2005 (Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; Associate Managing Editor, *SMU Law Review*).

#### Jim Ellis - President, Ellis Insight, LLC

Jim Ellis is a 35-year veteran of politics at the state and national levels. Jim began his career with the San Diego County Republican Party, and then served as an original staff member for then-Congressman Bill Lowery (R-CA). He specialized in corporate grass roots lobbying, campaign management and coalition building as President of the Ramhurst Corporation of North Carolina and as a manager of the Public Issues Department of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, NC.

Mr. Ellis' positions as executive director for two national political action committees built well-recognized skills in advising, strategizing for, and evaluating campaigns. His close-up role as a leading political consultant to the Republican majority leadership of the House of Representatives resulted in a strong reputation for calling races correctly. Jim's loyal following included political action committee directors, who today are clients gleaning key information and keen insight from his daily columns and other special request reports. Among other projects, he researches and writes on elections, candidates, and races for additional clients that include corporations and trade associations such as NACS, Walmart, Exelon, and UPS.

Over the years, Mr. Ellis has been a consultant to the three national Republican Party organizations in DC, the National Federation of Independent Business, and various national conservative groups. A natural and articulate speaker, he is sought after across the country for keynote speeches to national association meetings, university audiences, PAC member gatherings, and corporate client seminars. During his career, he has addressed numerous campaign schools, congressional orientation sessions, and media training seminars throughout the US, in addition to an international trade conference in Mexico City. Mr. Ellis has appeared as a political debate participant for WUSA-TV, the CBS affiliate in Washington, DC, as a guest columnist for the Washington Times newspaper, and Glenn Beck's The Blaze news site. He has appeared on the new CCTV network, which broadcasts worldwide, CNN International, Rai Italia, the Italian international network, and the Jim Bohannon national radio show, as well as many local programs around the country.

Mr. Ellis was born and raised in Sacramento, California. He earned a B. A. in Political Science from the University of California at Davis in 1979. Mr. Ellis raised his daughter, Jacqueline, alone after his wife died following a tragic car accident. He helped establish the Joan Ellis Victims Assistance Network in Rochester, NH. Mr. Ellis also is a member of the Northern Virginia Football Officials Association, which officiates high school games throughout the region.

#### Jeff Erickson - Principal, EY

Jeff Erickson, based in Washington, DC, is a principal in the Joint Ventures and Partnerships group in Ernst & Young's National Tax Office. Jeff works extensively in the MLP, private equity and international space across a broad spectrum of industries, including medical, pharmaceutical, real estate, and oil and gas. His current clients include various publicly traded partnerships.

Mr. Erickson was an Assistant Branch Chief in the IRS Chief Counsel's office for Pass-throughs. He has given many speeches and presentations to Bar Associations and other tax groups (including the National Association Publicly Traded Partnerships) on a number of partnership tax issues, covering such topics as drafting and reviewing partnership agreements, the basics of MLPs, and the interaction of the so-called intangible antichurning rules and the partnership tax rules. Mr. Erickson has also written articles on various topics, including the allocation of partnership debt, the conversion of partnerships, and the at-risk rules.

Mr. Erickson is an adjunct professor in the LLM program at Georgetown University Law School, teaching the basic partnership tax course.

#### John Feehery - Partner, EFB Advocacy, LLC

John Feehery is a Partner in EFB Advocacy, a boutique lobbying and strategic advocacy firm located right next to historic Eastern Market on Capitol Hill. Previously he was President of Communications and Director of Government Affairs for Quinn Gillespie and Associates, Washington, D.C.'s top public affairs firm. He is also a frequent commentator on the political landscape, widely quoted around the country and often seen on such television programs as CNN's The Situation Room, MSNBC's Hardball, and HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher. He is also a columnist for The Hill, he blogs at The Feehery Theory, and you can hear or watch him and his EFB colleagues on The Feehery Theory Podcast.

Mr. Feehery has worked for almost three decades in a variety of influential positions both as a staffer for three prominent members of the United States House of Representatives Republican leadership and a legislative strategist in the private sector.

Mr. Feehery served as Executive Vice President for Global Government Relations and Global Public Relations for the Motion Picture Association of America. There, he helped the MPAA make significant progress on legislative issues that faced the industry such as tax policy, internet piracy, net neutrality, and decency standards. He testified twice before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on behalf of the MPAA.

Mr. Feehery managed the communications operation for Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert. Mr. Feehery was the longest-serving top spokesman to a Speaker of the House in the history of the House of Representatives

Before that stint, Mr. Feehery served from 1995 until 1998 as the Communications Director for Majority Whip Tom DeLay. He also served as the Whip office's Chief Floor Assistant, during the historically notable "Contract with America". He advised Members of Congress on how to vote, and helped the Whip Office count votes for the first eight months of the historic 104th Congress

Mr. Feehery started his career with House Minority Leader Robert Michel, where he served as a research analyst and speechwriter. His most notable achievement during his service in Michel's office was his creation of the House Republican Theme Team. Under Mr. Feehery's leadership, for the first time in history, House Republicans used one-minute speeches and Special orders in a coordinated fashion to promote their message, helping to poke holes in the Clinton Administration's agenda and setting the state for the 1994 elections.

A double graduate from Marquette University, with both a BA and MA in history, Mr. Feehery was named the Young Alumni of the Year for Marquette's School of Arts and Sciences in 2003.

#### Tim Fenn - Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP

Charles Timothy ("Tim") Fenn is the Office Managing Partner in the Houston office with a particular focus on business taxation as it applies to partnerships. His tax practice focuses on early stage structuring and advice with respect to market-related issues and tax issues.

Mr. Fenn handles tax-related issues involving mergers, acquisitions, restructurings, and capital market transactions for clients in the energy sector.

In addition to representing clients in connection with transactional matters, Mr. Fenn has successfully represented clients before the Internal Revenue Service, the US Tax Court, and several US appellate courts. Mr. Fenn spent several years as an investment banker with Goldman Sachs & Co. where he was part of the natural resources group.

Mr. Fenn is consistently recognized for his work by leading industry publications including, Chambers USA 2005-2018, The Legal 500 US 2013, and Best Lawyers 2010-2015. Mr. Fenn is a frequent speaker at investment banking conferences and MLP industry symposiums. He also serves on the advisory board for the Alerian MLP index.

Mr. Fenn earned his BBA from Baylor University and his JD from Georgetown University Law Center. He is bar qualified in Texas and New York.

#### Tommy Ford - Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Mr. Ford's practice includes experience in the federal income taxation of business transactions and business entities, including formations, mergers and securities offerings of partnerships (publicly traded "master limited partnerships" and private) and joint ventures and dispositions of interests therein; oil, gas and mineral transactions; mergers, acquisitions and spinoffs of corporations; royalty trusts; real estate investment trusts; and financially troubled entities, including financial institutions.

Mr. Ford earned his BBA in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin and his JD from University of Houston Law Center.

#### Hans Kaiser - Principal, Moore Information Inc.

Hans Kaiser directs research projects for corporate and political clients, ranging from health care and energy companies to U.S. Senate and Congressional campaigns. Kaiser draws on more than 25 years of experience in business, public affairs and politics to provide his clients with a well-rounded perspective when designing and interpreting research data.

Since Mr. Kaiser began working for MI in 1995, he has been instrumental in expanding the company's political and corporate client base. He has a wealth of strategic and tactical experience that he combines with an unyielding attention to detail and steadfast commitment to his clients. Mr. Kaiser applies his expertise to ongoing clients such as the National Pork Board, the National Biodiesel Board, and U.S. Senator Susan Collins (Maine).

Before joining MI, Mr. Kaiser served as Campaign Manager for U.S. Senator Slade Gorton's successful 1994 re-election effort. He also worked closely with the Washington State Republican Party to design and implement a coordinated voter program that helped win an historic Republican victory in Washington State.

Mr. Kaiser's previous political and public affairs experience includes three years as Special Assistant to Senator Gorton and Executive Director of George Bush's Victory '92 program in Washington State. He served as Deputy Field Director at the National Republican Congressional

Committee and as a Field Coordinator at the National Republican Senatorial Committee. He also spent three years in New York City helping to coordinate the production of 38 hours of videotaped interviews with Richard Nixon for Frank Gannon Communications. Mr. Kaiser is a 1980 graduate of Hobart College.

#### Paul Korman - Partner, Van Ness Feldman LLP

Paul Korman is experienced in complex litigation before federal and state courts and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He advises interstate pipelines, intrastate pipelines, natural gas producers, marketers, and distribution companies on virtually all aspects of natural gas regulation. Mr. Korman represents companies and investors in rate cases, complaints, and confidential investigations before FERC and other regulatory agencies involving both natural gas and electricity. In November 2007, he was invited to be a member of the "Practitioners Panel" at FERC's first conference on Energy Policy Act of 2005 enforcement. He has also successfully argued cases before the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, Mr. Korman served as the Assistant General Counsel of MidCon Corp., a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation. In addition to representing MidCon Corp. at FERC, he was responsible for all phases of complex litigation between two interstate pipelines, which included proceedings before federal and state courts and FERC. He also managed administrative litigation and won reversal of an order seeking over \$1 billion in restitution, precipitating a favorable settlement.

Mr. Korman serves as the Firm's Ethics Officer and previously served as a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

He has a B.A. from the City University of New York, Brooklyn College and a juris doctor from New York Law School.

#### Damien R. Lyster - Counsel, Energy Regulation, Vinson & Elkins LLP

Mr. Lyster represents companies in the energy industry in transactional and regulatory matters. He has advised clients on numerous transactional and regulatory issues related to power sales and marketing; the production, gathering, transportation, and storage of natural gas; the transportation of liquid hydrocarbons; and the sale or acquisition of electric power and natural gas assets.

He has represented gas and liquids midstream companies and gas and oil exploration and production companies in drafting and negotiating gathering, processing and transportation agreements, as well as project developers relying on gas or natural gas liquids for feedstock. He has also represented gas and liquids transmission providers, owners of electric generators, and power marketers before the Department of State, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Department of Energy. Damien has also represented clients in administrative litigation before FERC and in FERC enforcement investigations.

Mr. Lyster earned a B.A. in Economics, Russian, and Global Studies from the University of Iowa and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

#### Hazen Marshall - Policy Director, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

Hazen Marshall is from Hennessey, Oklahoma, and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He spent seventeen years in the U.S. Senate from 1987 to 2004 working for Senator Don Nickles (R-OK), including six years in the Assistant Republican Leader's office and two years as Majority Staff Director for the Senate Budget Committee.

Mr. Marshall departed the Senate to become a founding partner of the Nickles Group in 2004 where he spent ten years providing business consulting and lobbying services to numerous Fortune 100 businesses and trade associations.

In 2015 Mr. Marshall returned to the U.S. Senate as Policy Director for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

#### Katherine Monge - Senior Policy Advisor, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

Katherine Monge serves as Senior Policy Advisor to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. She advises the Leader on tax, trade, social security, and pension issues. Prior to joining the Leader's staff, she was the Tax Counsel to Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Before joining Senator Cardin's staff, Monge was an Associate in the Tax Department at Mayer Brown LLP in New York. Her practice focused primarily on structured finance transactions and financial products. She also advised clients on financing renewable energy projects, structuring business combination transactions, complying with U.S. tax obligations, and obtaining and complying with tax-exempt status. Prior to law school,

Monge was an Associate at The Albright Group LLC. There, she developed and implemented strategies to assist Fortune 500 clients to enter markets, reduce political and reputational risk, and build strategic relationships. Katherine also acted as a policy advisor to former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner. Monge began her career on Capitol Hill, working on a variety of policies for Congressman James L. Oberstar and Senator Mark Dayton.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Boston College Law School.

# Mark Prater - Managing Partner, National Tax Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers

In June of 2018, Mr. Prater joined PWC's National Tax Services division. Prior to joining PWC, Mr. Prater served on the Senate Finance Committee for nearly 30 years. He was the Chief Tax Counsel and Deputy Staff Director for the Committee. He was instrumental in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act as well as every other meaningful piece of tax legislation in the last quarter century.

In 2011, Mr. Prater served as Staff Director for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Supercommittee). Prior to his work on Capitol Hill, Mr. Prater worked in private practice.

Mr. Prater graduated from Portland State University with a B.S. in accounting and received his J.D. from Willamette University and his LLM in Taxation from the University of Florida.

#### Shemin Proctor - Managing Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Shemin Proctor is the Managing Partner of the Washington, DC office, and she divides her time between the Washington and Houston offices. She represents major energy companies, including natural gas and oil pipelines, energy marketing and trading companies, and midstream service providers, in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and has represented natural gas pipelines before the federal courts. Shemin has counseled clients in numerous rate, restructuring, tariff, certificate, complaint and enforcement matters in natural gas, oil and electric proceedings before the FERC, other agencies and federal courts. Shemin also works with clients seeking to construct natural gas storage and liquefied natural gas facilities. In addition, she has counseled energy companies on natural gas matters arising from bankruptcy and has

experience in the antitrust, mergers & acquisitions and public offering areas.

Ms. Proctor received her A.B. from Harvard University – Radcliffe College and her juris doctor from Harvard Law School.

### Marty Reiser - Legislative Counsel, Office of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise

Marty Reiser serves as Legislative Counsel for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise. In this role he focuses on healthcare, trade, tax and pension policy.

Prior to joining Rep. Scalise's staff, Mr. Reiser served as professional staff for the House Ways and Means Committee Health Subcommittee (Majority). In this role, he was responsible for health care issues impacting private insurance, employers, taxes and the economy. Previously, he served as a manager of government policy for Xerox Corporation, and specialized in health, pension benefit and economic issues. In this role he chaired the National Coalition on Benefits, a leading coalition of 200 companies and trade associations formed to advocate for employer interests in health care reform. Mr. Reiser has also served as a Chief of Staff for Rep. Dan Miller (R-FL) and as Rep. Miller's associate to the Budget Committee. He served as a staff member of the Minority leader's task Force on Health during the legislative debate over the Health Security Act (HillaryCare) and as lead staff for the Medicare Communications Group during the debate over the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. From 1999-2003, he served as Vice President of Public Policy for Citizens for a Sound Economy, a freemarket thin tank that focused on public policy issues impacting the economy. Mr. Reiser began his career at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

He holds a law degree from George Mason University and a master's in International Affairs from George Washington University. He earned a BA from Holy Cross.

#### Angela Richards - Partner, Capital Markets and Tax, Sidley Austin

Angela Richards' practice includes experience in various federal income tax matters with an emphasis on domestic business transaction planning. She has significant experience advising publicly traded partnerships (MLPs) on capital formation, acquisition and recapitalization activities and has served as tax counsel to both issuers and underwriters in connection with numerous MLP initial public and follow-on offerings. Richards also

advises clients on federal income tax issues in mergers and acquisitions, including tax-free reorganizations.

Richards has been acknowledged in numerous industry publications. *Texas Monthly* recognized her as a Texas Rising Star (2016-2017) and *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized her for Tax Law (2016-2017). Richards was featured as one of the leading Tax lawyers in the U.S. by *The US Legal 500* (2015-2017). She was also named a Top Lawyer in Houston by *Houstonia Magazine*.

Richards earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and her J.D. at the University of Houston Law Center.

# Kathy Roberts - Vice President, Investor Relations, Natural Resource Partners, L.P.

Kathy H. Roberts is Vice President, Investor Relations of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC. Ms. Roberts joined NRP in July 2002. She was the Principal of IR Consulting Associates from 2001 to July 2002 and from 1980 through 2000 held various financial and investor relations positions with Santa Fe Energy Resources, most recently as Vice President—Public Affairs. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ms. Roberts currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Master Limited Partnership Association and has served on the local board of directors of the National Investor Relations Institute and maintained professional affiliations with various energy industry organizations. She has also served on the Executive Committee and as a National Vice President of the Institute of Management Accountants.

# Vanessa P. Sciarra - Vice President for Legal Affairs and Trade & Investment Policy, National Foreign Trade Council

Vanessa P. Sciarra is the Vice President for Legal Affairs and Trade & Investment Policy at the National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC). Prior to joining the NFTC, Sciarra served as Vice President of the Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT). Her additional experience includes working in the private sector, most recently with the law firm of Cassidy Levy Kent LLP in their Washington, D.C. office. Her law firm experience included a broad range of international trade matters representing a diverse group of clients in the manufacturing, pharmaceutical, medical devices, trucking, and shipping sectors. She advised these clients in the areas of customs, export controls, and economic sanctions compliance as well as antidumping and

countervailing duty cases. She routinely appeared before the key U.S. trade agencies, including the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) at the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Prior to entering private practice, Sciarra served as an Assistant General Counsel with the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in Washington, D.C. While in that position, she worked on the negotiation and implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), particularly with respect to services, investment and dispute settlement obligations. She also served as legal counsel during the negotiation of the General Agreement on Trade Services (GATS) and participated in the drafting of the Uruguay Round implementing bill. Prior to her work at USTR, Vanessa was a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Civil Division. In this position, she represented the U.S. Government in cases involving the antidumping and countervailing duty laws, customs matters, and government contracts. She regularly briefed and argued cases before the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Sciarra is a member of the District of Columbia Bar. She earned her B.A., summa cum laude, in History from Yale College, her M.Sc., with distinction, in Economics (International Relations) from the London School of Economics, and her J.D. from the Yale Law School.

#### Peter Sheffield - Vice President, U.S. External Affairs, Enbridge

Peter Sheffield is the Vice President of U.S. External Affairs at Enbridge. He came to Enbridge in the merger with Spectra in early 2017.

Sheffield was the Vice President of energy policy and government affairs for Spectra Energy Corp. He oversaw the company's U.S. and Canadian federal government relations activities and public policy issues, as well as U.S. state government affairs. He also managed Spectra Energy's Washington, D.C., office, where he is the company's primary liaison with members of Congress, Congressional staff and the Executive Branch.

He joined Spectra Energy's predecessor company, Duke Energy, in 2002, serving in a number of capacities, including national media spokesman,

manager of media relations and director of external relations, responsible for the company's communications with external audiences.

Before joining Duke Energy, Sheffield was press secretary to the United States House of Representatives' Committee on Energy and Commerce, serving as primary spokesman and senior advisor to two chairmen.

Sheffield earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business in Durham, N.C.

## Marc Short – Partner, GuidePost Strategies, Former White House Director of Legislative Affairs and Assistant to the President

Marc Short joined GuidePost Strategies in August of 2018. He also joined the faculty at the University of Virginia and is a senior fellow at the Miller Center at the University.

Short has long been well known in the Republican circles of Washington, D.C. He was named the White House Director of Legislative in early 2017.

He was instrumental in the final stretch of the Trump campaign and served as Vice President Mike Pence's campaign communications director. Prior to his campaign work, Mr. Short was the President of Freedom Partners, a non-profit, chamber of commerce. He also served as Chief of Staff to then-Congressman Mike Pence (IN-2) and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX).

Mr. Short received his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee University and his M.B.A from the University of Virginia.

#### Amy Sutton - Tax Partner, Deloitte

Amy Sutton is a partner of the Passthroughs Group in the Washington National Tax Office of Deloitte Tax LLP and works in the Houston office. She specializes in partnership taxation with an emphasis on publicly traded partnerships and the use of partnerships in mergers and acquisitions. She joined the National Tax Office in 1998, working in Washington, D.C. from 1998 to 1999 and in New York City from 1999 to 2002.

Prior to joining the National Tax Office, Ms. Sutton practiced from 1990 to 1998 in Deloitte's San Francisco office, where she concentrated on partnership, S corporation, and individual taxation in the real estate and investment fund industries.

Ms. Sutton is a Certified Public Accountant and is licensed in the states of California and Texas. She is a member of the AICPA and has served on the AICPA Partnership Taxation Technical Resource Panel. Ms. Sutton is coauthor of the on-line treatise, Federal Income Taxation of Passive Activities, published by Warren, Gorham& Lamont, and of the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) portfolio, Publicly Traded Partnerships.

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#### Anna Taylor - Counsel, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

Anna Taylor serves as Counsel in the office of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. She joined Leader Schumer's office in 2012.

Taylor began her career as a Legislative Assistant for former Senator Blanche Lincoln. She then was a Principal at the Podesta Group.

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#### Chris Vaughn - Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP

Chris Vaughn represents clients on matters involving a public policy component, emphasizing domestic and international federal tax issues. Ms. Vaughn's practice covers legislative projects before the U.S. Congress and matters before federal Executive branch departments and agencies, notably the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service. Her representation includes advice on specific legislative developments, preparation and implementation of strategic plans, consultation with government officials, development of client positions in regulations, rulings, and similar administrative guidance, and work on the resolution of specific tax disputes, both before the IRS and in litigation.

Before joining Vinson & Elkins, Ms. Vaughn served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department. Before that she was Director of Tax Policy for the U.S. Chamber of Congress. Ms. Vaughn received her B.A. from Rutgers University and her J.D. and L.L.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

## Jayme White - Chief Advisor on International Competitiveness and Innovation, Senate Committee on Finance (Minority)

Jayme White is the Chief Advisor for International Competitiveness and Innovation for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, serving as the top advisor on international trade to Democratic Senators on the Committee. In this position, White works to develop and conduct oversight on the implementation of, U.S. trade objectives, particularly as they relate to digital trade issues, as well as identify other policies that can improve American businesses' and innovators' ability to compete at home and in foreign markets. White played an instrumental role in the development and enactment of Trade Promotion Authority, renewal and expansion of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, trade preferences for Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act.

White has served in Congressional offices for 16 years. Before taking his position for the Finance Committee under the leadership of Senator Wyden, he served as Wyden's Legislative Director and led his work on technology policy, including the fight to defeat Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA). He also worked in the House of Representatives for senior Ways and Means Committee member, Representative Jim McDermott of Washington. Before Capitol Hill, White worked in the private sector in Seattle, Washington, his hometown, where he operated an independent record company.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgetown University.

#### Brad Whitehurst - EVP & Head of Tax, Energy Transfer Equity, LP

Brad Whitehurst has served as the Executive Vice President and Head of Tax of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. since August 2014. Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. is the general partner of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Sunoco Partners, L.P.

Prior to joining Energy Transfer Equity L.P., Mr. Whitehurst was a partner in the Washington, DC office of Bingham McCutchen LLP and an attorney in the Washington, DC offices of both McKee Nelson LLP and Hogan & Hartson. Mr. Whitehurst has specialized in partnership taxation and has advised Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and its subsidiaries in his current role and as outside counsel since 2006.

#### Lori Ziebart - Executive Director, Master Limited Partnership Association

Lori Ziebart leads and manages MLPA's operations and outreach activities with policymakers and the investment community to communicate the significant value master limited partnerships ("MLPs") contribute to the U.S. economy.

Ms. Ziebart spent several years on Capitol Hill, holding positions of increasing responsibility including tax counsel to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee. Ms. Ziebart also previously worked for KPMG and Vinson & Elkins, and served as Vice President of Government Affairs for El Paso Corporation and Goldman Sachs before establishing her own consulting business. Before becoming Executive Director, she was engaged by MLPA to support its legislative and regulatory outreach activities.

Ms. Ziebart received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College (*cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*) and her juris doctor Georgetown University Law Center. She serves on the Advisory Board of Alerian.