

Speaker Biographies

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Matthew Baker
 Partner
 Baker Botts LLP
 San Francisco, CA

Matthew Baker focuses his practice on white collar defense and internal investigations for a broad range of industries, with an emphasis on the energy and chemical sector. He is also well-versed in complex electronic discovery and information governance issues, as well as domestic and international data privacy and information security practices. His diverse experience at the intersection of litigation, technology, and data management enables him to provide clients with comprehensive counsel proactively and in real time.

Mr. Baker draws on his vast litigation experience to help clients establish a defensible approach in the midst of a crisis. He understands the challenges clients face in a disaster, an investigation, or a data breach, and provides clients with strategies for mitigation and response tactics.

In addition, with a keen awareness of the enforcement landscape, Mr. Baker assists clients with security and crisis preparedness. He works hand-in-hand with client management to develop simulations and drills to help identify and address gaps in procedures and protocols for emergent situations. He also advises clients on proactive litigation preparedness and information governance best practices, especially for those clients within highly regulated industries. He is highly experienced in knowledge management and counsels on processes for efficiently streamlining and organizing data.



Jay Bernas
NACWA Board Member
 Chief Financial Officer
 Hampton Roads Sanitation District
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Jay Bernas, P.E. serves as Hampton Roads Sanitation District's Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer. Before his promotion, Mr. Bernas served as Chief of Planning and Analysis. Mr. Bernas graduated from Old Dominion University with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and earned his MBA from the College of William and Mary. In 2020, he was elected to serve on the board of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and was appointed by the Governor to the Virginia Board of Accountancy.

In 2018, he was elected to the Board of Trustees for the \$2.0 billion Virginia Investment Pool. He was appointed by the Virginia Beach City Council to serve on the Planning Commission from 2006-2013 and served as its chair for the last two years of his tenure. He served as the St. Gregory's the Great School Board Chairman from 2015 to 2019.



Barbara Biggs

NACWA Board Member

General Manager

Roxborough Water and Sanitation District

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Barbara Biggs is the General Manager of the Roxborough Water & Sanitation District, Chair of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Metro Roundtable, Chair of the One World One Water Advisory Council of Metropolitan State University, and board member of the Colorado Water Trust and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

Ms. Biggs has over 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry in CO, formerly having been a consultant to water and wastewater utilities and having managed the Governmental Affairs and Water Quality Division for the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.

Ms. Biggs previously served on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (Chairperson in 2005), the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board, and NACWA's Water Quality Committee (Chairperson 2007-2014).



Anne Carpenter

Partner

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Washington, DC

Anne Carpenter concentrates her practice on technically complex civil and criminal matters, including the representation of clients in connection with multi-agency government investigations and enforcement actions, suspension or debarment proceedings, corporate internal investigations, and corporate compliance counseling.

Ms. Carpenter has significant experience in criminal enforcements against oil and gas clients under the Clean Air Act (CAA) and Clean Water Act (CWA), and in civil enforcements against home builder clients under the CWA's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit program and state-delegated equivalents. She represents clients with significant federal contracts with respect to matters before agency suspension and debarment offices, including the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Suspension and Debarment and the US Department of Interior's Office of Acquisition and Property Management.

Ms. Carpenter also regularly counsels clients with respect to federal contract issues under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), as well as federal transactions under the Nonprocurement Common Rule (NCR).



Alexandra Dunn

Partner
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Washington, DC

With over 25 years of practice at the local, state, and federal levels of government, **Alexandra Dunn** brings to clients an extensive institutional knowledge and keen ability to help solve regulatory problems companies may face. Her deep relationships across the nation and reputation for transparency, fairness, and equity, make her a forceful presence in the most difficult of settings.

Ms. Dunn previously served as the Assistant Administrator for the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, in which she led the Agency in the creation of national policies implementing federal laws governing chemicals, pesticides, and pollution prevention. Prior to that, she was the EPA Administrator for New England (Region 1).

Drawing upon her agency background, Ms. Dunn provides clients with an "EPA insider" perspective on regulations and management of emerging contaminants, particularly integrated per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFOS/PFAS) and has decades of risk communication and risk management experience to offer clients on chemicals of concern.



Evan Wolff

Partner
Crowell & Moring LLP
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Evan Wolff is a partner in Crowell & Moring's Washington, DC office where he is co-chair of the firm's Privacy & Cybersecurity Group and a member of the Government Contracts Group. Mr. Wolff has a national reputation for his deep technical background and understanding of complex cybersecurity legal and policy issues. Calling upon his experiences as a scientist, program manager, and lawyer, he takes an innovative approach to developing blended legal, technical, and governance mechanisms to prepare companies with rapid and comprehensive responses to rapidly evolving cybersecurity risks and threats.

Mr. Wolff has conducted training and incident simulations, developed response plans, led privileged investigations, and advised on hundreds of data breaches where he works closely with forensic investigators. He also counsels businesses on both domestic and international privacy compliance matters, including the European Union General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR), and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). He is also a Registered Practitioner under the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) framework.

Representing a broad range of companies across multiple sectors including government contractors, the defense industrial base, transportation, energy, health care, insurance, hospitality, education, and non-profit, Mr. Wolff's legal practice has a focus on regulatory compliance including Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Privacy Shield, the SAFETY Act, and the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act (CFATS). He also advises companies on computer network security, general security issues, investigation coordination after intrusions, data breaches, and insurance-related issues.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Wolff served as an advisor to the senior leadership at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Previously, he held the position of principal homeland security policy analyst/project manager to The MITRE Corporation and served as general counsel and senior geospatial analyst for isciences LLC; vice president and principal of Environmental Protection International; and senior geologist at the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission.