Probate, Estate, Planning & Trust Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Anna S. Gluse

Ann Gluse earned a B.S. in Finance from the University of South Carolina in 1985. She received her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2000 and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar the same year. She earned her Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation in 2009. Ann began her career in the financial services industry in 1990 with First Union where she worked until the completion of law school. After receiving her J.D., Ann practiced law focusing her practice in estate and wealth management planning. She joined SCBT in 2005 to manage the Trust Asset Management division. She has extensive experience in trust and estate administration.

Ann serves as Chair of the Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Law Section of the South Carolina Bar. She served co-chair of the South Carolina Bar's Probate Code Revision Committee Article 3, Part 8 review and also served on the South Carolina Bar's Committee studying the proposed Uniform Trust Code. Ann is a member of the Columbia Estate Planning Council and is immediate past chair of the SC Bankers Association Trust Committee.

Ann is active in community affairs and has most recently served on the Board of Directors of the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties and the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of South Carolina-Mountains to Midlands Region. She is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Columbia. Ann is a member of the Junior League of Columbia.

Ann and her husband, Eric, have one daughter and live in Columbia where they are members of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Ann enjoys trail running, travel, gourmet cooking and watching her daughter grow.

Austin Bramwell

Austin Bramwell is a partner of the New York law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and a member of the firm's Trusts & Estates Group. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. A frequent lecturer on estate planning topics, he is the author of numerous articles in the estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax area. Mr. Bramwell earned his J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude with distinction in Philosophy, from Yale College in New Haven, Connecticut. He clerked for the Honorable Timothy M. Tymkovich of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Catherine H. Kennedy

Catherine Hood Kennedy is recognized throughout South Carolina for her expertise in probate and trust matters. From 1987 to 1999, Ms. Kennedy was the Richland County Probate Judge. She is presently a

certified specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law practicing with the firm of Turner Padget Graham & Laney, PA., in its Columbia office. A past chair of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the Bar, Ms. Kennedy is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*--Trust and Estates, and has been named a *South Carolina Super Lawyer*.

Catherine Kennedy frequently testifies before legislative committees on changes in South Carolina probate and trust law, and serves as an expert witness in probate matters. Since 2009 she has been serving as the chair of the PET Section committee to study changes to the South Carolina Probate Code, which were passed by the legislature in June and took effect January 1, 2014. Ms. Kennedy also served on the committee studying the Uniform Trust Code, which resulted in the enactment of the South Carolina Trust Code in 2005. She is certified as a civil court mediator and arbitrator and served on the task force to draft and implement mediation in the probate courts.

G.P. Diminich

G.P. Diminich is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a Certified Specialist in Taxation Law as well as a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning & Probate Law, distinctions supervised by the S.C. Supreme Court. He practices in the areas of tax law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, partnership law, wills, trusts, probate, estate planning, tax-exempt organizations, state and local taxation, business litigation, and probate litigation. He has Martindale-Hubbell's top ("AV") Peer Review Rating. Mr. Diminich is a past legal writing instructor for the University of South Carolina School of Law. He earned his B.A. degree, with honors, from Davidson College, his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law, his International M.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina Moore School of Business, and his LL.M. degree in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Diminich is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association's Probate, Estate Planning & Trust Section, Article 5 Section 5 Durable Powers of Attorney Revision Group; American Bar Association (member, Taxation, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and Business Law sections); the South Carolina Bar Association (member, Tax Law, Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Law, and Corporate, Banking and Securities Law sections); the Charleston Tax Council (past President); the Charleston Estate Planning Council; and the Charleston Tax Roundtable. He is admitted to the U.S. Tax Court and is a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. Mr. Diminich is also a member of the S.C. Supreme Court's Estate Planning & Probate Law Specialization Advisory Board and the S.C. Bar Association's Tax Section Council, and serves as a Mentor in the S.C. Supreme Court's lawyer mentoring program.

Mr. Diminich has obtained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification. Additionally, he teaches taxation courses as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Charleston's Master of Science (M.S.) in Accountancy program and has published articles and organized and lectured on numerous topics for CLE and CPE credit concerning taxation, business law, and estate planning and probate law for a variety of organizations, including the CLE divisions of the S.C. Bar Association and the N.C. Bar Association.

Mr. Diminich is a member of The Rotary Club of Charleston (Paul Harris Fellow) and the Charleston Metro Exchange Club, and is on the Community Investment Review Team (Finance) of the Trident United Way, the Finance Committee of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Taxation and Small Business Committees of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Charleston program. In 2013, Mr. Diminich was recognized as "40 Leaders under Forty" by the *Charleston Regional Business Journal*.

Hon. Debora A. Faulkner

Judge Faulkner was elected to the office of Probate Judge on November 3, 1998. Prior to her election, she served 4 years as Associate Probate Judge for Greenville County.
Judge Faulkner graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina in 1979 and received her law degree in 1982 from the USC School of Law. She practiced law in Greenville for 13 years prior to her judicial service. She practiced in Probate Court, Family Court, Circuit Court, Federal District Court and the S.C. Supreme Court.
She was appointed by Chief Justice Jean Toal to serve on the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council is charged with improving the court system and the administration of justice in the State of South Carolina. She also serves on the Probate Court Advisory Committee, which is charged with advising the Chief Justice on Probate Court practice and procedures.
She is a member of the S.C. Bar Association, the Greenville County Bar, and the National College of Probate Judges. She serves as President of the S.C. Probate Judges Association. She is a graduate of the National Judicial College. Judge Faulkner serves on several community boards: The Greenville East Rotary, Urban League of the Upstate, and the Humane Society.
She is a volunteer with the Warehouse Theater and a volunteer speaker for Greenville Memorial Hospice. She is a graduate of Leadership Greenville, Class XXVI.

John C. von Lehe, Jr.

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John von Lehe is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Charleston, where he practices in taxation, estate planning and appellate taw. A member of the South Carolina Bar and a Certified Public Accountant in South Carolina, Mr. von Lehe's practice includes local, state and federal tax Issues, the preparation of wills and trusts, and matters of probate. He concentrates a significant portion of his practice In matters of property tax (including fee-in-lieu of property tax), sales tax, state income tax and economic and tax Incentives for new and existing businesses. Mr. von Lehe is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law, and a Certified Specialist in Taxation Law, distinctions awarded by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.
Mr. von Lehe's positions of leadership for the South Carolina Bar include chairmanship of the Estate Planning and Probate Certification Board (1988) and president of the Section of Taxation (1991). He was a trustee of the South Carolina Bar Foundation and served as its president in 1994. He served as a member of the Commission on Legal Education.
Mr. von Lehe is a member of the American Bar Association and a fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel. He is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and a member of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.
Mr. von Lehe currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina, having been first elected by the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1996. Previously, he

served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Tax Study Commission and the South Carolina State Museum board of directors, for which he served as chairman. Mr. von Lehe currently serves as President of the Charleston Museum. He is listed in 77ie *Best Lawyers in America* (1989-2006 editions).

Prior to joining Nelson Mullins, Mr. von Lehe was in practice with another leading South Carolina firm. From 1970-71, he was in-house counsel with the Rulings Division of the Internal Revenue Service. From 1971-78, he was Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Carolina, where he served as counsel to the South Carolina Tax Commission.

Mr. von Lehe earned a Master of Laws in Taxation from Washington University In 1969. In 1968, he earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law where he was a member of South Carolina Law Review. In 1965, he earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of South Carolina where he was named to Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting honor society.

Additional speaker without submitted biographies:

Alan Medline