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Matthew Agen, Esq.

American Gas Association (AGA)

Matthew Agen is Chief Regulatory Counsel, Energy at American Gas Association (AGA). Mr. Agen has over fifteen years of experience in the private sector and with the federal government. He has extensive experience advising and representing natural gas distribution companies, oil pipelines, natural gas pipelines, and electric utilities in a variety of federal regulatory and transactional matters arising under the Natural Gas Act, Interstate Commerce Act, and Federal Power Act before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Mr. Agen has additional experience representing clients before U.S. Courts of Appeals, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), other federal agencies, and state commissions.

Nancy Bagot

Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)

Nancy Bagot is Senior Vice President of the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA). She assists the management and leads the association's regulatory team, which develops and advocates federal and state policy issues affecting the development and evolution of competitive wholesale power markets. Issues include the refinement of RTOs and related market rules, ensuring fair and open access for all market participants to wholesale markets, and the development of mutually reinforcing reliability standards and competitive market operations.

Prior to joining EPSA in 2002, Ms. Bagot served as the Washington, D.C. government affairs manager for five major interstate natural gas pipelines: Northern Natural Gas, Florida Gas Transmission, Transwestern Pipeline, Northern Border Pipeline and Midwestern Transmission. From 1990 – 1999, Bagot worked in TransCanada Pipelines' Washington, D.C. office as a regulatory representative and analyst.

Ms. Bagot has represented the interests of the energy industry before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other federal entities, focusing on electricity markets, natural gas and general policy. She has served as Chair and member of committees of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, as a member of the Keystone Dialogue on Natural Gas and Cleaner Power, and as a Board member of the Interstate Pipeline Regulatory Committee. She is currently a non-attorney professional member of the Energy Bar Association. Ms. Bagot received a B.A. degree from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

### Elizabeth H. Barnes Esq.

#### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Elizabeth (Betsy) Barnes has been Deputy Chief Counsel in the Law Bureau of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission since July 2022. She is primarily responsible for federal energy matters and regulatory review. Prior to her appointment, she served as an Administrative Law Judge in the Harrisburg office of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from July 2010 – July 2022. From December 1998 – July 2010, she was Assistant Counsel in the Commission’s Law Bureau. Ms. Barnes holds a B.S. in Marketing/Pre-Law from Juniata College and a J.D. from Widener University Delaware Law School.

### James H. Cawley Esq.

#### SkarlatosZonarich LLC

James H. Cawley is a lawyer and consultant specializing in public utility law. Since 2016 he has been Of Counsel to SkarlatosZonarich LLC in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Previously he served as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (1979-1985; 2005-2015) regulating telecommunications, water, energy, and transportation utility services. While a PaPUC commissioner, he was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal [Telephone] Service and served as the State Chairman of the Board. He was a partner at law firms Rhoads & Sinon (1996-2005) and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Green & MacRae LLP (1988-1996). For twenty years he was an adjunct professor of federal and state administrative law and appellate advocacy at the Harrisburg campus of Widener University Commonwealth Law School. From 1991 to 1999, he served on the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, and from 1998 to

2003, he served on the board of directors of Pennsylvania-American Water Company and from 2016 to 2020 on the board of directors of The York Water Company. Early in his career, he served as majority counsel to the Pa. Senate Consumer Affairs Committee and then as chief counsel to the Senate Democratic majority caucus. In 1975-76, he was a major drafter of reforms to Pennsylvania's public utility laws (including drafting the separate law creating the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General with its jurisdiction confined to the PaPUC) and then assisted with the codification of those laws into the present Public Utility Code. In 1983, he co-authored a rate case handbook that was updated in 2018; it is available on the PaPUC's website: [Ratemaking Guide](#).

## Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank was nominated by Governor Wolf on September 20, 2022, and confirmed by the Senate on October 19, 2022. He was appointed as Chairman on August 30, 2023, by Governor Josh Shapiro. His term expires on April 1, 2025. Prior to joining the PaPUC, the Chairman was a principal in the government relations practice at Buchannan Ingersoll & Rooney. He also spent 24 years in state government, primarily in the state Senate, serving in several roles with Senate leadership, including Chief of Staff for two members, Special Assistant for Policy to the Democratic Leader, and Democratic Executive Director of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. As Committee Director, the Chairman developed policy initiatives impacting the utility sector, including the creation of the Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), authorization of Transportation Network Companies, and modernizing the Public Utility Code relative to energy, water, wastewater and telecommunications. Chairman DeFrank resides in Harrisburg with his family.

## Steven Denman, Esq. Xcel Energy Services

Steven Denman is Assistant General Counsel at Xcel Energy Services in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Denman has a notable background in public utilities regulation, energy law, administrative law, telecommunications, renewable and alternative energy, and electric and natural gas utilities. He has served as an Assistant Attorney General and as a First Assistant Attorney General in the Colorado

Department of Law when he supervised the Assistant Attorneys General who represented the Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and the Commission. More recently Mr. Denman served for six years as an Administrative Law Judge for the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Denman holds an A.B. in Political Science from Indiana University Bloomington and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

## Nanette Edwards, Esq.

### Burr & Forman, LLP

Nanette S. Edwards is a partner at Burr & Forman, LLP and is part of the firm's Regulatory and Government Affairs team where she focuses her practice on communications, government and public sector, energy and public utilities. Nanette has over 27 years of experience in communications and public utility law. Before joining Burr, Nanette was twice appointed by Governor McMaster to serve as Executive Director of the South Carolina Office Regulatory Staff (ORS), the regulatory body representing the public interest before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. In her role as Executive Director of ORS, she appeared and testified before members of the South Carolina General Assembly both House and Senate, coordinated with state and federal agencies, and provided presentations to consumer, industry and utility groups. In this role, she carried out the responsibilities of Emergency Support Function 12 in coordination with the SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD). During a disaster in South Carolina, ESF 12 takes the lead on electric and natural gas issues while also providing support with issues concerning railroads and transportation and is responsible for coordinating with energy providers to establish priorities to repair damaged energy systems and to provide temporary, alternate, or interim sources of natural gas supply and electric power. Prior to joining ORS in 2005, she served as vice president and regulatory attorney for ITC<sup>^</sup>DeltaCom where she represented the company before state and federal agencies and managed regulatory litigation activities. Nanette has extensive experience administering programs, directing operations, handling regulatory litigation and coordinating with lawmakers. Nanette attended Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Prior to law school, Nanette attended Erskine College, where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Business Administration and English. Nanette also participated in exchange programs in St. Andrews, Scotland and Madrid, Spain.

## Kristen Edwards, Esq.

## South Dakota Public Utility Commission

Kristen Edwards is Commission Counsel for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission where she has worked for eleven years since coming to the commission from private practice. Kristen grew up on a farm in Iowa and earned a BS from Minnesota State University, Mankato and a JD from the University of South Dakota School of Law. With the SD PUC, she has litigated numerous contested cases, including those regarding the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines. As an attorney at one of the smallest commissions in the country, Kristen's practice areas span all subjects under PUC regulation including gas and electric, telecommunications, energy facility siting, pipeline safety, and grain elevator regulation. Ms. Edwards is a past president of the Public Sector Section of the State Bar of South Dakota, past chair of the Administrative Law Committee of the State Bar, and currently serves as acting chair of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Law.

### Daniel Eitzman

## Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Daniel Eitzman is an Energy Program Specialist in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Energy Programs Office.

### Louise Fink Smith, Esq.

## Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Ms. Fink Smith joined the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC) in 1994 and presently serves as an Assistant Counsel in the Law Bureau. At the PA PUC, Ms. Fink Smith has handled matters in all substantive areas regulated by the PA PUC. In addition to her substantive practice at the PA PUC, Ms. Fink Smith is currently part of the team that reviews all of the PA PUC's proposed and final regulations and policy statements. From 1992 to 1994, Ms. Fink Smith was in private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. From 1981 to 1992, Ms. Fink Smith was Counsel for Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Denver, Colorado, handling legal matters relative to client operations in 27 states and various off-shore locations. Ms. Fink Smith received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa.

## Brian Fitzpatrick

### PJM Interconnection

Brian Fitzpatrick is the Principal Fuel Supply Strategist at PJM Interconnection, an organization responsible for managing the electric grid and wholesale electricity markets in the Mid-Atlantic and parts of the Midwest United States. His role involves overseeing fuel supply strategies and ensuring reliable energy supply within the PJM region. Mr. Fitzpatrick has a wealth of experience in the energy industry, having held various positions related to fuel supply, regulatory affairs, and energy efficiency. His expertise plays a crucial role in ensuring a stable and efficient energy supply for millions of consumers in the PJM region.

## Adeline Gaydosh

### Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau

Adeline Gaydosh serves as Legal Assistant for the Pennsylvania Code and Bulletin, a division of the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau (“LRB”). Adeline’s duties include editing rulemakings, court rules and notices for publication and codification in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and Code. She also researches historic Code and Bulletin materials and reconstructs the history of regulations. Prior to joining the LRB, Adeline was the Managing Legal Editor of the Pennsylvania Code and Bulletin for Fry Communications, Inc., the Code and Bulletin’s publisher. Adeline earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Shippensburg University.

## Robert Gramola

### PA Public Utility Commission

Robert C. (Bob) Gramola is the longtime Director of Administration and Finance for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Bob is a graduate of Empire State College (SUNY), Rochester, NY with a degree in Business Management. His professional career spans over 40 years in the business and regulatory community overseeing organizations’ administrative duties including Human Resources, Information Technologies, and Budget / Fiscal Operations. He has also served as the chairman of NARUC’s Information Services Subcommittee for the past seven years and works with the various commissions Information Technology leaders on

the ever-changing IT landscape facing public utility commissions and best practices for these technologies.

## The Honorable Scott Hempling Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Scott Hempling taught regulatory law to a generation of United States practitioners. He has advised and testified before numerous state utility commissions, and appeared frequently before U.S. congressional and state legislative committees. He has addressed audiences throughout the United States and in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Central America, England, Germany, India, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru and Vanuatu. His legal textbook, *Regulating Public Utility Performance: The Law of Market Structure, Pricing and Jurisdiction* (American Bar Association 2d ed. 2021), has been described as “a joy ... for the veteran, essential reading for the newcomer.” His book of essays, *Preside or Lead? The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators*, has been described as “matchless” and “timeless.” His book *Regulating Mergers and Acquisitions of U.S. Electric Utilities: Industry Consolidation and Corporate Complication* (Edward Elgar Publishing 2020), has been described as “powerful and persuasive . . . a terrific book.” An adjunct professor at Georgetown Law, Hempling is a former Executive Director of the U.S. National Regulatory Research Institute, and currently an Administrative Law Judge at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He received a B.A. cum laude from Yale University in (1) Economics and Political Science and (2) Music, and a J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center.

## Alana Herron, Esq. US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Alanna Herron is a licensed attorney with several years of progressive experience in the energy industry with a focus toward project management, contract administration, and DOT PHMSA regulatory policy and compliance. Ms. Herron is currently Technical Advisor to the Associate Administrator in PHMSA’s Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). Ms. Herron advises the Associate Administrator on the impacts of technical and policy decisions and how those decisions may impact the

organization and the industry. Decisions include regulations, interpretations, enforcement proceedings, compliance orders, emergency orders, special permits, and other policy matters. Ms. Herron supports OPS senior leadership during strategic agency planning with establishing national strategies and priorities as well as helping to determine program objectives and priorities, and the coordination and implementation of action plans for the accomplishment of program objectives throughout all PHMSA operating offices. Most recently, Ms. Herron spent nine months on Capitol Hill working on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s pipeline safety reauthorization bill, H.R. 6494, the Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2023. In this role, Ms. Herron met with and advised congressional and industry stakeholders on pipeline safety topics related to the reauthorization of the Office of Pipeline Safety. Ms. Herron drafted and edited congressional proposals for incorporation in the reauthorization bill, and prepared information for relevant congressional members and staff as well as for committee meetings. Ms. Herron obtained her Juris Doctorate from Northern Illinois University – College of Law and received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Southern Illinois University.

## John Herzog, Esq.

John Herzog recently retired from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. He had served as Executive Deputy Chief Counsel. Currently, John serves as an annuitant with the Commission. Throughout his career, John has handled highly complex litigation for the Commission and guided the Commission in such matters as oversight of the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee, the initiation of Transportation Network Service in Pennsylvania, and the evolution of regulatory oversight of the transportation industry. John has appeared numerous times in appellate courts, including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, representing the Commission. John attended Franklin and Marshall College, the London School of Economics, and the Dickinson School of Law.

## Michael Holko

### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Michael C. Holko was appointed as the first Director of the Office for Cybersecurity Compliance and Oversight (OCCO) by Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille in September 2018. OCCO is the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s office responsible for working with the regulated utilities to ensure

they have adequate measures in place to help prevent and/or mitigate damage from cyberattacks on their critical infrastructure. As the Director of OCCO, Mr. Holko is responsible for advising the Chairman, Commissioners, and Executive Director on policy and procedural issues; improvements involving cybersecurity oversight functions of regulated utilities; draft proposed cyber-related regulations; and oversee the preparation of orders, rulemakings, policy statements, Secretarial Letters and memoranda related to cybersecurity policies and procedures of those regulated utilities. Mr. Holko has 27 years' experience in cybersecurity. He began his career with the Commonwealth Office of Administration holding a variety of positions in IT disaster recovery planning, continuity of government, business analysis, project management, security administration, incident response planning, vulnerability management, and risk management. During his tenure with the Commonwealth, Mr. Holko worked for the Office of the Budget, the Pennsylvania Justice Network, and the Office for Information Technology, and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Mr. Holko received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Slippery Rock University.

## James Kennedy

### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

James Kennedy is a Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer for the PA PUC, working in the Bureau of Technical Utility Services Water/Wastewater Section. James holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware and a Master of Science Degree from Penn State, also in Chemical Engineering. He recently passed the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam and was awarded an Engineer in Training Certificate by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. James has published research articles in peer-reviewed journals related to chemistry and chemical engineering.

## Peter Klein, Esq.

### Legislative Reference Bureau

Peter Klein is an associate counsel with the Legislative Reference Bureau, a nonpartisan legislative agency responsible for drafting legislation, publishing administrative documents through the Office of Code and Bulletin and providing legal advice to members and staff of the General Assembly and Executive

departments. In addition to his legislative and regulatory work, he is also counsel to Pennsylvania's Joint Committee on Documents. Originally from South Carolina, Peter attended the College of Charleston and earned his law degree in 2012 from the Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law in State College, Pa.

## Joseph Magee

### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Joe Magee is a Manager in the Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. He has 19 years of experience working in programs serving low-income households. Joe has previously worked at the Department of Human Services as a policy analyst for Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Since 2013, Joe has worked on public utility universal service program issues, both as a policy analyst and the manager of the Energy Policy Unit in BCS. Joe has a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's Degree in Public Administration, both from Penn State University.

## Elizabeth Marx, Esq.

### Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP)

Elizabeth Marx is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP), a statewide specialty legal services project of Regional Housing Legal Services. Elizabeth leads PULP's policy, litigation, training, and specialized projects in furtherance of its mission to secure just and equitable access to safe and affordable utility services for Pennsylvanians experiencing poverty. She serves as Chairperson of the Department of Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Advisory Committee and the Department of Community and Economic Development's Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Advisory Council. She is also a member of the Public Utility Commission's Consumer Advisory Council and the Department of Environmental Protection's Climate Change Advisory Committee. Before joining PULP in 2014, Ms. Marx worked as an attorney for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She holds a BS in Political Science from Temple University, and a JD from Widener University Commonwealth Law School.

## Maura McClelland, Esq.

### Public Utility Commission of Ohio

Maura McClelland is a Staff Attorney at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in the Office of the Federal Energy Advocate. In addition to working on federal and regional energy issues, Maura is Principal Investigator for the PUCO's energy grant programs. Maura received her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and her undergraduate degree in philosophy from Colgate University in New York. She has worked in state government in Ohio for over 15 years.

## Jen Koppel

### Community Solutions, International

Jen Koppel currently serves as the Program Lead, Path to Zero at Community Solutions, International. She recently served as the Manager of Vulnerable Populations Programs at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health and prior to that she led the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition for 11 years and has served as Deputy Director of Administration for the County of Lancaster's Behavior Health and Developmental Services. Her 30 years of community service experience in Lancaster County government, non-profit, and health system organizations, has provided her with a unique perspective on delivering services successfully within the community. She has been recognized at the White House for transforming homelessness systems in Lancaster County and is the recipient of the Isaiah 61 Restorer of the City award. In 2018 she was appointed to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency board by Governor Tom Wolf where she still currently serves and was recently re-nominated by Governor Wolf for a second term in November 2022. She is a founding board member of the Friends of Donegal and recently elected to the boards of Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat for Humanity and The Lancaster County Food Hub. Jen has been invited as a presenter at various conferences and has served as a consultant on homeless services to communities across the country. She also guest lectures on poverty, homelessness, and social determinants of health at her alma mater, Millersville University.

## Christopher Perkins, Esq.

## Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC

Christopher Perkins is a Member at Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC in Richmond Virginia. He practices in all aspects of bankruptcy, creditor's rights, business reorganizations, receiverships, workouts, and commercial litigation. His bankruptcy practice involves the representation of Chapter 11 debtors, lenders and other secured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees, receivers, lessors, and vendors. Christopher's commercial litigation experience includes the handling of cases involving the Uniform Commercial Code, lender liability, fraudulent conveyance and business torts, landlord-tenant disputes, construction and mechanic's lien litigation, real estate litigation and commercial broker lien disputes, insurance coverage, and malpractice actions. He has significant trial and appellate experience as well as in alternative dispute resolution, including mediation. Chris holds a J.D. degree from the University of Richmond and a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia.

### James Bradford Ramsay, Esq.

#### National Association of Regulatory Commissioners

James (Brad) Ramsay is General Counsel to the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners and is responsible for all association-related legal issues and for managing the Policy Department in all policy, regulatory, and legislative matters where NARUC is active. He directly supports the NARUC Executive Committee and the NARUC Board of Directors. He also directly supports the Telecommunications Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Water Committee, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, and sometimes the Electric, Gas, and ERE committees. He is a member of the Senior Management Team and has worked for NARUC since 1990.

### Dylan Reed, Senior Advisor for External Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office

Dylan Reed is a Senior Advisor for External Affairs with the Grid Deployment Office (GDO) at the U.S. Department of Energy. In this role, he oversees stakeholder engagement and legislative affairs for GDO program divisions. He was most recently a political consultant working as a member of the senior team for a bipartisan national clean energy campaign directly overseeing government affairs

engagement. Previously, he worked at Advanced Energy Economy serving in a multitude of roles, including to lead congressional affairs and direct state engagement in Florida, Indiana, and Virginia. Dylan holds a Master of Public Administration from George Washington University and history and political science degrees from Lebanon Valley College.

### Dr. Brian Regli, Ph.D.

#### Critical Investments, Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania

Brian Regli is the Executive Director of Critical Investments at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His role involves leveraging federal investment and tax credits available to the state and localities through legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Regli focuses on setting up Pennsylvania for a brighter future, particularly in the energy sector.

### Andrew Tubbs, Esq.

#### NiSource, Inc.

Andrew Tubbs is Director of Regulatory Strategy at NiSource, Inc., one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 3.5 million natural gas customers and 500,000 electric customers across six states through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. Mr. Tubbs is also a former Assistant Counsel for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

### Christopher Van de Verg

#### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Mr. Van de Verg joined the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in 2021 as an Assistant Counsel in the Law Bureau, representing the Commission in federal and state trial and appellate courts, and providing advice to the Commission and its bureaus on a variety of legal issues, including cybersecurity, federal energy, pole attachments and telecommunications. He currently represents the Commission on the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Van de Verg served as in-house counsel at a telecommunications service provider and as a solo practitioner in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Van de Verg received his J.D. and MSL (Cybersecurity Law & Policy) from the

University of Maryland School of Law and a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia.

## Deborah A. Winokur Esq.

Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia

Ms. Winokur is Professional Responsibility Counsel at Cozen O'Connor. She advises clients on risk management, ethics, and professional responsibility issues arising within their law firms and practices. Deborah also works with stakeholders within the firm to advise on ethical aspects of pending matters and to assure adherence to ethical standards and compliance with firm policies. In addition, she advises firm management on lateral recruitment and integration. Deborah handles pro bono representations, including representing clients through the Support Center for Child Advocates, Defender Association of Philadelphia, Campaign for Working Families Tax Clinic, Volunteers for the Indigent Program and Homeless Advocacy Project. She is a lecturer in law and teaches a course in Professional Responsibility and Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. Deborah earned her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania and her law degree from Columbia University School of Law. She is Co-chair of the Professional Responsibility Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and serves on the Philadelphia Bar Association Professional Guidance Committee. She also serves on the Pennsylvania Bar Association Committee on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Pennsylvania Bar Association Professional Liability Committee, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civility in the Professional Committee.

## Rebecca Waldemar

Widener University Commonwealth Law School

Rebecca Waldemar teaches civil law and litigation at Widener University Commonwealth Law School representing clients in a range of contentious legal matters including landlord-tenant, unemployment compensation cases, and other general civil matters. In addition to representing clients before administrative agencies, the lower courts, and the court of Common Pleas, Professor Waldemar has argued cases before the Commonwealth Court and represented clients before the Superior Court.

In her work with students, Professor Waldemar guides them through the process of representing clients in all phases of civil matters from the initiation of a case through the final resolution. She works to cultivate in students the skills they need to practice law such as strategic planning, persuasiveness, critical analysis, and creative problem solving in addition to teaching the basics of navigating the Court systems and civil procedure. Soft skills, such as communication and empathy, are also an important component of what she teaches at the Clinic.

In both her legal practice and role as Professor, Ms. Waldemar emphasizes wellbeing and mindfulness as a way to build resilience, maintain equanimity, increase skills, and ensure a balanced and joyful life. Because of her interest and experience in mindfulness and wellbeing, she teaches a Law and Mindfulness class. In that course, students are given effective tools for managing the sometimes intense demands and stress that can accompany a career in the legal field as well as tools that enhance the qualities, skills, and abilities lawyers need to do their work well. Professional identity and character development are also components of the course.

Ms. Waldemar has had a dedicated mindfulness and meditation practice for over thirteen year and credits that practice with her own personal development of resiliency as well as enhancing the skills needed to work effectively with clients, the court system, and students. Prior to her current position, Professor Waldemar filled several roles at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission including as legal counsel in the office of Commissioner and as a hearing examiner.

## Henry Walker

### Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Henry Walker is a Member of the law firm Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Nashville, Tennessee. From 1981 – 1994, he was General Counsel to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission. Mr. Walker was an Assistant District Attorney General in Nashville from 1978-1981 and he is a former law clerk of The Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Walker has a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

## Brian Whorl, Director – Division of Federal Programs,

## Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

Brian Whorl is the Director – Division of Federal Programs, at the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. He administers the LIHEAP assistance program.

**Thomas G. Wilkinson, Jr., Esq.**  
**Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia**

Mr. Wilkinson is a member of Cozen O'Connor in its Philadelphia office, where he concentrates his practice in commercial and appellate litigation in federal and state courts and in lawyer professional responsibility and liability matters. He is also a leader of the firm's Legal Profession Services practice group. He is a past President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) and Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI). He is a former PBA Zone Governor, a member of the PBA House of Delegates, and is active in various other PBA and Philadelphia Bar Association committees and sections. Mr. Wilkinson is a past Chair of the PBA Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee, and is a past Chair of the Civil Litigation Section. He is a Co-Chair of the PBA Civility in the Profession Committee. Mr. Wilkinson is the co-editor of the Pennsylvania Ethics Handbook (5th ed. 2017-PBI Press) and has for many years edited ethics opinion summaries for publication in The Pennsylvania Lawyer. He was a Lecturer in Law on professional responsibility at Villanova Law School and has written and presented extensively on various civil litigation and professional responsibility topics. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and active in the ABA Section of Litigation and its Ethics and Professionalism Committee. He has served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism. He is a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL). He is frequently retained as counsel to lawyers and law firms on risk management and disciplinary matters and as an expert witness in lawyer professional liability actions.