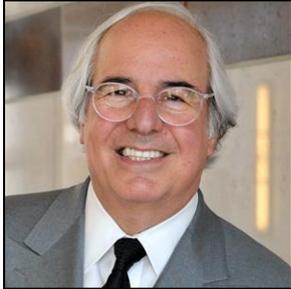


Real Estate Practices Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Frank Abagnale

Renowned Cybersecurity And Fraud Prevention Expert, Bestselling Author & Subject of *Catch Me If You Can*

Frank W. Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on forgery, embezzlement and secure documents. For over 40 years he has worked with, advised and consulted with hundreds of financial institutions, corporations and government agencies around the world.

Mr. Abagnale's rare blend of knowledge and expertise began more than 45 years ago when he was known as one of the world's most famous confidence men. This was depicted most graphically in his best-selling book, *Catch Me If You Can*, a film of which was also made, directed by Steven Spielberg with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. A Broadway musical of the same title was also created and in April 2011 opened on Broadway and won a Tony Award. Apprehended by the French police when he was 21 years old, he served time in the French, Swedish and U. S. prison systems. After five years he was released on the condition that he would help the federal government, without remuneration, by teaching and assisting federal law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Abagnale has now been associated with the FBI for over four decades. More than 14,000 financial institutions, corporations and law enforcement agencies use his fraud prevention programs. In 1998 he was selected as a distinguished member of "Pinnacle 400" by CNN Financial News - a select group of 400 people chosen on the basis of great accomplishment and success in their fields. In 2004 Mr. Abagnale was selected as the spokesperson for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA). He has also written numerous articles and books including *The Art of the Steal*, *The Real U Guide to Identity Theft and Stealing Your Life*.

Kara M. Bailey

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Kara M. Bailey is an associate attorney on Rogers Townsend's Business Banking and Professional Practices team. Her practice involves a wide variety of commercial and industrial transactions. She advises and assists clients with projects throughout South Carolina; including real estate closings, loan closings, lease transactions, and zoning and property tax valuation matters. Actively involved in the Midlands commercial real estate community, she sits on the Board of Directors for CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Midlands, as well as participates in the Urban Land Institute.

She also represents banking entities in commercial finance transactions, including both real estate based and inventory, equipment, and receivables based, as well as in the sale of commercial REO property. On the South Carolina Bar Corporate, Banking & Securities Law Section Council, she serves as the Vice Chair. Additionally, to instill financial literacy in South Carolina's youth, she sits on Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina's Young Professionals Auxiliary Board of Directors, as well as teaches several classes per year to Midlands elementary school children.

In addition to her board service, she is a member of the United Way of the Midlands Young Leaders Society and is a member of the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division Midlands Cinderella Project Committee.

William "Bill" O. Higgins

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Bill Higgins practices law in the Columbia office of Graybill, Lansche & Vinzani, LLC in the areas of commercial real estate law, tax law, business acquisitions, professional responsibility, legal ethics, and lawyer misconduct. He received his B.S. degree from Presbyterian College, his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law, and his LL.M. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. Active in the South Carolina Bar, he is a former chairperson of the Professional Responsibility Committee, the Ethics 2000 subcommittee, and the Real Estate Practice Section Council. He was a member of the Task Force on Multi-Disciplinary Practice and currently serves on the Professional Responsibility Committee and chairs the Ethics Advisory Opinions Committee. He is listed in Best Lawyers® in both Real Estate Law and Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law.

Matthew “Matt” B. Hill

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Matt Hill joined Adams and Reese in 2013 as a Partner following the firm’s expansion into South Carolina, and he currently serves as the Partner in Charge of the firm’s Columbia office.

Matt provides counsel to individuals and real estate development groups in connection with the acquisition, sale, construction and development of commercial real estate projects. His practice also concentrates on providing representation to national and regional landlords and tenants as they negotiate, renew, modify and work out commercial leases involving retail, warehouse, industrial, office, and restaurant space. Matt also serves as counsel to national and regional banks and other institutional lenders in connection with credit facilities provided for office and retail development projects; industrial facilities; asset-based financings; and troubled debt restructuring and workouts.

Committed to investing personal time in the community, Matt is a past president of the Columbia Kiwanis Club. Matt has served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and is a 2004 graduate of the Chamber’s Leadership Columbia program. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. In his spare time Matt enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and three sons.

Claire T. Manning

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Course Planner

Claire T. Manning, Esquire, is Vice President and State Manager for Chicago Title Insurance Company. She received her B.A. degree from the College of Journalism, University of South Carolina in 1978 (summa cum laude), where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1981. While in law school she was a member of Wig and Robe and on The Moot Court Board.

She is a member of the South Carolina Bar, including the Real Property Section, the Richland Bar Association, and the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. She currently serves as a member of the Council of the Real Property Section of the South Carolina Bar. She was in private practice in real estate development in Columbia for eleven years prior to her association with Chicago Title Insurance Company in 1992. She was Underwriting Counsel for Chicago Title prior to her current job, which she began in 2008. She is author of South Carolina Bar’s publication, Handbook for South Carolina Dirt Lawyers, the Title Insurance chapter of the Bar’s 2012 publication Practical Guide to Commercial Real Estate in South Carolina, and the Landlord and Tenant section of South Carolina Jurisprudence. She is a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. She is a past President of Palmetto Land Title Association and the recipient of its J. Lee McDonald Award. She has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of South

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