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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Speaker Bios

Introductory Remarks

Lina M. Khan was sworn in as Chair of the Federal Trade Commission on June 15, 2021. Prior to becoming head of the FTC, Khan was an Associate Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. She also previously served as counsel to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, legal adviser to FTC Commissioner Rohit Chopra, and legal director at the Open Markets Institute. Khan’s scholarship on antitrust and competition policy has been published in the Columbia Law Review, Harvard Law Review, University of Chicago Law Review, and Yale Law Journal. She is a graduate of Williams College and Yale Law School.

Marie Choi is an attorney in the Federal Trade Commission’s Office of General Counsel. Choi works on a wide variety of matters for the Office of General Counsel’s Legal Counsel group, including rulemaking, procurement, and other contract matters. She holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Wilkins joined the Federal Trade Commission in February 2022. Prior to becoming Director of the Office of Policy and Planning, Wilkins served as Senior Advisor to the White House Chief of Staff. Prior to that, she worked in several senior leadership roles at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, including Senior Counsel for Policy and Chief of Staff. Wilkins also previously served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Elena Kagan of the U.S. Supreme Court, and to then-Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Before law school, Wilkins was a policy advisor in the White House Domestic Policy Council. She graduated from Yale University and holds a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Steve Cox has worked in third party transportation for 28 years in various roles. Currently, President at Steam Logistics in Chattanooga, TN a hypergrowth logistics company that has grown from \$33M in sales in 2019 to \$765M in 2022. Steve’s passion is providing an opportunity where employees can change their lives.

Johnna Torson served as Chief HR Officer and a member of senior management team for close to 30 years before her retirement from Pitney Bowes in August of last year. Before her employment at Pitney Bowes as employment counsel in 1990, Ms. Torson was a partner with the New York Law firm of Parker Chapin Flattau and Klimpl where she practiced labor and employment law predominantly on the management side for 15 years. During her tenure as CHRO, she was active in professional organizations such as the HR Policy Association and recognized for innovations in employee health, diversity and inclusion, talent and leadership development and HR transformation.

Sameer Baig is a hematologist and oncologist in Palm Coast, FL. He completed his internal medicine residency training at Griffin Hospital and Yale School of Medicine, and his fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at East Carolina University. Sameer is active in the grass-roots physician advocacy group 'Take Medicine Back'.

Ross Baird is the founder and CEO of Blueprint Local, a firm that invests in creating opportunity economically distressed communities. Prior to Blueprint, Ross was co-founder and CEO of venture capital firm Village Capital, and his firms collectively have invested ~\$250M in entrepreneurs and projects creating new businesses, economic development, and jobs across the U.S. He is also author of the best-selling book *The Innovation Blind Spot* and has held a fellowship with the Kauffman Foundation, focused on increasing access to capital for the vast majority of the country, and chairs the board of the American Economic Liberties Project.

Emily Glendinning is the Vice President & Associate General Counsel for Employment and the Chief Privacy Officer at BAE Systems, Inc., a global defense, security, and aerospace company. She began her career practicing employment law at Wiley Rein LLP and Hogan Lovells LLP in Washington, DC. Ms. Glendinning received her B.A. from Williams College and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

Kevin Borowski is a residential Caretaker. Borowski is a recently terminated 8-year employee of FirstService Residential at Centre Village Condominiums in downtown Minneapolis. On top of his departure papers was a copy of a non-compete agreement he signed back in 2014.

Panel Remarks

Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter was sworn in as a Federal Trade Commissioner on May 2, 2018. Commissioner Slaughter brings to the Commission extensive experience in competition, privacy, and consumer protection. She builds consensus for a progressive vision, and staunchly advocates for our nation's consumers and workers, particularly those traditionally underrepresented and marginalized. In addition, Commissioner Slaughter strongly supports working families and work-life balance. Before joining the FTC, Ms. Slaughter served as Chief Counsel to Senator Charles Schumer of New York, the Democratic Leader.

Closing Remarks

Alvaro Bedoya was sworn in as a Federal Trade Commissioner on May 16, 2022. Before joining the Commission, Bedoya was the founding director of the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown

University Law Center, where he was also a visiting professor of law. He has been influential in research and policy at the intersection of privacy and civil rights, and co-authored a 2016 report on the use of facial recognition by law enforcement and the risks that it poses to privacy, civil liberties, and civil rights. He previously served as the first Chief Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law after its founding in 2011, and Chief Counsel to former Senator Al Franken, of Minnesota. Prior to that, he was an associate at the law firm WilmerHale.