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Tom Gannon

LPL Financial | EVP, Chief Advocacy Officer
CABC Chair

Tom Gannon joined LPL Financial in 2024. As Chief Advocacy Officer, he leads LPL Financials' advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels in addition to leading the firm's political action committee (PAC) and the LPL 50 State Advocacy Network. Tom also leads the LPL Foundation and Community Impact teams.

He works closely with policymakers and regulators as well as industry and trade groups, representing LPL advisors and the company to foster alignment with the company's enduring purpose – empowering advisors to deliver high quality and personalized advice to all who need it.

Prior to joining LPL Financial, Mr. Gannon spent several years at H&R Block as their Chief Government Relations Officer, leading the company's advocacy and public policy efforts in Washington and other important markets for the company. This included maintaining advocacy efforts across distinct business lines, including tax, financial services and small business, in addition to leading strategic partnerships with national and state nonprofit policy organizations.

Mr. Gannon spent more than 11 years at Mastercard leading their public policy team. This included managing the lobbying team as well as executing a strategic engagement plan on all important policy issues including core products, network operations, payment security, digital payments, innovation, acceptance, financial inclusion, new payment flows, privacy and fin tech issues. In addition, Mr. Gannon was responsible for spearheading consumer education initiatives which serves to bring financial literacy programs to under-served consumers and create more inclusive communities.

Mr. Gannon previously worked in government relations for Credit Union National Association where he focused on electronic payments, student lending, small business financing, cyber security, housing finance and regulatory restructuring.

Prior to that, he worked for American Hotel & Lodging Association where he managed the groups' grassroots and political programs, including HotelPAC, and focused on legislative issues important to the industry. He began his career on Capitol Hill working for Members of Congress from New York State.

Mr. Gannon holds a Political Science degree from Canisius College and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. He currently resides in Arlington, VA with his wife and children.

Nancy Ziuzin Schlegel

Lockheed Martin | Vice President, International Government Affairs
CABC Past Chair

As the Vice President of Lockheed Martin International Government Affairs, Nancy Ziuzin Schlegel leads the corporation's diplomatic and senior executive customer engagements for the company's growing international business portfolio.

Nancy has nearly 30 years of experience as an industry leader in the international trade, global defense, and aerospace sectors, with expertise in political advocacy, exports, and trade policy. She joined Lockheed in 1992 where she directed the Corporation's lobbying efforts in support of the international priority and must-win programs on Capitol Hill and with the Administration.

Peter DePasquale

Keurig Dr Pepper | Vice President, Government Relations
CABC First Vice-Chair

Peter DePasquale is Vice President of Government Affairs for Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP), a North American beverage leader with annual revenue of more than $14 billion and approximately 28,000 employees. KDP's portfolio of more than 125 owned, licensed and partner brands is designed to satisfy virtually any consumer need, any time. With nearly 15 years of experience leading advocacy strategies for Fortune 500 companies, DePasquale is responsible for advising KDP's leadership on public policy issues that present opportunities and challenges. His work advances public policies that enable profitable growth and align with and enable KDP's Drink Well. Do Good. corporate purpose, encompassing enterprise goals related to environment, supply chain, health and wellbeing, and people and communities.

Prior to joining KDP, DePasquale held senior roles with Nestle Wates, Frontier Communications, Praxair, and served as an aide to then Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney. DePasquale received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the New England School of Law and his B.A. in Corporate Communication from the College of Charleston. He has also completed executive education on "Leadership and Character in Uncertain Times" at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Lindsay Doyle

Netflix | Director of Global Affairs, Canada
CABC Second Vice-Chair

Lindsay Doyle is the Director of Global Affairs for Netflix in Canada.

In this role, Lindsay leads Netflix's engagement with Canadian governments on initiatives that impact the business and local members. She is passionate about public policy and advocates for innovation and economic growth throughout the creative and cultural ecosystem in Canada.

Prior to joining Netflix, Lindsay was the Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for YouTube and spent nearly seven years on the Government Affairs and Public Policy team at Google Canada. During her time at Google, she focused on content, taxation, trade and AI policy.

Lindsay graduated from Trinity College at the University of Toronto with a degree in International Relations and Political Science while working as a researcher at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. She currently serves as a Board Director at the Canadian American Business Council, was a founding board member of the Canadian Advocacy Network and is a former board member at MediaSmarts and the Government Relations Institute of Canada.

Lindsay lives in Ottawa with her husband and two children.

Nicole Collier

Procter & Gamble | VP, North American Government Relations and Public Policy
CABC Third Vice-Chair

Nicole Collier leads North America Government Relations for Procter & Gamble in Washington, DC. She leads the company's engagement strategy with policy makers and other external stakeholders on its top policy priorities, works closely with global business leaders to interpret policy shifts and leads a team of government relations professionals in the US and Canada.

Nicole has over 25 years of policy and government affairs experience. Prior to Procter & Gamble, she led Nestle's US government affairs team. Nicole was also a Senior Policy Advisor to Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and spent several years guiding legislative strategies for clients at a multi-client lobbying firm in Washington, DC.

Nicole received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Hampton University and a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She lives in Virginia with her husband and three children.

Lena Trudeau

Inclined Analytics | CEO
CABC Treasurer

Lena Trudeau is the Chief Executive Officer of Inclined Analytics, a technology firm that provides data analytics and digital advisory services to public good organizations.

Previously Lena served as the CEO of U. Group, a technology with deep expertise in cloud-native development, advanced analytics, machine learning, and augmented reality. Prior to ByteCubed, Lena was Co-Founder and CEO of Nuage Cloud Strategies, a firm focused on digital adoption and government modernization. Concurrently, Lena served as a Senior Advisor to the Canadian Digital Service (CDS) at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Lena led the Amazon Web Services Public Sector business in Canada where she helped government, education, health care, and not-for- profit organizations find better, more cost-effective ways to serve their customers. Lena also led public sector global expansion efforts specifically focused on scientific computing, open data, and educating the next generation of IT professionals.

Lena served as member of the U.S. Federal Government's Senior Executive Service. As Associate Commissioner at the General Services Administration (GSA), she was mandated to leverage technology to transform business operations.

At the Office of Strategic Innovations, Lena spearheaded the creation of 18F, an in-house digital delivery team that builds effective, user-centric digital services. She also directed the Presidential Innovation Fellows, a highly competitive program that pairs government experts with private sector entrepreneurs to tackle the nation's biggest challenges.

Prior to entering government, Lena served as Vice President, overseeing service delivery at the National Academy of Public Administration, a non-partisan, congressionally chartered organization that assists government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations.

Lena is a frequent commentator, speaker and advocate on government modernization, digital adoption, digital inclusion and women in technology. She is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Federal 100 award, which recognizes government and industry leaders who have played pivotal roles in the U.S. federal government IT community, and was named one of FedScoop's Top 50 Women in Tech. She received a Master's in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Ottawa.

Joanne Zimolzak

Dykema | Partner
CABC General Counsel

Joanne Zimolzak guides clients in highly regulated industries through the substantive and procedural complexities of commercial litigation. She has a strong will to win at trial and appeal but is sensitive to clients' business concerns. A hard-fought defense verdict can be satisfying, but some of Joanne's most substantial victories happen when she spots problems before the client does and resolves disagreements quickly and amicably.

Based in Washington, D.C., and often appearing in state and federal courts across the United States, Joanne represents businesses of different sizes and industries in breach of contract, non-performance, and non-payment issues. In the insurance area, she helps carriers avoid or reduce significant exposure associated with bad faith allegations and professional negligence claims against insureds. Joanne also assists clients with navigating the federal and state regulatory environment, including litigating before administrative law judges and challenging administrative decisions in state and federal courts.

Michele Austin

Motion Picture Association–Canada | President & Managing Director

Michele Austin is the President & Managing Director of the Motion Picture Association–Canada. In 2026, she was named to The Hollywood Reporter's "Most Power Women in Canadian Entertainment" list.

Previously, Michele worked at Bell Canada and Twitter Inc. in executive roles.

Prior to joining the private sector, Michele spent 13 years in various roles with the federal government, including serving as Chief of Staff to the Ministers of four federal departments.

Michele lives in Ottawa with her family.

Michele Austin est présidente et directrice générale de l'Association cinématographique – Canada (MPA-Canada). Selon le magazine The Hollywood Reporter, elle fait partie des femmes les plus influentes du monde du divertissement canadien en 2026.

Avant cela, Michele a occupé des postes de direction chez Bell Canada et Twitter inc.

Avant son entrée dans le secteur privé, Michele a occupé pendant 13 ans divers rôles au sein du gouvernement fédéral, notamment celui de chef de cabinet pour les ministres de 4 différents ministères.

Michele habite à Ottawa avec sa famille.

Megan Boyle

Red Bull | Senior Director of Government Affairs, Canada

Megan is currently Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs with Red Bull Canada. She has a demonstrated history of working in the food & beverages industry, having previously worked for the Canadian Beverage Association as the Senior Director of Government Relations.

Prior to that, Megan worked as a Senior Consultant with a focus in Health and Life Sciences and spent 8 years as a political staffer at Queen's Park working for two Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

Megan is active within the Toronto volunteer community and currently sits on several Boards including the Empire Club of Canada: Equal Voice Toronto, Harbourfront Centre and Canada's Ballet Jorgen.

Born in Vancouver, B.C., Megan and her family moved to the GTA at a young age and has called Toronto home ever since.

James Brandell

Manulife John Hancock | Vice President of Global Government Policy

Dr. James Brandell is Vice President of Global Government Policy at John Hancock, where he leads the company's federal and international affairs work in Washington, DC. With more than 20 years of experience in public policy, Dr. Brandell brings a unique blend of state, federal, and international expertise to his role, with a focus on taxation, international trade, and financial services.

He has been recognized by the National Institute of Lobbying and The Hill as one of Washington's top lobbyists, known for his bipartisan relationships and strategic legislative insight. Prior to joining John Hancock, Dr. Brandell led federal government relations at a major law firm and served as Chief of Staff to former House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp, where he played a central role in advancing major legislative initiatives including and trade agreements.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Brandell served in Michigan state government as Deputy Chief of Staff to former Governor John Engler, and worked overseas for an international NGO, where he opened its Serbia office and managed U.S. government grants supporting democratic development and election monitoring.

Dr. Brandell holds a PhD in public affairs and public administration from Virginia Tech, a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Michigan State University.

Carolyn Chisholm

Rio Tinto | General Manager, External Affairs

Carolyn Chisholm is General Manager, External Affairs for Rio Tinto Canada. She has been with Rio Tinto since 2014 and is passionate about working in the space between the public and private sector, to drive positive change, committed to helping Rio Tinto strive to achieve 'impeccable ESG.' A proud mother of two beautiful daughters, Carolyn is also passionate about helping the next generation of young women find their path to professional fulfillment, sharing the lessons she has learned along the way in her decades of working in the natural resources industry, both in a corporate role for a multinational mining company, as well as a policy advisor to federal and provincial ministers.

In her role at Rio Tinto, Carolyn is responsible for the Canadian external affairs team, leading strategies for Rio Tinto at the federal and provincial levels. Prior to joining Rio Tinto, Carolyn worked for more than twenty years in external affairs and public policy, in the private sector as Vice President of the Natural Resources and Environment Group with a public affairs firm. She is a member of the Board of Directors of her local hospital, is a founding member of Women for Nature, and a Board member of the Terry Fox Research Institute. She is also an active board member of many industry associations on behalf of Rio Tinto, including the incoming Chair of the Mining Association of Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (First Class Honours) in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University, and a Master's in Public Administration from Carleton University. She is married and lives in Ottawa with her husband Ron and their two daughters, Mairi and Emily.

Gary Clement

TD Bank Group | Director, Government Relations

Gary Clement is a seasoned public affairs expert with over 30 years of government relations, crisis and issues management and stakeholder engagement experience.

Gary is currently the Director of Government Relations at TD Bank Group (TDBG) and is responsible for strategies and tactics in managing government relations issues.

Prior to joining TDBG, Gary had over a decade of experience in government at the provincial and federal levels including as a Senior Advisor for Public Relations in the Office of the Premier of Ontario; Special Assistant for Tour in the Office of the Minister of Long-Term Care and Seniors of Ontario; Executive Assistant for the Executive Office at the Standards Council of Canada; and Special Assistant to the Federal Forestry Minister.

Gary has served on the boards of various organizations including currently with CIVIX, the External Advisory Board of the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government at StFX University and the Canadian American Business Council (former Chair), and previously with the PC Ontario Fund and the Forum for Young Canadians.

Gary is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science, 1989).

Richard de Sam Lazaro

Expedia Group | Vice President, Government and Corporate Affairs

Richard de Sam Lazaro is Expedia Group's Vice President for Government and Corporate Affairs – managing the Company's lobbying, policy development, and public affairs engagements across its largest global markets. A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Richard grew up in Olympia, Washington and began his career at the Washington State Legislature, followed by several years as a staffer and advisor to a variety of Federal and State elected officials and candidates before joining Expedia in 2017.

At Expedia, Richard and his team manage a broad and dynamic set of policy issues ranging from digital taxation and trade to e-commerce regulation to real estate and sustainability efforts at the company's Seattle headquarters. Under Richard's leadership, Expedia was the first company in the United States to develop and embrace the regulation of the Internet economy by local governments—a now leading-edge practice that has led to policy partnerships between the company and municipal, state, and provincial governments across the continent.

Richard lives in Seattle with his wife and two dogs. An avid traveler, he is often in flight or abroad during the long Seattle winters, but takes to the many trails and climbs in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia in the summer months. Richard is an active advocate for sustainable transportation and urban mobility and serves on the boards of Internet.Works, the Travel Technology Association, and Seattle's Museum of History and Industry.

Christina Erling

Barrick | Vice President, Government Affairs, North America

Christina Erling is the Vice President Government Affairs, North America for Barrick. As the primary advocate for Barrick in Washington, D.C., Carson City and Ottawa, she engages with a wide range of external stakeholders, including members of Congress, the administration and industry associations to identify, monitor and influence developments in public policy. She provides strategic direction, support and guidance regarding Barrick's government relations efforts within the hard rock mining industry.

Christina holds a bachelor's degree in Russian and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire. She is a board and Executive Committee member of the National Mining Association and the Nevada Mining Association; and serves on the boards of the Mining Association of Canada, the Canadian American Business Council and the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance.

Tamon George

Creative Theory | Co-Founder and CEO

Navigating the intersections of art, academia, and enterprise, Tamon flexes his creativity by leveraging research, intersectionality, and proven marketing philosophies. These are the trademarks of Tamon's creative practice. For Creative Theory, this means simply that in a shifting corporate landscape, Tamon is a scholar in targeting diverse perspectives.

Tamon completed his MBA in 2015, but as an addendum to an already robust skillset, completed certifications in digital strategy at Harvard University and Dartmouth.

As a practitioner Tamon has dedicated his professional career to cultural storytelling, leading branded content campaigns at pivotal cultural moments for global brands.

Laura Hewitt

Sun Life | SVP & Head, Global Government Affairs & Public Policy

Laura Hewitt is the Senior Vice-President and Head of Global Government Affairs and Public Policy at Sun Life. Laura is a seasoned public affairs professional with experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors. In her current role, she is responsible for Sun Life's government affairs activities globally and leads the organization's work on public policy and geopolitical risk.

Laura joined Sun Life in 2018 to head Government and Regulatory Affairs for Sun Life Canada. Since then, she has taken on various roles in the organization, including leadership of sustainability and held the role of AVP of Pharmaceutical Benefits and Innovation.

Prior to joining Sun Life, Laura worked in government relations, corporate outreach and strategy at Export Development Canada, a federal crown corporation responsible for supporting Canada's exporters. She has also held positions with the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, in a variety of subject matter areas, including economic development, tourism and national defence.

Laura is currently a Board Member with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. She holds a Master's degree from Ryerson University's Public Policy and Administration program and a Bachelor's of Public Affairs and Policy Management from Carleton University.

Steven Hogue

Pfizer | Director, Global Policy and Public Affairs, Canada

Steven joined Pfizer in 2004 and he's now part of the Global Policy & Public Affairs Team. Based in Ottawa, his work is focused on Pfizer's interactions and advocacy efforts with the Canadian Government on a broad range of issues from international & cross border trade; intellectual property; fiscal policies; biomanufacturing and life sciences strategies; pricing; procurement/access policies, regulatory, etc.

Steven represents Pfizer on different sectorial committees and associations, among them the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Life Sciences Strategic Council; BIOTECanada's Health Advisory Board; the Canadian American Business Council's Board of Directors; C.D. Howe Institute's Health Policy Council; Innovative Medicines Canada's Federal Affairs Operational Team; and the American Chamber of Commerce in Canada (AmCham).

Before joining Pfizer Canada in 2004, Steven Hogue served in the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada between 2001 and 2003, first as Special Advisor on Quebec and then as Deputy Director of Communications. For three years prior to that, he served as Special Assistant (Quebec and Atlantic) to the Minister of National Revenue and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Born in Shawinigan (Québec) and fully bilingual, Steven studied political science at Laval University and the City University of New York's Hunter College (1992-1994). He also started law studies at McGill University (1989-1991) and spent a year studying in Ecuador (1986-87) as part of an exchange program. Since 2016, Steven is an annual guest lecturer on demystifying the role of lobbying at the Université de Montréal's Department of Political Science Graduate Program. He is a certified chartered director (C. Dir.), having completed in 2020 a certification program in corporate governance with Laval University's College of Corporate Directors. He's a former member of the Board of Directors of the Banff Forum.

Robert Klager

Shell | Senior Special Advisor, Corporate Relations, Americas

Bob is a respected communications strategist and political adviser, whose expertise is rooted in a keen understanding of communication and its influences on policy development and public perceptions. An articulate writer and astute monitor of trends, he has worked with and consulted for government, private-sector and nonprofit clients across Canada, and offers significant strength through a range of disciplines - particularly, public affairs, media relations, issues management and strategic planning for major public policy initiatives.

A former senior adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper - as well as several federal Cabinet ministers spanning the energy, environment, international trade and northern development portfolios - he brings unique insight to managing complex domestic and international relationships, issues and public policies.

Prior to his work in government, Bob was Director of Strategy and Public Affairs for SUM Incorporated. He has previously worked as an editorialist and political and investigative reporter for newspapers in Ontario and New Brunswick.

Daniel Lauzon

CAE | Senior Director, Public Affairs and Policy (International)

Daniel Lauzon is the Senior Director, Public Affairs and Policy, responsible for leveraging CAE's international footprint as it develops and executes strategic plans for business development, communications, and advocacy. He is responsible for overseeing engagement efforts, building relationships with stakeholders and contributes to the identification and mitigation of political and geopolitical risk to the business.

Daniel joined CAE in 2022 after a 20-year career in public service, including as Chief of Staff to Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Economic Development, Director of Communications to the Minister of Finance, and National Campaign Director of Communications and Policy for Canada's Prime Minister.

He has also held the position of Director, Communications and Planning for CBC/Radio-Canada, Canada's public broadcaster. Daniel holds undergraduate degrees in Communications and Political Science as well as a Masters in International and Comparative Politics from the University of Ottawa. He makes his home in Ottawa with his spouse and two wonderful and (very) busy children.

John Lenhart

Walmart | Vice President, Global Public Policy and Government Affairs

John Lenhart is Vice President of Global Government Affairs for Walmart, Inc. In this role, he works with Walmart's international markets to develop strategies to support Walmart's business priorities and the communities in which Walmart operates.

John joined Walmart in January 2017 as Director, Global Government Affairs supporting Walmart's Asian markets. He has had various responsibilities during his time at Walmart, including leading Walmart China's Corporate Affairs team from 2023-2025. He now leads a team of government relations professionals that work across Walmart's global retail markets, with particular focus on Asia, Latin America, and North America.

Prior to Walmart, John worked at the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), leading initiatives and policy analysis for the Asia-Pacific region. He worked from 2011-2015 at the U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC) as head of their Beijing office, leading a government affairs and public policy team that supported major American companies with advisory services and engagements with the Chinese and U.S. governments. Through his career, John has lived and worked abroad for 12 years in Latin America and Asia, focusing on commercial policy issues and public relations.

John received his Master of Arts in International Studies from the Johns Hopkins SAIS-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies and Bachelor of Arts, with honors, in International Politics from Skidmore College. John speaks Mandarin Chinese and is proficient in Spanish.

Colleen Litkenhaus

Dow Inc. | Vice President, Government Affairs, North America

Colleen Litkenhaus serves as Vice President of Government Affairs, North America for Dow Inc., where she leads engagement across the United States and Canada. Over her tenure at Dow, she has held several senior leadership roles, including Global Director of Public Policy, Global Director of Plastics and Circularity, Senior Director and Director Trade Relations.

Ms. Litkenhaus brings deep public-sector experience to her role, having served in multiple senior positions within the U.S. federal government. Most recently, she was Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). In that role, she led domestic outreach efforts to state and local governments and a wide range of stakeholders, including business and agricultural communities, labor organizations, environmental groups and consumer advocates. Her office managed the U.S. trade advisory committee system.

Previously, Ms. Litkenhaus served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the US and Foreign Commercial Service at the Department of Commerce, where she oversaw the domestic operations of 108 Export Assistance Centers operating in 48 states, as well as national trade promotion programs.

Ms. Litkenhaus also held roles at the White House, serving as Special Assistant to the President for Management and Administration. In that capacity, she managed the White House budget and oversaw offices including Management and Administration, White House Personnel, and the Visitors office. She served as a key liaison with the U.S. Secret Service, General Service Administration, National Park Service and Military Office to ensure effective operations across the White House complex. Earlier, she worked in the White House Chief of Staff's Office and was a member of the Bush-Cheney campaign and transition team.

Ms. Litkenhaus served as Director of Protocol at Georgetown University, managing high-level visits by heads of state, foreign dignitaries, cabinet officials and other prominent leaders. She began her Washington D.C. career at Ashland Inc.

Ms. Litkenhaus currently serves on the Women's Democracy Network Advisory Council. She has an M.B.A. from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and the ESADE Business School, and a B.A. in Russian and Eastern Studies and Political Science from the University of Kentucky.

Pauline McLean

Capital Power | Senior Vice President, External Relations, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary

As Senior Vice President, External Relations, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary, Pauline leads Capital Power's legal, regulatory, corporate secretariat, external relations, and corporate, market and reliability compliance functions. She is a trusted advisor to the executive team and Board of Directors, guiding governance, enterprise risk, complex transactions, and strategic initiatives that support disciplined growth and operational resilience. Pauline helps the organization navigate fast-moving policy, stakeholder, and regulatory landscapes while maintaining a strong culture of integrity and compliance.

Prior to joining Capital Power, Pauline spent 14 years at the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), where she held progressively senior legal and commercial leadership roles during a period of significant market evolution and system transformation. She led cross-functional, greenfield programs that connected policy objectives to bankable commercial frameworks, ranging from renewable electricity incentive initiatives to innovative approaches for procuring and financing major bulk transmission infrastructure. This experience deepened her expertise at the intersection of regulatory design, market structure, stakeholder engagement, and long-term capital investment, capabilities she continues to apply in advancing reliable power solutions.

Earlier in her career, Pauline practiced corporate and commercial law, building a strong foundation in governance, commercial contracting, and complex deal support that complement her energy sector leadership. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Calgary and has earned respected governance credentials, including ICD.D and GPC.D. Pauline is committed to community and sector leadership and currently serves on the advisory board of Nature Conservancy Canada and the boards of the Canadian American Business Council and Electricity Canada bringing a thoughtful, outcomes-focused perspective to reliable, affordable and sustainable development.

Mack Moore

ConocoPhillips | Head of International Government Affairs & Political Risk – Asia-Pacific & Canada

David (Mack) Moore advises and represents ConocoPhillips on global energy issues as Manager for International Government Affairs and Political Risk. In this capacity, he also serves as Board Chairman of the US-Libya Business Association. Mack has over 15 years' experience analyzing and advising on energy market and policy issues, based in Washington, DC.

Prior to his work with ConocoPhillips, he served as Director for Energy on the White House National Security Council, advancing policy initiatives and advising the Obama Administration on energy, climate, and economic security issues. He also worked as an energy security analyst for the US government, as Vice President with the Rapidan Group energy market consultancy, and as Director for Energy and Emissions Policy Analysis with Tudor Investment Corporation. Mack earned his Master of Arts from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC and his Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Andrea Niethold

CN | Head of U.S. Public and Government Affairs

Andrea Waldock Niethold was named Head of U.S. Public and Government Affairs at CN in August 2024, after serving as Director of U.S. Government Affairs since August 2017. In this role, she leads the company's federal and state government affairs teams and oversees engagement across legislative, regulatory, and public affairs functions.

Based in Washington, D.C., Ms. Waldock Niethold is a trusted strategic advisor and advocate, working closely with policymakers, industry partners, and key stakeholders on issues central to North American economic competitiveness. She is known for her ability to bring together parties with differing perspectives, build durable coalitions, and find pragmatic common ground that advances shared policy objectives. Her portfolio includes advancing policies that strengthen cross-border trade, enhance supply-chain resilience, and support a modern, safe, and efficient freight rail network. She plays a central role in shaping CN's U.S. policy priorities and positioning the company as a constructive, solutions-oriented partner to lawmakers and regulators.

Prior to joining CN in 2017, Ms. Waldock Niethold spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill, including serving as Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Lou Barletta (PA-11). Her congressional experience provides her with a sophisticated understanding of the legislative process, political dynamics, and the importance of credibility and trust in effective advocacy.

Ms. Waldock Niethold holds graduate degrees from The Catholic University of America and a bachelor's degree from Butler University. She resides on Capitol Hill with her husband and three young sons.

Jeanette Patell

Google | Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Canada

Jeanette Patell is the Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Google in Canada, leading Google's team for engagement with Canadian governments and external stakeholders on policy issues impacting the company, its users and partners. Previously, she was Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy for YouTube in Canada.

Prior to joining Google, Jeanette led the government affairs team for General Electric Canada with a focus on economic, innovation and energy policy. In that capacity, she co-chaired Alberta's Energy Diversification Advisory Committee, which led to the creation of petrochemical incentives programs in the province and sat on the board of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters.

Jeanette began her career as a diplomat with Global Affairs Canada. Her career in the Canadian Foreign Service centred on international trade policy, including investment treaty negotiations and postings to the Embassy of Canada in Washington D.C. and the Mission of Canada to the European Union. While posted abroad, Jeanette led successful advocacy campaigns to address market access barriers to Canadian energy and agriculture exports.

She is bilingual (English & French) and is a graduate of Mount Allison University with a B.A. (Hons.) in International Relations.

Pierre Seïn Pyun

Bombardier | Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs

Pierre Seïn Pyun was appointed Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs at Bombardier in October 2011. As such, he is responsible for government affairs for Bombardier in Canada and internationally. His team also manages industrial affairs for the company.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Pyun has significant background in international trade, having served with the Canadian federal government from 1998 to 2011. Prior to joining Bombardier, Mr. Pyun managed sector practices and developed and implemented global commercial strategies for the Canadian government in Ottawa. Furthermore, he worked at Canadian diplomatic posts in China from 2001-2009, including as a Senior Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing.

Mr. Pyun holds degrees in civil law and common law from McGill University and completed a Certificate in International Commerce at HEC Montreal. He is fluent in English, French, Mandarin and Korean.

Mr. Pyun sits on the board of directors of several organizations, including the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (past Chair), the Canadian American Business Council, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Canada Arab Business Council and the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Pyun is also a lecturer (case studies) at the Max Bell School of Public Policy of McGill University.

Pierre Sein Pyun a été nommé Vice-président, Affaires gouvernementales et avec l'industrie chez Bombardier en octobre 2011. A ce titre, il est responsable des affaires gouvernementales de l'entreprise au Canada et à l'international. Son équipe gère également les affaires avec l'industrie de Bombardier.

Avocat de formation, M. Pyun possède une forte expérience en commerce international, ayant travaillé pour le gouvernement du Canada de 1998 à 2011. Avant de se joindre à Bombardier, M. Pyun était responsable des pratiques sectorielles, ainsi que du développement et de la mise en œuvre des stratégies commerciales internationales du Gouvernement du Canada à partir d'Ottawa. Il a également occupé plusieurs postes diplomatiques pour le gouvernement canadien en Chine de 2001 à 2009, dont celui de délégué commercial principal à l'Ambassade du Canada à Pékin.

M. Pyun est titulaire de diplômes en droit civil et en common law de l'Université McGill et a complété un certificat en commerce international à HEC Montréal. Il parle couramment l'anglais, le français, le mandarin et le coréen.

M. Pyun siège au conseil d'administration de plusieurs organisations, dont la Fondation J. Armand Bombardier, l'Association des industries aérospatiales du Canada (Président sortant du Conseil d'administration), le Conseil d'affaires canado-américain, Manufacturiers et Exportateurs du Canada, le Conseil d'affaires Canada-Chine et le Conseil des relations internationales de Montréal. M. Pyun œuvre aussi en tant que chargé de cours (pour des études de cas) à l'École Max Bell de politiques publiques de l'Université McGill.

David Rheault

Air Canada | Vice President, Government Relations

David Rheault is Vice President of Government and Community Relations at Air Canada. A lawyer by training, he joined Air Canada in 2007 as Counsel, litigation.

Mr. Rheault represented Air Canada before courts and administrative tribunals and advised the company on various litigation files in Canada and foreign countries.

Today, in his current role, Mr. Rheault is responsible for the company's relationships with all levels of governments and has been involved in many complex regulatory and policy matters. He is also responsible for Air Canada's community partnership program, which has supported over 350 events and developed partnerships with 250 organizations from the aviation, tourism, and business sectors.

Prior to joining Air Canada, he served as policy advisor at the Office of the Premier of Québec and for the Minister of Economic and Regional Development and Research.

After earning a degree from Université Laval Faculty of Law, he was called to the Barreau du Québec in 2000. He practiced commercial litigation and transport law at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg and at Fasken Martineau.

Mr. Rheault currently sits on the Board of the National Airlines Council of Canada, the Canada China Business Council and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He has previously been on the Boards of the Quebec Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Tourisme Montréal, where he was also a member of the Governance Committee.

Misti Rice

Magna International | Vice President, Government Affairs

As the Vice President of Government Affairs at Magna International Inc., Misti drives the company's global strategy across government relations, economic and workforce development, education, and advocacy. She serves as Magna's lead voice with policymakers, industry organizations, and community leaders worldwide, and oversees global incentive programs exceeding $500 million.

A seasoned leader with more than 30 years in government, legal, and consumer affairs, Misti has shaped policy across automotive, transportation, manufacturing, education, and healthcare. Before joining Magna in 2016, she held senior roles at Stellantis, advising boards and executives on geopolitical risk, trade strategy, and regulatory affairs. Her expertise in securing competitive advantage through incentives and global funding strategies is recognized across industries.

Misti was appointed to the Michigan Women's Commission by Governor Gretchen Whitmer in 2020. She is Past President of the Women in Manufacturing Association (WiM) board, Past Chair of the National Lieutenant Governors Association Partners Program, and a 2022 Crain's Notable LGBTQ in Business honoree. In 2024, she was inducted into the WiM Hall of Fame, and recognized by INvolve as one of the Top 100 Executives.

She serves on the boards of the Canadian American Business Council, Public Affairs Council, Global Business Alliance, International Economic Development Council, South Carolina Business Council, Detroit Regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce, and the Foster Care Review Board of Oakland County, Michigan. She's also active with the Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation, Southern Automotive Women's Forum, State Government Affairs Council, and the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness.

Misti holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and a Bachelor of Arts from Northeastern State University. Her career also includes political campaign management and teaching as an adjunct professor in history, political science, public administration, and public relations.

Edward Rihn

Berkshire Hathaway Energy Transmission | President and CEO

Edward W. Rihn is President and CEO of BHE Tranmission. He has thirty years of experience including business development, acquisitions, customer service, indigenous relations, government relations, project management, operations, and construction management. He has worked in power generation, electricity transmission, industrial gases, and pipelines.

Ed received a civil engineering degree from Clarkson University and an executive master of technology management degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School. He currently serves as a board member for the Canadian American Business Council, AltaLink, and Alberta Blue Cross.

Alexander Russ

Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) | Senior Advisor, Global Public Policy

Alex serves as the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) chief advocate on international government relations. This work includes developing and coordinating AEMs positions on U.S. and international trade and investment policy, helping companies identify and overcome legislative and regulatory barriers to growth, developing and managing relationships with senior U.S. and foreign government officials and leading AEM's Canadian advocacy efforts.

Alex acts as an AEM spokesperson on trade matters and international affairs and has been quoted in the Financial Times, Reuters, Toronto Star and other industry and trade publications.

Prior to joining AEM, Alex was a Legislative Assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives handling trade, foreign affairs, transportation, environment and energy policy. While working on the Hill, Alex also staffed a Member of Congress on the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Alex holds a Master of Science from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in Canada.

Aaron Schoonbaert

Price Industries | Chief Operating Officer

Aaron has a Bachelor of Science in manufacturing engineering from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University and more than 15 years of experience leading high-performing operations teams.

Founded in Winnipeg in 1949, Price Industries designs, manufactures and sells air distribution and noise control products. Since its incorporation, Price has expanded its operations from Canada into the United States and beyond, becoming the number one manufacturer of commercial HVAC products in North America.

Aaron joined the Price team in Winnipeg in 2014 as Operations Manager for Critical Controls (now Antec Controls), where the team saw incredible growth and advancement. In 2017, Aaron moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to take on a Continuous Improvement Manager role, assisting the industrial engineering team with capacity increases and key process improvements. He later progressed through the roles of Plant Manager of Price's Suwanee and Crestridge facilities and General Manager of Price's Grilles, Registers and Diffusers (GRD) and Sustainable Systems business units.

Aaron currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Price's Canadian and US operations, where he has the privilege of leading the plant teams in achieving remarkable sales growth while continuing to meet the customers' high expectations of quality and service.

Pete Sheffield

Enbridge | Chief Sustainability Officer & Vice President, US External Affairs

Pete Sheffield is Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of U.S. External Affairs at Enbridge, responsible for enterprise wide public policy, sustainability strategies and reporting, community investment, and government relations federally and across the 40 states in which the company operates.

Sheffield was previously Director of U.S. External Affairs to Enbridge and served as vice president of energy policy and government affairs for Spectra Energy Corp, overseeing the company's government relations activities and public policy. He joined Duke Energy in 2002, serving as director of external relations. Prior to that, Sheffield was a press secretary to the United States House of Representatives' Committee on Energy and Commerce, serving as primary spokesman and senior advisor to two chairmen.

Sheffield holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden Sydney College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Jennifer M. Sloan

Mastercard | Senior Vice President Government Affairs & Policy and Stakeholder Engagement

A former public servant and political-staffer-turned-diplomat, Jennifer Sloan made her foray into the private sector and currently leads government affairs and stakeholder engagement for Mastercard Canada.

Earlier in her career, she was the Director of Communications for one of the longest serving Industry Ministers in Canada and continued in this role as he moved to Foreign Affairs, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. She continued this work when she was appointed to the Consulate General of Canada in NYC.

A passionate advocate for social impact, Jennifer developed the Mastercard Changeworks™ program, a grassroots initiative that partners with the not-for-profit sector in Canada to improve their technology and data capabilities. She's a Vital Voices Global Ambassador and serves on numerous corporate and association boards including current Director and past Chair of the Canadian American Business Council (CABC); Immediate past Chair of Music Canada; Director Indigenous Prosperity Foundation (IPF); Vice-Chair Women's College Hospital; and Director of the Board of Trust of the Grady College of Journalism and Communication at the University of Georgia.

A Mastercard CEO Force for Good Recipient, Jennifer also received a 2019 North America President's Award; 2023 North American Partnership Award; Top 100 Lobbyists in Canada, the Hill Times; bestowed the Henry W. Grady Alumni Award at the University of Georgia; and National Colby Award for Public service, Sigma Kappa. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

Jamie Wall

ExxonMobil | Vice President and Head, Washington Office

Jamie Wall is Head of the Washington office at ExxonMobil. Previously, Ms. Wall was Executive Vice President, Advocacy at the Securities Industry Financial Markets Association (SIFMA). She was SIFMA's senior government affairs officer and led SIFMA's advocacy efforts.

Ms. Wall joined SIFMA from Subject Matter, a D.C. based public affairs firm where she advised clients across a wide range of sectors on legislative, regulatory, and political advocacy efforts. While at Subject Matter, Ms. Wall also engaged various Administration and cabinet agency officials in pursuit of client goals.

Prior to Subject Matter, Ms. Wall was Director of Global Government Relations at Honeywell International, a Fortune 500 company with operations in more than 100 countries. In that capacity she spearheaded a variety of strategic campaigns focused on advancing the company's tax and trade policy pursuits. She also worked on Capitol Hill, serving Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), a member of Senate leadership, and Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO), as well as in state government for former Governor Matt Blunt (R-MO).

Ms. Wall serves on the boards of Ford's Theatre, the Canadian American Business Council (CABC), Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Public Affairs Council. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas.

Cathy Worden

Cisco | Director, Government Affairs, Canada

Cathy Worden joined Cisco Canada as the Director of Government Affairs in April 2016. Prior to joining Cisco, Cathy spent three years as Vice President, Public Affairs in the Toronto office of H+K Strategies.

Previously, Cathy had over a decade of experience in government, serving in Ontario as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Economic Development and Innovation, Economic Policy Advisor to the Premier, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Finance and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy.

In Ottawa, Cathy held advisory roles to the Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Industry and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada. Born and raised in Ottawa, Cathy received her Honours Degree in Political Studies from Queen's University in Kingston. Cathy currently lives in Ottawa with her husband and young son.