

An Afternoon with the Corporate Law Society

Panel Discussion: Outside Counsel

Thursday September 24th

Programs will include a discussion with general counsels and chief legal officers representing diverse corporate clients, and a panel designed to educate our students about the many corporate career paths ahead.

MODERATOR

Professor Danielle Stokes comes to Syracuse from the law firm McGuireWoods, where she assisted clients with land use and real estate transactions. While at the University of Virginia School of Law, she was an Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of Social Policy & the Law*. She also served on the policy council for the University of Virginia chapter of the Black Law Students Association and as the Moot Court Specialist for the National Black Law Students Association.

Hermes Fernandez L'81

Partner, Bond Schoeneck & King, Albany, NY

Hermes concentrates his practice in the areas of administrative and legislative law, health law, government regulation and litigation, advising clients on the requirements of and compliance with State statutes and regulations.

He frequently represents clients before the Legislature and state agencies and appears in administrative proceedings and in the courts. His experience runs the gamut from state contracts to constitutional issues to rate-making to regulatory compliance to minority and women-owned business enterprises. Hermes frequently structures client's business transactions and negotiates contracts. He has handled numerous cases of first impression.

Prior to joining the firm, Hermes served as Assistant Counsel to Governor Mario Cuomo. Before coming to Albany, he was a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the United States Justice Department in Washington, D.C., and judicial clerk to the Hon. John A. MacKenzie, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Hermes has written and lectured on various topics in health law, and administrative and governmental practice.

David P. Wales L'95

Partner, Antitrust/Competition, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Washington, DC

Wales has the distinctive experience of serving as a senior official in both U.S. antitrust agencies. Most recently, he served as acting director of the Bureau of Competition (2008-09) during a three-year tenure at the Federal Trade Commission, where he oversaw all of the agency's antitrust enforcement activity, including in the health care, pharmaceutical, oil and gas, technology, chemical, defense, retail and consumer product industries. He also served as counsel to the assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division (2001-03), where he was part of the small front-office team managing all of the agency's merger and conduct matters, including in the software, steel, defense, industrial, financial, agriculture, telecom, media, transportation and energy industries.

In addition to transactional matters, Mr. Wales represents clients in antitrust litigation, cartels and other types of government investigations, including representations for Deutsche Bank, Boeing, John Deere, Cardinal Health, Parker Hannifin and others.

Mr. Wales regularly speaks and writes on antitrust issues and has held various leadership positions in the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section. Recognized as a leading antitrust practitioner, he is consistently ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Legal 500*, *The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers & Economists* and *Best Lawyers*.

Emanuela (Amy) D'Ambrogio L'02

Counsel, Barclay Damon

Amy's practice involves national real property tax compliance and defense work relating to property taxation. She also counsels not-for-profit entities providing critical services to individuals with special needs and disabilities on legal compliance and defends these organizations in the event of alleged legal violations, both civil and criminal.

Amy primarily concentrates her practice on representing businesses, energy and utility clients, and individuals in real property tax, eminent domain, and land use disputes. She routinely assists energy and utility clients in negotiating tax-assessment reductions, resulting in substantial real property tax savings. Amy also routinely advises clients on defending eminent domain proceedings, from preliminary hearing stages to litigation involving the acquisition of real property interests, trade fixtures, and leasehold rights.

Amy also represents health care not-for-profits, including agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, and alcohol- and other substance-use disorders. She routinely counsels health care clients who are responding to Medicaid and other government investigations and audits as well as related employment and contract matters.

Francisco (Cisco) Palao-Ricketts L'03

Partner and Leader, West Coast Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice, DLA Piper

Palao-Ricketts advises start-up, emerging growth and public companies on complex tax, securities, employment and ERISA issues that arise in compensation arrangements. Located in Silicon Valley, his practice primarily focuses on counseling companies in the technology and life sciences sectors.

He has been recognized by The Legal 500 US for his achievements at DLA Piper. Palao-Ricketts was born in Cuzco, Peru and lived there until he was about six-and-a-half years old as an American born abroad. In the early 1980s, he moved to Illinois and later graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory High School and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Palao-Ricketts is a member of the College of Law's Board of Advisors.

Lana Yaghi L'14

Senior Attorney, Miller Canfield, Washington DC and New York City

She focuses her practice on corporate and commercial matters in a broad range of industries, including aviation, cybersecurity and defense. She regularly advises U.S. and foreign clients on their cross-border business activities, particularly in connection with the establishment of operations and negotiation of commercial arrangements in the State of Qatar and the United States. A significant portion of her cross-border work relates to the representation of clients in connection with the acquisition, sale, financing and global operations of corporate aircraft.

Lana was previously an associate at a large international law firm and focused her practice on corporate and commercial matters between the U.S. and Qatar. Prior to that, Lana served as a Legal Fellow at the Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and a volunteer attorney for the New York State Office of the Attorney General.