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#### Nicholas J. Bergman

Nicholas is a Partner at Buchman Law Firm, LLP, residing in the Firm’s New York City office. He has practiced in the field of beverage alcohol control law for over 20 years. He received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio in 1997 and his B.A. from Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio, in 1992. He is admitted to the California, New Jersey and New York State bars. Nicholas holds a post graduate degree in Wine Marketing, Finance and Accounting from the Office International du Vin (OIV) in Paris, France.



#### Peter Brody

Peter is a Partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Ropes & Gray LLP. He has been successfully litigating intellectual property cases and other complex disputes in federal and state courts across the United States for nearly 35 years. A member and former chair of Ropes & Gray’s intellectual property litigation group, Peter has litigated every type of IP case – patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, and false advertising – as well as a wide range of constitutional, administrative, and contract disputes. Peter also has substantial experience in alcoholic beverage laws and regulations and serves a wide range of well-known clients in the wine and spirits industry. He is the current President of the U.S. Chapter of the International Wine Lawyers Association. Peter holds an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



#### Bennett Caplan

Bennett has served as the Head of Secretariat of FIVS and as the Director of FIVS-Abridge since 2003. An attorney and government affairs specialist with extensive experience in public policy and regulatory matters regarding the alcohol beverage industry, Bennett was previously Senior Director of International and Government Affairs at Allied Domecq, Director of Policy Development at Seagram, and a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery. He has served as President of the Washington Foreign Law Society, as Vice President of the Washington Fletcher Alumni Association, and as a member of the board of directors of the International Wine Law Association. He has taught graduate-level courses on international trade policy at the University of Maryland and Syracuse University. Bennett is a graduate of Columbia University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Boston College Law School.



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### **J. Scott Gerien**

Scott heads the Intellectual Property Department at Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty, Napa, California. He has been practicing in the areas of trademark, copyright and unfair competition law since his first case in 1996. His experience covers all aspects of these areas of law, including practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), counseling on protection, licensing and acquisition of intellectual property, and enforcement and litigation in state and federal court. He has represented clients in over 800 administrative proceedings in the USPTO and has filed and prosecuted in excess of 4,500 trademark applications. Scott manages both the domestic and international trademark portfolios of several high-profile companies, and also acts as the U.S. trademark counsel for numerous foreign entities. Scott graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in 1990 with a degree in Political Science. After college, Scott worked in advertising as an account executive before attending Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.



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### **Gary Horlick**

Gary has worked in senior positions in the U.S. Congress (International Trade Counsel, U.S. Senate Finance Committee) and the Executive Branch (Head of Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce), where he was responsible for all U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty cases, Foreign Trade Zones, Special Import Programs, and the negotiation of the U.S.-EU Steel Agreement. He has been Chairman of WTO and Mercosur panels, litigated in U.S. courts and administrative agencies, and GATT and WTO tribunals; NAFTA Chapters 19 and 20 tribunals; and anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard cases in over 20 countries. He has worked on issues involving climate change, textile quotas and monitoring, Generalized System of Preferences, non-market economy status, customs and tariff classification and valuation, export controls, CFIUS and investor-state disputes. He has served as Chairman of the International Section of the DC Bar; Vice Chairman of the Trade Committee of the International Bar Association; and is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. He teaches international trade law at Yale, Georgetown, Columbia, Barcelona, and Berne Universities.



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### **Charles Jefferson**

Charles currently serves as Vice President, Federal & International Public Policy, at Wine Institute. In this role he leads all of Wine Institute's government relations and advocacy efforts at the federal and international levels. Jefferson joined Wine Institute as Vice President, Federal Relations in April of 2013. Prior to this, he spent nearly twenty years working in the public and private sectors at the intersection of public policy and politics. He served as Chief of Staff for Representative Mike Thompson (CA), member of the House Ways and Means Committee and co-chair of the Congressional Wine Caucus, and held senior positions for former House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt (MO). Earlier in his career, Charles served in the Clinton White House and on several congressional campaigns in California and nationally. Charles served as Vice President at BGR Government Relations.



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### **Daniel Mullaney**

Dan has served as Assistant United States Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East at the Office of the United States Trade Representative since 2010. As head of USTR's Europe and Middle East office, he is responsible for developing and implementing U.S. trade policy with Europe, including the European Union, Eurasia, including Russia, and the Middle East/North Africa.

Dan served from 2006 to 2010 as USTR's Senior Trade Representative in the United States Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium, representing the United States in all aspects of U.S. trade policy at the various institutions of the European Union and the broader Brussels trade policy community. Before becoming Senior Trade Representative in Brussels, Dan served for seven years in USTR's Office of General Counsel, where he led various negotiations and acted as legal counsel for free trade and other agreements and represented the United States in dispute settlement proceedings at the World Trade Organization.

Prior to joining USTR in 1999, Dan was a partner in the law firm of Dorsey and Whitney, specializing in international trade law. Dan is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned a B.A. degree from Amherst College in 1979, and a joint law/foreign service masters degree from Georgetown University in 1984. He is married and has two children.



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### **Teri Quimby**

Teri is president at Teri Quimby Law PLLC, Lansing, Michigan after serving as a Commissioner for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Teri was one of three Commissioners with responsibility for administering the provisions of the Michigan Liquor Control Code relating to licensing, purchasing, enforcement, merchandising, and distribution. As a control state, Michigan is a market participant for the wholesaling of spirit products. On the national level, Commissioner Quimby served as 1st Vice-President for the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA). Teri spent almost 20 years working on legislative issues, with most of this time spent in the Michigan House of Representatives where she was extensively involved with several high-profile issues and committees including the Commerce Committee, Energy & Technology Committee, and Environment Committee. Teri graduated from Michigan State University's James Madison College and earned her J.D. from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.



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### **Rebecca Stamey-White**

Rebecca Stamey-White is a partner with Hinman & Carmichael LLP, a nationally-recognized boutique law firm representing the alcoholic beverage, hospitality and cannabis industries and their service providers. Rebecca helps her clients secure and maintain their required licenses by providing licensing and compliance advice and defending clients before regulatory bodies. She is the firm's cannabis practice leader but also enjoys a busy alcohol practice, representing producers, importers, wholesalers, retailers and many third-party providers.

Prior to Hinman & Carmichael, Rebecca was an associate in the San Francisco litigation group of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where she worked on litigation involving constitutional challenges to winery direct shipping restrictions and provided e-commerce regulatory advice. Rebecca received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History & International Studies from Northwestern University and her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University School of Law.



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### **Robert Tobiassen**

Rob is the President of the National Association of Beverage Importers (NABI), Washington, DC. Prior to that appointment, he was the Principal at Tobiassen Consulting Plus Solutions LLC after a 34-year Federal service career with regulatory, taxation, and administrative and judicial enforcement experience with the domestic and global alcohol industry and served in the career Senior Executive Service (SES). As Chief Counsel at the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), U.S. Treasury Department, from 2003 to 2012, he headed a professional and support staff providing comprehensive legal support on taxation, regulatory and administrative law, constitutional law, trial and appellate litigation, international trade and globalization, personnel and equal opportunity, ethics, environmental law, and appropriations and fiscal law. He oversaw the drafting and reviewing of regulations, administrative rulings, and legislation; developing and reviewing trade agreements. Rob holds an A.B. from the University of California, Berkeley, a J.D. from Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, and a LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC. He received the 2003 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious SES Executives and the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the Secretary of the Treasury.



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### **Darci Vetter**

Ambassador Darci Vetter is the Vice Chair, Agriculture, Food and Trade at Edelman, and the former Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the US Trade Representative (USTR) and Deputy Under Secretary at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Darci joined Edelman in 2018, and brings deep international trade, agriculture and food policy experience to the team, following a 17-year career in the federal government. During the early part of her career, her portfolio at the Office of the United States Trade Representative included the wine accord negotiations with the EU and subsequently served as professional trade staff on the Senate Finance Committee.

After leaving public service in early 2017, Darci was the Diplomat in Residence at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, where she helped launch the Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance.

While serving as President Obama's Chief Agricultural Negotiator, she led the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agricultural package, as well as bilateral deals with Japan, China, Brazil and other countries. At USDA, Darci oversaw the Foreign Agricultural Service including trade policy and trade promotion programs, as well as trade capacity building in developing countries and the implementation of USDA's international hunger and feeding programs. She was also responsible for USDA's civilian agricultural assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Darci served as an International Trade Advisor on the Senate Finance Committee. Darci is a member of the board of directors of the Neogen Corporation, the Farm Foundation, and the Washington International Trade Association, and is a Member of the CME Group Agricultural Markets Advisory Council.