



FACULTY GUESTS

The Harmonie Group & Canadian Litigation Counsel would like to thank the following industry leaders for their participation in our 2019 Fall Conference. We are especially appreciative of them sharing their knowledge and insights into their respective fields and areas of expertise.

ROLAND BLASHÉ

Director – Legal Department **National Credit Center (NCC)**

Roland Blashé is currently the Legal Director for Las Vegas-based National Credit Center where he oversees all litigation matters as they pertain to NCC's clients Breach of Contract Matters, as well as managing client compliance and recovery of delinquent accounts. Mr. Blashé attempts to work with NCC's clients to retain their business or come to a settlement or contract buyout agreement. If all attempts to get the client to cooperate with NCC fails, and only after full account and contract research is conducted, he will finalize the decision to file a complaint in Nevada, which maintains jurisdiction over NCC's client contracts.



DAVID BROPHEY

Attorney, Risk Management & Litigation **J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.**

Currently, Mr. Brophey is an attorney in the Risk Management & Litigation group at J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc. In this role, he manages all aspects of ongoing nationwide litigation, including witness preparation, depositions, discovery, fact gathering and analysis, motion practice, and e-discovery. Additionally, he supervises and manages outside counsel from the development of a strategy to its day-to-day execution and collaborates with management to minimize future litigation risk.



JUSTIN N. DAVIS

Claims Manager **Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Companies**

Justin Davis is a Claims Manager at Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company in Algona, Iowa. He oversees the General Liability & Auto Liability Claims Unit, responsible for providing excellent service and quality to PhMIC members. Prior to his current position, he has worked in the capacity of Regional Claims Supervisor – Central Region, as well as Claims Manager – Subrogation Unit.



STEVE HECKLE

Vice President Risk Management **LKQ Corporation**

Steve Heckle is a seasoned executive with a strong core in risk management, supplemented with experience in other business functions. Currently, Mr. Heckle works for LKQ Corporation as their Vice President Risk Management, having been a part of LKQ's rapid domestic and international growth including involvement in dozens and some large (over \$700M) acquisitions. LKQ (NASDAQ – LKQ) is an international Fortune 300 public company with over \$12B in annual revenue and a global leader in alternative replacement auto parts.



CHARLES LAMBERTA

GB Specialty - Director of Healthcare Western Litigation

Charles (“Charlie”) Lamberta has over 29 years of insurance and reinsurance multi-line claims experience, with heavy emphasis in the fields of healthcare, professional and general liability. He is currently the Director of Healthcare for GB Specialty, an industry leading professional liability claims and risk administration and consulting company. In his capacity as Director, he is ultimately responsible for all technical, administrative and operational aspects of healthcare industry servicing.



DAVID LATHAM

Assistant Vice President Claims Avant Specialty Claims, Inc.

David Latham joined ASC in June of 2008. He brings with him nearly 20 years of claims adjusting experience from nationally recognized insurance companies.

All of his years of experience are in the commercial transportation segment.

- Harleysville Insurance
- CNA Insurance
- Graward General
- SCLA (Senior Claim Law Associate)



ANGIE LEATHERS

Litigation Manager Averitt Express, Inc.

Angie Leathers began her career at Averitt Express then left to pursue a career in the legal field. She has 23 years of experience in the legal field serving initially as a legal assistant, then paralegal, office manager and senior paralegal in private law firms. She then came full circle returning to Averitt as litigation coordinator and now her current position as Litigation Manager, assisting Averitt’s general and outside counsel primarily with the defense of their vehicle liability litigation and at times, workers’ compensation, policy and procedure, records retention policy and their dash cam systems policies. Ms. Leathers works at Averitt’s corporate campus in Cookeville, Tennessee, where she monitors, coordinates the scheduling of, and keeps apprised of all aspects of Averitt’s vehicle liability litigation.



RUBY MCBRIDE

President and CEO Colonial Freight Systems, Inc.

Ruby McBride is President and CEO of Colonial Freight Systems, Inc. She has held this position since January 2014. Along with all other responsibilities that go with being President and CEO, she continues to manage all legal actions brought against or initiated by Colonial.

Ms. McBride is currently working with lawmakers in Washington D.C. trying to correct a scrivener’s error in the statute-of-limitations that occurred when the Interstate Commerce Commission was terminated in 1995 (“ICCTA”). Ms. McBride is currently a Vice President at Large for the American Trucking Association “ATA” and serves on ATA’s Board of Directors. She also serves on ATA’s Independent Contractor Policy Committee.



DAVID MCDOWELL

Corporate Director of Risk Management Averitt Express

Averitt Express is a leading provider of freight transportation and supply chain management with international reach to more than 100 countries. Averitt specializes in delivering customized transportation solutions that include cross-border, dedicated, expedited ground/air, intermodal COFC/TOFC, international ocean/air, local customization, less-than-truckload, PortSide®, retail solutions, temperature-controlled, transportation management, truckload (dry van, flatbed, brokerage) and warehousing services. Averitt's technology offerings include a full suite of web-based shipping tools, electronic data interchange (EDI), warehouse management systems (WMS), and transportation and operations management systems. Together, these services and technology solutions provide "The Power of One" to shippers, allowing them access to multiple transportation solutions from a single provider.



KEN NEAL

Customer Relations Manager Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.

Tiffin Motorhomes Inc. is a privately-owned company located in Red Bay, Alabama. Tiffin Motorhomes builds and sells to a network of independent dealers located in the United States, Canada and Australia. This includes fifth wheel travel trailers as well as Class C and Class A motorhomes.



STEVE RICHARDS

Director of Claims & Litigation Coca-Cola Consolidated, Inc.

Mr. Richards is responsible for the design/implementation and financial performance of CCCs' Workers' Compensation Program in 16 states with 16,000+ employees, 14 production centers and 92 distribution centers. He has spoken before the Florida Workers' Compensation Educational Conference in Orlando, Florida, The Charlotte Regional Safety and Health School, the National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference, and has participated on numerous panel discussions throughout the country. Mr. Richards serves the Charlotte community through his participation as a Board of Directors member for The Children's' Home Society, the Charlotte CHS Advisory Board, mentor for a local elementary school, character presenter for Cross Country for Youth and has served on the Mecklenburg County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Board.



JENNIFER (JENN) E. SHAFER

Associate Vice President of Dispute Resolution Black & Veatch

Jennifer (Jenn) Shafer joined Black & Veatch's Legal, Risk Management & Government Affairs team in 2011, and is currently the Associate Vice President of Dispute Resolution, overseeing litigation and claims for the company worldwide. Prior to joining Black & Veatch, Ms. Shafer was a partner at a boutique litigation firm, focusing on complex business and construction disputes, including representing contractors, architects and engineers in a variety of disputes arising from the design and construction of private and public projects. Ms. Shafer graduated Order of the Coif from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, and is a member of the Kansas, Missouri, and American Bar Associations. She has also served as a faculty member for the NITA Advanced Trial Advocacy program.



CINDI SKOWRONSKI

Vice President - Claims
**Old Republic Specialty Insurance
Underwriters**

Cindi Skowronski is the Vice President of Claims for ORSIU and manages several unique programs through program administrators. Some of the specialty programs include taxi -limo, cranes, tow trucks, and sports and entertainment businesses. She joined ORSIU in 2018 but has over 25 years of extensive claim handling experience in the excess and surplus lines of the insurance industry. Ms. Skowronski has handled fatality and catastrophic injury claims along with significant coverage issues throughout her career.

MARSHALL WELLS

Vice President and General Counsel
QuikTrip Corporation

Marshall Wells joined QuikTrip Corporation in 2012 and currently serves in the role of Vice President and General Counsel. In addition to corporate matters, he also oversees general liability and automobile liability claims. Mr. Wells graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1996. Prior to joining QuikTrip, he was a partner at the Hall Estill law firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma, practicing primarily in the areas of civil rights, employment, insurance and personal injury law.

