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## SPEAKER BIOS

**Lindsay Forbes** is a Senior Associate Attorney with Schulz Trade Law PLLC. Lindsay is an international trade attorney who advises companies of all sizes with import, export, sanctions, and foreign investment activities. She is a University of Texas School of Law alumna and a reformed commercial litigation attorney.

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**Billie Jo (BJ) Demery** is Legal Counsel, International Trade and Compliance with Texas Instruments. Ms. Demery has over 30 years in the international trade industry and is a licensed customs broker. Ms. Demery served the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs on the Defense Trade Advisory Group for two terms based on her extensive experience and qualifications. She earned her J.D. from Texas Wesleyan School of Law and Masters of Law in Tax from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

**Edgar Klee** is a Mexican attorney partner in the Tax Practice Group at Haynes and Boone, S.C. and administrative partner of Haynes and Boone's Mexico City office. He focuses on offering corporate tax advice on international taxation, tax counseling for individuals, legal structuring, customs and foreign trade, and general tax litigation. Member of Mexican Bar (Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados) Public Accounting Academy for Tax Studies (Academia de Estudios Fiscales de la Contaduría Pública) International Fiscal Association (IFA). Recognized in Chambers Latin America, Chambers & Partners, for Tax (Mexico), 2016-2023 Recognized in Chambers Global, Chambers & Partners, for Tax (Mexico), 2019, 2022, 2023

**Donald Pearce** is a Senior Trade Advisor at Torres Trade Advisory, LLC. He is a retired Special Agent from the US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security and is a subject matter expert in strategic trade control policy, transnational criminal investigations, and national security issues. He provides real-world solutions and guidance to companies and governments on security and compliance strategies, due diligence research, and successfully implementing and navigating multilateral trade controls.

**Derrick Kyle** is a Senior Associate at Torres Trade Law. He assists clients with all facets of global trade, including matters related to export controls governed by the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), customs, sanctions, and foreign direct investment issues under the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

**Kim Cummings** serves as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Talent and Workforce Planning for Children's Health Dallas. In this role, Kim leads human resources, talent strategy and talent initiatives for the Children's Health Dallas campus and service area.

**Fred Gaona III** is a Partner with Frost Todd Brown in Dallas. He practices in all types of labor and employment disputes, including claims under Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act and numerous state statutes. Fred also handles disputes involving unfair competition issues, including non-competition agreements, non-solicitation agreements, confidentiality agreements and misappropriation of trade secrets. He has successfully defended employers against a variety of high stakes claims through dispositive motions, skillful negotiation and aggressive litigation when necessary. Fred has worked with clients in many different industries, including transportation, energy, retail and construction.

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**Eric F. Hinton** is the founding Director of the Robert B. Rowling Center for Business Law & Leadership at SMU Dedman School of Law. In addition to directing the Rowling Center, he teaches international business law, European Union law, and ethics and compliance law at SMU Dedman School of Law and Loyola Chicago University Corboy School of Law.

**Kay Bailey Hutchison** has decades of experience in the public and private sectors, She is a public servant and businesswoman who has served in roles from bank executive to U.S. Senator to most recently, U.S. Ambassador to NATO.

**Dr. Rick Halperin** started teaching in 1985 in the William P. Clements Department of History, and began teaching human rights courses in 1990. After being chosen as Director of the new Embrey Human Rights Program, he began overseeing its academic program, planning its public events, and developing a wide array of human rights focused trips. Halperin has held many leadership positions in human rights and social justice organizations. During his more than 50-year affiliation with Amnesty International USA, he has served as chair of its board of directors three times. He has also served on the boards of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, the Center for Survivors of Torture, the International Rescue Committee and the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has participated in a U.N. human rights delegation that inspected Irish prison conditions in Dublin and Belfast, as well as in delegations monitoring human rights in El Salvador and Palestinian refugee camps in Gaza. Halperin holds degrees in Southern U.S. History from Auburn University (PhD, 1978), Southern U.S. History from Southern Methodist University (MA, 1974), and U.S. History from George Washington University (BA, 1971). He also studied at The Sorbonne in Paris (1968-1969).

**John Vernon** is a practicing attorney for over 42 years in the area of international mergers & acquisitions, franchising and trade law. In addition, he is an adjunct law and human rights professor at SMU and pro bono counsel in human rights cases in the U.S. and abroad. Also, he is an author and frequent speaker on international law and human rights issues domestically and globally.

**Jeffrey Kahn** is the University Distinguished Professor of Law at SMU, where his scholarship focuses on comparative law and human rights. He is a graduate of Yale University, received his doctorate in Russian politics from Oxford, and his law degree from the University of Michigan. He has been a visiting professor at McGill University, Washington & Lee, and a Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Oslo.

**Howard Hacker** has served as Chief Compliance Officer of Walmart's Global Health & Wellness business since October of last year where he was responsible for overseeing Walmart's relevant ethics and compliance programs. Previously he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Tenet Health from 2016-22. Hacker joined Tenet after more than a decade at Pfizer Inc., where he had served as vice president and chief compliance counsel of Pfizer's global established pharmaceutical business. He had been with Pfizer since 2004. Prior to Pfizer, Hacker worked for such notable law firms as Jones Day and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Field, where he specialized in mergers & acquisitions, and securities law.

**Betty Ungerman** is Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer of Lennox International Inc. (NYSE LII), a leading global provider of climate-control solutions in the heating, air conditioning and refrigeration markets, with approximately 11,000 employees. Betty is also President of the LII LENNOX Foundation. Betty spearheaded LII's ESG program and published their first ESG report in December 2020 and then again in 2021 and 2022. She also leads the Ethics & Compliance Office and Global Trade Compliance activities.