

BIOGRAPHIES

Julie Tappendorf is an equity partner at Ancel Glink Diamond Bush DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C., in Chicago. She practices in the area of local government law and serves as village attorney for Gilberts, Lindenhurst, Wadsworth, Campton Hills, and Herrick and as city attorney for Pana. She is the author of the blogs *Municipal Minute*, where she provides timely updates on cases, laws, and other issues of interest to local government officials and attorneys, and *Strategically Social*, where she posts on social media topics.

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Adelita S. Orefice is an attorney with Donoghue, Barrett & Singal, where she focuses on healthcare law and litigation. Ms. Orefice brings to the practice of law more than 20 years of experience working in federal and state government, primarily in the areas of healthcare, education, labor and employment, pensions, public finance, budgeting, grants management, government regulation, and nonprofit governance. She began government service in Washington DC as an appointee to the prestigious Presidential Management Fellows program. During her public service career, Ms. Orefice held

senior policymaking and executive management positions and served on the boards of directors for a number of nonprofit organizations. Most recently, she served for several years as a member of Governor Carcieri's cabinet and later as the state's senior healthcare regulator at the Rhode Island Department of Health. She stepped away from government service in 2011 to pursue a law degree full-time, an aspiration she put on hold more than 25 years ago. She holds a JD from Quinnipiac University School of Law (2014), an MPM from the University of Maryland at College Park (1992), and an AB from Harvard University (1987). She is a member of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Bar Associations.

Theodore Orson, Esq., is a cofounder of the Providence, Rhode Island, law firm of Orson and Brusini Ltd. He is admitted to the bars of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, where he practices in the areas of insolvency and commercial litigation. He has garnered national attention for his work as lead counsel to the receiver of the City of Central Falls and the State of Rhode Island in the Chapter 9 case of the City of Central Falls and is regularly invited to speak on panels nationwide addressing municipal insolvency. He also represents the State of Rhode Island in two pending hospital masterships. He represents all types of parties to federal bankruptcy cases and state court receivership proceedings, including debtors, creditors, and equity security holders. Mr. Orson has been appointed permanent receiver of over 40 Rhode Island companies by the Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island. He has also been appointed ancillary receiver by the superior courts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Connecticut. Mr. Orson graduated from Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts (BA 1983) and Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts (JD 1987).

Harvey W. Rogers began practicing public finance law in Oregon in 1976 and is the most experienced public finance lawyer practicing primarily in Oregon. He has extensive experience in unusual and innovative financings and is known for developing elegant solutions to difficult financing problems.

Mr. Rogers serves as bond counsel for multiple Oregon cities and counties, for the Metro regional government and the TriMet transit district, and for multiple city and county urban renewal agencies. He also serves as bond counsel to the three state agencies and many Oregon people's utility districts.

Mr. Rogers has extensive experience drafting and analyzing new laws (including citizen initiatives). He served as recording secretary (that is, the principal author) of the Oregon Law Commission's recent effort to rewrite all of Oregon's general public finance statutes. He served as a principal drafter

of the 2009 revisions to Oregon's urban renewal laws to create greater perceived fairness in the use of property tax revenues by urban renewal agencies and other overlapping taxing districts. He is admitted to the bars of Oregon (Bar No. 754220) and Massachusetts (inactive). He holds a JD from the University of Oregon School of Law (1975), an MS in psychology from the University of Oregon (1972), and a BA, summa cum laude, from California State College at Hayward (1969).

Peter A. Buchsbaum retired as Superior Court of New Jersey Judge in June 2013 but has been designated to return as a recall judge on a part-time basis handling mainly land use cases. He served on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, a part of the ABA's Judicial Division, whose technology committee he chaired. He is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He served previously as the mayor of West Amwell Township and on the West Amwell Township Committee and Planning Board.

Judge Buchsbaum is past chair of the ABA Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee and a three-term member of the Council of the State and Local Government Law Section. He is past chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Land Use Law Section and has been a member of the Hunterdon County Bar Association. He served on the Ad Hoc Committee on State Planning, which drafted the New Jersey State Planning Act and Fair Housing Act.

Donna Y. Frazier is chair of the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law 2015–2016. She has served as Caddo Parish attorney since July 2013, and prior to that, she served as assistant parish attorney for eight years. Her responsibilities include advising the parish commission and personnel on legal matters and supervising litigation wherein the parish is a party. Ms. Frazier holds a JD from the University of Texas and a BA in political science from Louisiana State University. She is licensed to practice law in Louisiana.

Benjamin Gehrt is a partner in the firm Clark Baird Smith LLP, where he focuses his practice on traditional labor law and employment litigation. Mr. Gehrt is an experienced litigator, defending municipal clients in a wide variety of employment litigation matters, including cases alleging the deprivation of public employees' constitutional rights. He also represents clients in contract negotiations and interest arbitration. In addition, Mr. Gehrt regularly counsels clients regarding wage and hour issues under state and federal law, including issues that are unique to public sector employers.

Roxana M. Crasovan is an associate in the firm Clark Baird Smith LLP, where she exclusively represents and counsels employers regarding traditional labor and employment law matters. Ms. Crasovan represents employers in a wide range of employment litigation matters, including those involving allegations of discrimination, retaliation, and deprivation of constitutional rights. She also represents employers in collective bargaining negotiations and interest and grievance arbitrations. Additionally, Ms. Crasovan counsels clients on a variety of state and federal wage and hour issues.

Edwin P. Voss, Jr., of Brown & Hofmeister, LLP, practices municipal law, focusing on civil rights defense, employment and Title VII defense, fair housing, land use, zoning and ordinance defense, construction, and personal injury. Mr. Voss has represented numerous clients in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas; the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; Texas state trial courts; the Texas Courts of Appeals; and the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Voss has handled § 1983 litigation for local governments, special districts, and government officials during the bulk of his legal career. Mr. Voss is a former chair of the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law, is currently a member of DRI—The Voice of the Defense Bar, and has served on various federal court committees. Mr. Voss has over two dozen reported cases. He is board certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, is a member of the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas, and is also a member of the Appellate Section and Government Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association. Mr. Voss has lectured numerous times on the subjects of § 1983 liability, employment law, and ethics. He received his BA and JD from Baylor University.

Abigail Rogers has spent her career representing local and state governmental entities on a wide range of labor, employment, operational, and governance issues. She is currently in practice with the firm Clark Baird Smith LLP in Rosemont, Illinois. In addition, she regularly administers training, delivers speeches, and authors articles addressing emerging legal issues impacting employers and best practices for managing legal issues in the workplace. In her private life, she serves on a not-for-profit board, volunteers with legal services agencies, and enjoys every available minute of family time. She obtained her JD from DePaul University College of Law in 1997.

Dan Rowan is an associate at Bullard Law in Portland, Oregon. Dan represents public and private sector employers in collective bargaining, arbitrations, unfair labor practice proceedings, and other labor matters. He also provides training and advice on a variety of employment and labor topics.

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Mr. Kamprath is Assistant General Counsel at the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. The Authority owns and operates four airports, including Tampa International Airport. His role focuses on counseling the Authority with respect to the development of its Tampa Gateway Program and its \$1 billion expansion of Tampa International Airport through the implementation of Phase I of its Master Plan.

He is board certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar. He is licensed to practice in Florida; Alabama; the U.S. Middle District and Northern District Courts of Florida; the U.S. Middle District, Northern District, and Southern District Courts for Alabama; the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been recognized by his peers with an A/V rating and as a Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Mr. Kamprath serves as the president of the nine-state (and District of Columbia) Southeast Region of Engineers without Borders—USA and has played a major role in kicking off EWB-USA's program to help U.S. communities. He was selected by EWB-USA to attend the Emerging Leaders Alliance Conference this past year. He serves on its Strategic Planning and Legal Advisory Committees and was recently nominated for its Founder's Award.

He is the founder and was the inaugural cochair of the ABA's Section of State and Local Government Law's Young Lawyers Committee and is the chair of the ABA Forum on Construction Law's Young Lawyers Division. He was the primary author of an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the ABA. He was named as one of three finalists for the 2014 ABA National Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award and won the 2015 Jefferson Fordham Up & Comer Award.

Mr. Kamprath is also active with the American Society of Civil Engineers and serves on its Claims Avoidance and Resolution Committee. He was recently awarded the ASCE Outstanding Reviewer Award for his peer review work on the *ASCE Journal of Legal Affairs and Dispute Resolution in Engineering and Construction*.

He served five years on Hillsborough County's Code Enforcement Board (including the last two years as its chair) and as a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate, where he helped adjudicate cases and consider appeals concerning land development, fire safety, natural resources, false burglar alarms, water use, and synthetic drugs.

Mr. Kamprath received his BA cum laude in economics and BSE cum laude and MS in civil engineering from Case Western Reserve University and his JD magna cum laude from the University of Florida.

Robert H. Thomas is a land use and appellate lawyer and focuses on regulatory takings, eminent domain, water rights, and voting rights cases. He has tried cases and appeals in Hawaii, California, and the federal courts.

Mr. Thomas received his LLM, with honors, from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his JD from the University of Hawaii School of Law, where he served as editor of the law review. Mr. Thomas taught law at the University of Santa Clara School of Law and was an exam grader and screener for the California Committee of Bar Examiners. He currently serves as the chair of the Eminent Domain Law Committee of the ABA's Section on State & Local Government Law. He is the Hawaii member of Owners' Counsel of America, a national network of the most experienced eminent domain and property rights lawyers.

Kellen Norwood is an associate on the employment law and labor relations and the education law practice teams. Mr. Norwood's practice focuses on litigation, and he has served clients facing litigation in federal court, as well as state and federal agency investigations. In addition to labor and employment matters, he handles student-rights litigation and advises clients on regulatory compliance. Mr. Norwood joined the firm in 2013 after spending a year as a judicial clerk in Anchorage, Alaska. During the summer after his second year in law school and into his third year, he was a law clerk in the Office of General Counsel at Portland State University. After his first year, he clerked for the Oregon Department of Justice in the Financial Fraud and Consumer Protection unit.

Melissa Schilling is an attorney at Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, P.C. in Des Moines, Iowa. Ms. Schilling represents public and private sector employers in labor and employment matters. Her practice includes representing employers in grievance and interest arbitration cases, contract negotiations, unfair labor practice charges, and federal and state employment-related charges and lawsuits. Ms. Schilling also counsels employers on a wide range of labor and employment issues, including FMLA and workplace medical issues, technology issues, and discipline matters.

Karen Grande is a partner at the Providence, Rhode Island law firm of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP. Her practice emphasizes debt finance and capital markets, public finance, municipal insolvency and Chapter 9

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Bill Scheiderich has worked as house counsel to various Oregon cities and service districts since 1980. He has reviewed and revised staff reports and prepared final orders in innumerable land use decisions for review by a state executive agency and state appellate courts. He has also defended local government decisions in state and federal trial and appellate court proceedings, including writs of review, declaratory judgment, and mandamus. He is adjunct faculty to Eastern and Western Oregon University, teaching municipal law to police and fire service professionals. He is sometimes involved in the defense of his own decisions as chair of a local water supply board and chair of a fire district civil service commission. He has been active with the ABA State and Local Government Section since 1995 and has served as the section budget officer, member of the Governing Council, and forthcoming chair of the publications oversight board. He was coeditor of the *ABA Eminent Domain Handbook* (2011) and is the editor of this *Municipal Law Deskbook*. Mr. Scheiderich is a graduate of Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut (BA 1971) and Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (JD 1979) and is admitted to practice in Oregon state courts, the U.S. District Court for Oregon, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Harmony Conti Bodurtha graduated from the University of Rhode Island (BA 1999) and from Florida State University College of Law (JD 2002). She is admitted to practice in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and before the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. Prior to joining Orson & Brusini Ltd. in 2009, Ms. Bodurtha practiced in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, and creditors' rights. She currently practices in the areas of civil litigation, personal injury, municipal insolvency, business insolvency, commercial litigation, and corporate and business law.