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Conference Speakers

Ben Ark

SVP, Software R&D | National Corporate Research, Ltd.

Ben Ark is the SVP of Software R&D at National Corporate Research. He has been involved in electronic submission and searching of UCC and business entity filings since 2002. Ben has worked with several jurisdictions during the design and testing phases of their online UCC and business entity systems as a customer stakeholder. He is widely experienced with software development, Agile and Scrum implementations, the IACA XML filing standards and procedures, and jurisdiction filing and search systems. Ben has been attending IACA conferences since 2004 and has served in several technical workgroups and conference panels.

Dr. Thomas A. Bishop

Managing Partner | The Shewhart Group

Dr. Bishop is a managing partner of The Shewhart Group with over 40 years of experience in executive management and statistical consulting, teaching, and applied research. His areas of expertise include training in the essentials of critical thinking, and statistical concepts, theory and methods applied to the formulation and solution of complex business, industrial and government problems. In addition to his work with The Shewhart Group, Dr. Bishop has also served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Statistics at the Ohio State University, where he has taught graduate level courses on statistical consulting and the design of experiments and regression analysis.

Bert Black

Legal Advisor | Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Bert Black is the Legal Advisor for the Office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota, where he is responsible for all legal matters of the office, including elections. Bert has been with the office since 1981, serving as the Director of Business Services among other duties. Prior to joining the Secretary of State's Office, Bert served as the staff attorney and the Reporter for the Minnesota Corporation Law Task Force, and was tasked with conducting all principal research and draft for the 1981 recodification of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act. Bert has taught business entity law courses at both the University of Minnesota Law School and William Mitchell College of Law, and has taught numerous Continuing Legal Education programs on entity law and Revised Article 9 of the UCC.

Wally Boggus

Information Technology | Capitol Services, Inc.

Wally Boggus has been with Capitol Services, Inc. since 2000. Wally previously was the Director of the UCC Section for the Texas Secretary of State. He has also served IACA in various capacities, including serving on numerous committees and as the Chairman of the Secured Transactions Committee.

Annika Bränström

Director General | Swedish Companies Registration Office (Bolagsverket)

Annika Bränström is the Director General of the Companies Registration Office in Sweden, a position she has held since 2008. She has held various positions within the office, including Head of Development and Deputy General Director. For many years, Annika has been supporting and participating in the development of different electronic services, both nationally and internationally. She also has served as the president of the European Commerce Registers Forum (ECRF) since 2014. In addition, she has served as a delegate in the Swedish e-Government delegation and as the Deputy Chairman on the Swedish e-Identification Board.

Jefferson Braswell

CEO & Founding Partner | Tahoe Blue Ltd; Member, Board of Directors | Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation

Jefferson Braswell is the CEO and Founding Partner at Tahoe Blue Ltd, and has been successfully providing leading-edge business solutions for the financial sector for over 30 years. Tahoe Blue Ltd provides advisory and professional services for the design and implementation of risk management systems and enterprise data management solutions for the financial industry. Mr. Braswell has contributed to several projects organized by the Financial Stability Board, including serving as the editor of the compiled LEI Private Sector Preparatory Group recommendations and requirements analysis delivered to the LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee in January 2013. Previously, he served as co-founder and President of Risk Management Technologies, where he designed and led the successful development of advanced enterprise risk management solutions for many of the world's largest financial institutions. Presently, Mr. Braswell serves on the Board of Directors for the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation.

Anthony Bwembya

Registrar & Chief Executive Officer | Patents & Companies Registration Agency, Zambia

Anthony Bwembya joined the Patents and Companies Registration Agency in 2007 and held the position of Assistant Registrar Commercial unit. He was appointed Registrar and Chief Executive Officer in 2011, which is the position he currently holds. As an Advocate of the High Court of Zambia, Mr. Bwembya's interest is Company and Intellectual Property Law.

Hayley Clarke

Director, Business Programs | Service Nova Scotia

As the Director of Business Programs with Service Nova Scotia, Hayley is responsible for the legislation and policy of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies, the Personal Property Registry, the Nova Scotia Business Registry and the Lobbyists' Registry in Nova Scotia. Prior to joining the provincial government, Hayley was a partner in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper, with a focus on corporate and commercial law. She is currently a Director and the President-Elect of the IACA, and a member of each of the Working, Definitions, and Editorial Groups for the ECRF/CRF/IACA International Business Registers Report.

Ben Cronin

CEO and Director | Kyckr Ltd.

Ben Cronin is a founder, CEO and Director of Kyckr Ltd. and its subsidiary, GBRDirect, which was purchased by Kyckr Ltd. in May 2016. Ben fulfills the combined roles of managing all operating activities, including personnel, and developing prospects and clients. Ben's other key role is to engage with official company registries across the globe in order to access the best available company data. Ben believes that knowing who your customers are has never been more important and strives to help organizations develop a transparent and scalable KYC and AML process. Prior to setting up GBRDirect, Ben was a professional Rugby Union player for Munster and Ireland.

Brian Donato

Chief Information Officer | Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

Brian Donato has been the CIO at the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP for the last 14 years. With 27 years of experience ranging from software developer to process engineer and IT director, he brings a broad technology and business background to his current position. Brian serves on ILTA's Risk and Records Management Peer Group Steering Committee.

Jon Evans

President | Tecuity, Inc.

Jon Evans is the President and Founder of Tecuity, Inc. Since its founding, Tecuity has been involved in State Government and supporting Secretary of State Offices and similar Filing Authorities in streamlining operations, improving office efficiencies, and leveraging technology solutions to drive many online services. Jon has been instrumental in the company culture of providing exceptional customer service. It is not only Jon's personal goal but Tecuity's goal to exceed customer expectations in all projects and engagements.

Cyndi Festa

Data Operation Leader, Dublin/Cardiff | Dun & Bradstreet

Cyndi Festa, a self-professed "data geek", has spent the majority of her career with Dun & Bradstreet, progressing through various operational activities and leadership roles within the organization, including trade payment data and public records. She is currently on assignment in D&B's Dublin, Ireland location where she is responsible for operational activities spanning from North America to Europe and leads teams in both Ireland and the UK. Cyndi is passionate about helping teams achieve their full potential through effective leadership and organizational design and has contributed to panels and online resources on the topic of Women In Leadership. Having participated in both the NASS and IACA organizations, Cyndi has closely followed the evolution of data availability and formats. She has spent her career working with large data aggregators from both the legal and financial sectors and will be sharing insight about the importance of the data you provide and how that inspires and informs business decisions around the globe.

Carmen Flores

Director, Business & Public Filings Division | Office of the Texas Secretary of State

Carmen Flores serves as the Director of Business & Public Filings Division for the Texas Secretary of State's Office. In addition to her position with that office, she also serves as a member of the state bar committees on business organizations code, corporation law and partnerships/LLCs. She is a frequent author and speaker for continuing legal education programs related to business law in the state of Texas.

Keith Fournier

Senior Management Consultant | Major Oak Consulting

Keith Fournier is a Senior Management Consultant with the Major Oak division of Verint Americas Inc. and has over 25 years of experience in Information Technology. He has worked in both private and public sectors as both an IT executive and consultant. Keith is a former CIO and has been involved with every aspect of IT management including networking, data centers, systems and database administration, application development and deployment, system procurement, risk management, governance, strategy, implementation, and project management. Furthermore, Keith has consulted for large private corporations, and local and state governments performing risk management analyses, global platform strategy, core system requirements, portfolio stability assessment modeling, software research, data masking program implementation, system strategy, and project budget/TCO development.

Tim Hall

Director of Government Relations | CT Corporation System

Tim Hall is the Director of Government Relations for CT Corporation System. Tim is a regular contributor to IACA and has been attending the annual IACA conference since 2002. Prior to joining CT, he was an attorney in private practice working in the area of insurance compliance.

Jim Harper

Senior Director of Government Business Development and Operations | DocuSign

Jim Harper has spent the past ten years helping governments provide faster, friendlier, more efficient service through software solutions that transform the way they interact with their constituencies. Currently, Jim is DocuSign's Senior Director of Government Business Development and Operations, responsible for making DocuSign electronic signatures and digital transaction management the standard for governments across the country and around the world. Prior to joining DocuSign, Jim was one of Salesforce.com's first employees focused on addressing the needs of governments, where he shepherded the company's rapid growth in the public sector and was ultimately named Regional Vice President. He has also held management roles at Oracle and AT&T.

Paul Hodnefield

Associate General Counsel | Corporation Service Company

Paul Hodnefield is Associate General Counsel for Corporation Service Company ("CSC"), where he is responsible for advising the company regarding UCC, real estate, and other public record transactional services. In addition to his duties at CSC, he currently serves as Co-Chair of the ABA Joint Task Force on Filing Office Operations and Search Logic and was a member of PEB Working Group on Fraudulent UCC Filings. He is a frequent speaker on UCC search and filing issues and has participated as a panelist in numerous CLE programs for the ABA, state bar associations, and several other organizations. Paul is a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota Bar Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers.

Kevin Kerrigan

Founder | Tower 81 Associates

As the founder of Tower 81 Associates, an IT consultancy firm that provides strategic, operational, and technical advisory services with specific expertise in the registry and regulatory domain, Kevin Kerrigan is passionate about helping governments and commercial organizations achieve best in class processes and IT systems. He has spent the last ten years helping Registrars to overcome challenges with the design, specification, procurement and operation of systems that support corporate, pension, intellectual property, security interests, aviation, and licensing registers. Since 2009, Kevin has held the position of Technical Manager within the European Business Register (EBR) where he provides technical counsel to the Executive Board and is responsible for IT Strategy and the overall management of the electronic network that connects the data sources of the business registers within 27 European countries. He has a wealth of experience establishing interoperability between registers at a national, federal, pan-European and global basis; has experience implementing registry solutions within Europe the Middle East and the US. He has also played central roles in European registry projects including BRITE, EBOCS and e-CODEX.

Daniel Kleinberger

Professor Emeritus | Mitchell Hamline School of Law

As a Professor Emeritus at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Daniel Kleinberger is a nationally recognized expert in business law and practices. In addition to his 28 years teaching business law, he has also served as reporter or co-reporter for five major projects of the Uniform Law Commission. He currently serves as the reporter for the ULC Drafting Committee on Series of Unincorporated Business Entities. He is a prolific author and speaker in many subjects related to business law.

Magdalini Konidari

Global Indicators Group, Development Economics | World Bank Group

Magdalini Konidari joined the Doing Business project of the World Bank Group in January 2013 and works on the Getting Credit - Legal Rights indicator. She has co-authored four Doing Business reports and several case studies about getting credit, the importance of registries and legal research findings on business regulation and the law. Currently she monitors secured transactions and insolvency for a set of 75 economies. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Magda interned with the Delegation of the European Union to the USA and worked as a partner and a lawyer in the private sector.

Kelly Kopyt

Vice President of US Operation | Foster Moore

Kelly Kopyt leads Foster Moore's US team, taking the overall responsibility for delivery and ongoing support for US-based clients. Having joined Foster Moore in 2015, Kelly brought with her 11 years of industry experience as legal counsel to the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, working primarily in the Corporations division. Kelly was also counsel to 13 registries of deeds districts regarding intellectual property licenses, commercial leases, technology contracts and other legal agreements associated with registry operations. She has extensive experience overseeing projects to modernize government workflows and increase efficiency. Kelly is a well-known and respected leader in government administration, having been president and chairing the board of directors of IACA in 2012-2013, while she served as Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Corporations Division.

Julian Lamb

Deputy Registrar/Director, Registry | Jersey Financial Services Commission

Julian Lamb was appointed Director, Registry in August 2006. Julian is currently in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Companies Registry (the "Registry"), which includes policy, the strategic development of the Registry and the increasing international nature of its activities. Prior to joining the Commission in December 1999, Julian had over twenty years' experience in the finance industry in Jersey, including at director level. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. Julian is a board member of a number of international registry organisations. The statutory position of Registrar of Companies continues to be held by the Director General of the Commission. However, Julian has the primary executive responsibility for the leadership and management of the Registry.

Robert Lindsey

Assistant Deputy Clerk | Virginia State Corporation Commission

Robert is the Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Virginia State Corporation Commission and has been with the Clerk's Office since 1996. Robert has held several positions within the Clerk's Office over the last 19 years. Prior to working for the Virginia State Corporation Commission he was an Assistant Vice President for a large national bank. Robert has been a member of IACA for 19 years. During that time, he has held a number of positions on the Board of Directors, including President.

Rebecca Longfellow

Director of Business Services and Associate General Counsel | Office of the Indiana Secretary of State

In her role with the Indiana Secretary of State's office, Rebecca Longfellow oversees business entity filings, commercial liens, trademarks, notaries public, apostille service and service of process sections. Prior to joining Secretary Lawson, Longfellow served on the executive staff of Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy. She also served as a subject matter expert and legal counsel on technology projects for the Oklahoma and California Secretary of State offices. She also currently serves as Treasurer on the IACA board of directors.

Ann Low

Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs | U.S. Department of State

Ann Low is the Deputy Director of the Office of Investment Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and the inventor of GER.co. She has extensive experience in multilateral and economic affairs. Ann represented the United States on the Investment Committee of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and served as Vice-Chair of the OECD Working Party on State Ownership and Privatization Practices. She spearheaded a partnership between UNCTAD and the Global Entrepreneurship Network to develop the Global Enterprise Registration portal (www.GER.co), which is the world's first website with links to all business registration websites in the world, and a rating of each website's user-friendliness. Previously, Ann served as Deputy Director of the office of Intellectual Property Enforcement. Her previous assignments include representing the U.S. at UNCTAD in Geneva, serving as lead U.S. negotiator for the Accra Accord, representing the U.S. at the International Trade Center in Geneva, representing the U.S. at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York and serving as the U.S. representative to the UN Development Program (UNDP) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in New York, among others. In addition, she has served as a visiting Diplomat and adjunct Professor at Columbia University.

Elaine MacEachern

Global Specialist – Secured Transactions and Collateral Registries | World Bank Group, Finance & Markets Global Practice

Elaine MacEachern is a Global Product Specialist for WBG's financial infrastructure secured lending product based in Bangkok, Thailand. Elaine works with WBG clients in the Asia and Africa regions extensively and contributes regularly to the ongoing Financial Inclusion development agenda of ASEAN and APEC Financial Infrastructure working groups, as well as the G20 Joint Action Plan on SME Financing. Elaine has over fifteen years of public and private sector experience and a solid track record providing consultative services and trusted advice to governments, development agencies and international financial institutions. A former Registrar of both Land Titles and Personal Property in Canada, she has participated in the design, development and implementation of many secured transaction reform projects and registry systems in Canada and throughout the world. She actively monitors the global development of secured transaction law and operational frameworks and is frequently sought as a subject matter expert on secured transaction projects around the world.

Mehmet Munur

Partner | Tsibouris & Associates, LLC

Mehmet Munur is a Partner at Tsibouris & Associates, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of technology law, data privacy and security, and financial services. Mehmet also advises clients on privacy issues, laws, and regulation on the state, federal, and international level. He also has in-depth experience with international privacy laws. In his role, he advises clients on all international privacy and data protection issues, including privacy laws in the Asia-Pacific, Canada, South America, and Europe. Mehmet has extensive experience with building and maintaining enterprise-wide privacy and compliance programs. He also advises clients on specific issues relating to cross-border data flows and effects of new technologies on privacy and data protection compliance.

Darrell W. Pierce

Member | Dykema Gossett, PLLC

Darrell Pierce is a member of Dykema Gossett's Corporate Finance group. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial and corporate finance law, handling sophisticated debt finance transactions, restructurings and workouts. He is a co-leader of the firm's Lending Team and supervises its UCC Filing team. Darrell served as a member of the Article 9 Study Committee, and as Chair of the Article 9 Filing Project. He is a Regent of the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys, a member of the American Law Institute, and is a frequent lecturer and writer regarding UCC matters.

Andy Rasmussen

Vice President of Software Implementations | Tecuity, Inc.

Andy Rasmussen is VP of Software Implementations at Tecuity, Inc. With over 11 years at Tecuity working with many state agencies, Andy has been instrumental in leveraging technology solutions and best practices to ensure that each state is able to capitalize on today's demands. Through his experiences with many Secretary of State Offices, he has been able to identify what measures can be taken in order to better utilize the information available and how that data can be summarized into measurable results and key indicators through dashboards, business intelligence outputs, and real-time analytics.

Lisa Pierce Reisz

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Lisa Pierce Reisz is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office, practicing health care privacy, security and IT law. She assists clients in developing comprehensive data privacy and security strategies and in responding to break incidents.

John Robinson

Co-founder and President | Capitol Services, Inc.

John Robinson is the co-founder and President of Capitol Services, Inc. Established in 1978, Capitol Services is headquartered in Austin, Texas, and has over 100 employees in seven states. They provide UCC, Corporate, and Registered Agent services nationwide. Clients include major law firms and corporate legal departments across the U.S. John has served as President of the National Public Records Research Association and on its Board of Directors. John has attended over 30 IACA conferences, and Capitol Services has been a sponsor over that time as well.

Dr. Joseph J. Ruane

Medical Director | OhioHealth McConnell Heart Health Center;

Head Team Physician | Columbus Blue Jackets

As the Medical Director of the McConnell Heart Health Center and founder and lead physician of the McConnell Spine, Sport & Joint Center, Dr. Joseph Ruane's practice is dedicated to comprehensive, non-surgical musculoskeletal care. He is also the Medical Director for the Columbus Blue Jackets and has been a member of the club's medical team since the inaugural 2000-01 season. In addition, Dr. Ruane is co-founder of OhioHealth's Sports Medicine Institute. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine at The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has earned several awards for excellence in teaching and clinical service and is published in peer-reviewed journals and texts. Dr. Ruane travels nationally, educating his peers on musculoskeletal medicine.

Kathy Sachs

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Business Services Division | Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

Kathy Sachs serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the Business Services Division of the Kansas Secretary of State. Over the past three decades, she has worked in a wide variety of professional capacities in the office, as well as serving on state, national and international committees. She was heavily involved the NCUSL Revised Article 9 UCC project and has served as the Secured Transactions Section Chair of IACA. Kathy's contributions to her office include the creation of the first UCC Online filing and search system, which resulted in over 97% of all UCC searches and filing being done online, playing a key role in the creation of the Kansas Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and the implementation of electronic notarizations in Kansas. Kathy is also an active member of the National Association of Secretaries of State, Notary Public Administrators section.

Carsten Schmidt

Project Director/Deputy Head of Division | Ministry of Justice of NRW, Germany

As the Deputy Head of Division in the Division for Information Technology and e-Justice for the Ministry of justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, Carsten Schmidt coordinates the e-Justice activities in the ministry. He also serves as a member of the experts groups for e-Justice, company law and insolvency registers of the European Commission and the Working Party for e-Law/e-Justice of the council of the European Union. Since 2010, Carsten has served as the project director of the e-CODEX project, a large scale project funded by the European Commission and 25 member states and associated countries to establish an interoperability platform for electronic services, such as business registers, in Europe.

Despina Shields

Vice President of UCC Product Management | National Corporate Research, Ltd.

Despina Shields is a vice President of UCC Product Management at National Corporate Research, Ltd., ("NCR"). She has been with NCR since 2009 and her responsibilities include the development and management of NCR's secured transactions and real property services, developing/delivering associated training programs and implementing strategic service initiatives based on client needs as well as changing statutory and filing office requirements. She has played an integral role developing a wide array of Article 9 filing/searching products and related services throughout her career. Ms. Shields has been in the UCC service industry since 1988. She has provided Article 9 seminars for financial institutions, law firms and paralegal associations. Despina is a frequent contributor to IACA, serving both as a frequent speaker and as a member of the Model Administrative Rules committee and the STS Search Logic committee.

Mike Smith

Director of Communications & Compliance | Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority

Mike Smith currently is the Director of Communications and Compliance for the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority. Since joining the office in 1998, Mike has served as the UCC Information Officer and has also been responsible for oversight of the Notary Public Division. In this capacity, he writes and conducts in-person training presentations for the general public and filing offices on the topics of UCC and Notary Public law. Mike currently serves as Immediate Past President on the IACA board of Directors. In addition, he also serves on the board of the Notary Public Administrators, a staff section of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

Marissa Soto-Ortiz

Assistant Director and Attorney for the Corporations Division | Office of the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth

Marissa Soto-Ortiz focuses her work on corporate and other business entity, banking, trademark and UCC filings made with the Division. She is the project manager for the Division's website and database upgrades. She presides over administrative hearings brought before the Corporations Division. Additionally, she assists Chief Legal Counsel in various legal issues within the other Divisions of the Secretary of State's Office. Prior to her current position, she spent one year in the private sector working as an attorney in business litigation, trademarks, commercial real estate, and bankruptcy.

Shawnzia Thomas

Corporations Director | Office of the Georgia Secretary of State

Shawnzia Thomas is the Corporations Director for the Office of the Secretary of State of Georgia. She began her service to the office in 2012, where she started as the call center manager and later accepted her current position. Prior to that, she served as the call center supervisor with the state of Georgia in the Customer Service section of the Governor's office. For thirteen years, she was an underwriter at Atlanta Casualty Insurance Company, where she first served as a call center supervisor.

Amy Upp

Manager of Community Health and Fitness | OhioHealth McConnell Heart Health Center

Amy Upp is the General Manager of Community Health and Fitness at OhioHealth's McConnell Heart Health Center. Amy has been involved in the health and fitness industry for over 15 years and has worked in various aspects of health and wellness including cardiac rehab, personal training, corporate fitness center management, and worksite health and wellness. In addition to Amy's managerial roles at the McConnell Heart Health Center, she works with OhioHealth Employer Services and with corporate clients for program development, class instruction, and coordination of resources for educational and fitness related classes. Amy has been a speaker at the Medical Fitness Association Regional and National conference, Business First Health and Wellness Expo, and at various companies and locations around Columbus. Amy's true passion is helping people find ways to improve their lifestyle, set realistic goals, and find small ways to reach success.

Gary Walsh

Senior Manager | Enterprise Registry Solutions

Gary Walsh is a senior manager within Enterprise Registry Solutions (ERS), located in Ireland. In this capacity, Gary is responsible for the day-to-day management of ERS' operations in Jersey with the Jersey Financial Services Commission. This entails the complete overhaul of the registry systems, including replacing the current system with a modern registry system that incorporates new register types, in particular aircraft and beneficial owner projects. Since joining ERS in 2011, Gary has worked across most areas of the company. His wider role within ERS includes the areas of business development, research and development, and product design. Within this role, Gary has a particular interest in new technologies and has led the ERS research into blockchain and its applications in the registry domain. Gary has presented on this topic at several conferences, including the Jersey Study Tour as part of the Join ECRF/CRF conference in May 2016.

Keith Whitelaw

Chairman and CEO | Whitelaw Consulting Group Ltd.

Keith Whitelaw serves as Chairman and CEO of Whitelaw Consulting Ltd., an international consulting firm delivering advisory services to the World Bank Group and its client countries regarding global business, collateral, and regulatory laws and registries. Since 2012, he has performed legal and technical advisory roles to various African countries, participating in ten missions. He has also participated as a member of the United States Department of State Delegation to multiple sessions of the Working Group I of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He has over 25 years of experience in the practice of law, both in private practice and as in-house counsel, focusing on transactional law. He is a former Director of the Business Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Colorado. He is a Past President of IACA and a past participant at the ECRF conference.

Kenneth Yap

Chief Executive | Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, Singapore

Kenneth Yap is the Chief Executive of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), a position he has held since February 2013. He directs and oversees the operations of the organization, which is the national regulator of business entities, public accountants and corporate service providers in Singapore. This includes the formulations of policies and consideration of law reforms related to business entities and public accountants. Concurrently, he performs the statutory functions of the Registrar of Companies, Businesses, Public Accountants, Limited Liability Partnerships and Limited Partnerships. Kenneth sits on several national councils and committees, including the Corporate Governance Oversight Committee. Additionally, he is on the board of the Executive Committee of the Corporate Registers Forum and the XBRL International. Prior to joining ACRA, he was the Divisional Director of the Legal Services Division at the Ministry of Manpower. His other legal service postings include stints as Deputy Senior State counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers and Senior Assistant Registrar and Director of Finance at the Supreme Court.

Katie Zvolanek

Administrative Counsel and Director of Campaign Finance | Office of the Ohio Secretary of State

Katie Zvolanek joined the Ohio Secretary of State's office in 2011, and serves as Counsel for the Business Services Division, in addition to her duties as the Director of Campaign Finance. As the attorney for the division, Katie helps ensure statutory compliance for all business and UCC filings made with the office and assists the division with policy and procedure decisions. Katie is serving her fourth term as the Chair of the Secured Transactions Section of IACA. Prior to her current position, Katie served as a Government Affairs Specialist for an Ohio-based public affairs and lobbying firm.