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as a Rising Star for transportation and maritime. Ferchmin received her juris doctor from Tulane University and received her bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University.

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Stephen Hanemann is an international trade attorney and counselor and practices in the areas of admiralty, maritime, vessel finance and international trade.

Hanemann is a member of the board of directors, World Trade Center of New Orleans; president, Law Alumni board of directors, Loyola University; and member, Boys Hope Girls Hope of New Orleans. He received the New Orleans CityBusiness Leadership in Law Award (2012); and Louisiana Super Lawyers (2012 to date). He received his bachelor of arts degree in French from the University of Texas and also studied French abroad at the Université Catholique De L'Ouest in Angers, France. He also completed coursework at the University of New Orleans. He earned his juris doctor from Loyola University where he served as a member of the Moot Court program, Moot Court T.A. He was treasurer and president of the Student Bar Association. He also holds an International Trade Certificate, having successfully completed the World Trade Center of New Orleans International Trade Certificate program.

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Daniella Silberstein co-leads the mergers and acquisitions and private equity practice team. Her practice primarily focuses on mergers and acquisitions, securities law and corporate governance. She advises clients on domestic and cross-border



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mergers, carve-out transactions, joint ventures, spin-offs, financing transactions, private investments in public entities and securities offerings. Silberstein also represents clients in corporate governance matters and has assisted clients in defending against hostile takeovers and proxy contests. She has advised a broad range of public and private companies across several industries, including health care, oil and gas, biotechnology, gaming, aerospace, retail and financial institutions. Prior to joining Jones Walker in 2013, she practiced law at Wachtell Lipton in New York.

Silberstein served on the board of directors of the Louisiana chapter of Young ACG, an organization for professionals age 35 and younger involved in corporate growth, corporate development and mergers and acquisitions. She is the former president and current treasurer of the Harvard Club of Louisiana. She was named a Rising Star in the area of mergers and acquisitions in the 2018 edition of Louisiana Super Lawyers, in which she has been listed annually since 2015. She was recognized in the 2012 edition of New York Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in the area of business/corporate. Silberstein earned her juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and economics from Columbia University.

Leah Nunn Engelhardt
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Leah Engelhardt offers a rich background in litigation, insurance counseling and volunteer management. She has represented insurers in matters involving property, bad faith, energy, long-tail pollution claims, health hazard, marine, subrogation, construction defect



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and employer liability disputes, and other excess and primary general liability claims. She draws upon over two decades of diverse experience in a national insurance litigation and counseling practice for domestic and London Market insurers. Engelhardt's practice includes experience on a wide range of first and third-party matters under various forms of primary, umbrella, excess and OCCIP policies. Prior to joining Chaffe McCall, she served as the managing partner of a regional law firm where she routinely advised domestic and international insurer clients in connection with insurance coverage, defense and complex litigation matters. She previously served for over 10 years with a mid-sized AmLaw 200 law firm as a member of the insurance and reinsurance practice group. Throughout the course of her career, Engelhardt has counseled both domestic and foreign insurers on coverage matters and represented these clients in litigation in several jurisdictions throughout the country.

Engelhardt participates in pro bono and charitable activities, working with various nonprofits in board leadership and fundraising positions, including Children's Hospital, New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana Children's Museum, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans and the Audubon Institute. She currently serves as a board member for Bureau of Governmental Research and is chairman of the executive committee and Good Government and Ethics Committee for Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans. She is a frequent recipient of national recognition in several areas of law. Most recently she was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for insurance law; she is rated AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell's highest ranking by peers for ethical standards and legal ability; and was a 2016 Young Leadership Council Role Model Award recipient. Engelhardt is a graduate of



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Katherine "Kathy" Conklin
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Katherine Conklin focuses on employee benefits in both the welfare and retirement benefit areas. She assists numerous plan sponsors in their compliance with applicable laws, including the Internal Revenue Code, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Conklin's work includes prohibited transaction consultation, fiduciary exposure with respect to plan investments, redesign and termination of plans for cost savings and negotiation of third-party service provider contracts. In addition to drafting all types of qualified plans and submitting such plans to the IRS for approval where applicable, she has also done much work in the area of non-qualified plans, including executive deferred compensation and 457(f) plans. In the welfare benefits area, she has drafted medical benefits plans, cafeteria plans, health reimbursement arrangements, dependent care assistance plans and occupational injury plans. She assists clients daily in administering these plans to comply with applicable laws, such as tax laws, ERISA and HIPAA. A particular area of proficiency is compliance with the health continuation requirements of COBRA. Conklin also advises clients on employment law compliance with laws such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and other laws governing the workplace. She frequently assists employers in drafting severance agreements in compliance

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with the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act and assists employers to observe U.S. immigration laws when employing aliens to work in the U.S., which includes obtaining and renewing appropriate visas and work authorizations.

Conklin is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association for Employee Benefits Planners, the Louisiana State and The New Orleans Bar Associations and the New Orleans Estate Planning Council. She is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated Lawyer; won the Chambers USA Louisiana award in labor and employment and employee

benefits and compensation; has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America in employee benefits law from 2005-2018; was the Best Lawyers New Orleans Lawyer of the Year in 2015 for employee benefits law; and was in the Louisiana Super Lawyers Top 25 Women Louisiana Super Lawyers in 2012. She received her juris doctor from Tulane University and her bachelor of arts degree from LSU.

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Matthew Sherman handles personal

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Sherman is the director for the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation; member of the Metairie Park Country Day Alumni board; member of the Foundation Preparatory Chapter School Founding board; member of the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation's Annual Golf Classic committee; former second vice president for Lake Vista Property Owners Association; former treasurer for the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District; and member of the Audubon

Institute's Scales & Ales Host Committee. He received the New Orleans CityBusiness "Leadership in Law" Award in 2017 and 2018. Sherman received his bachelor of arts from Southern Methodist University and his juris doctor from Loyola University.

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