

**Streamlining Licensing Across State Lines:  
Initiatives to Enhance Occupational License Portability**  
*A Roundtable Organized by the FTC's Economic Liberty Task Force*



## SPEAKER BIOS

**Katie Ambrogi** is an attorney advisor in the FTC's Office of Policy Planning. In OPP, Ms. Ambrogi has worked primarily on competition policy advocacy in healthcare and intellectual property. She was previously an attorney in the Mergers IV Division of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, where she investigated and litigated healthcare and consumer products mergers. She later served as an attorney advisor on law enforcement and policy antitrust matters to former Commissioner Julie Brill. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Ambrogi was an antitrust associate at Weil Gotshal in Washington, DC. She received a JD from William & Mary School of Law (2006) and a BA from University of Pennsylvania (2001).

**Marcus J. Beauregard** is the director for the Defense State Liaison Office within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, of the United States Department of Defense. As director, Mr. Beauregard is responsible for outreach and education in order to assist governors, state legislators and other state officials in addressing the department's priority issues affecting service members and their families. His office has assisted in the passage of an average of 70 state bills per year, influencing a range of titles in state statutes including absentee voting, occupational licensing, unemployment compensation, consumer protection, family law, child advocacy, K-16 education, public health and National Guard support. Prior to his present position, Mr. Beauregard spent 27 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired in July 2003. He continued to work as a contract employee for the Department of Defense from August 2003 to April 2010, at which time he became a civil service employee.

**Karen A. Goldman, PhD**, is an attorney advisor in the FTC's Office of Policy Planning, where she focuses on competition issues involving health care. She was one of the primary authors of the FTC's Report, *Authorized Generic Drugs: Short-Term Effects and Long-Term Impact*, and has published in both legal and scientific journals. She was previously in the Office of Policy Studies, in the Office of the General Counsel, FTC. Before joining the FTC, she held a number of legal and scientific positions at the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the California Institute of Technology. She has also served as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. Dr. Goldman received her JD from Georgetown and her PhD in neurosciences from the University of California at San Francisco.

**Tara Isa Koslov** is the Acting Director of the FTC's Office of Policy Planning. She was named to the position in June 2016, having served as OPP's Deputy Director since March 2011. Her portfolio spans a broad range of competition and consumer protection issues, with a particular emphasis on health care matters and competition advocacy. Ms. Koslov previously spent almost twelve years as an Attorney Advisor to three different FTC commissioners, and also worked as an enforcement attorney in the FTC's Bureau of Competition, following several years in private practice. She has been active in the leadership of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law since 1997 and currently is a member of the Section's Council. Ms. Koslov earned her JD from Harvard Law School and an AB from Brown University.

**Rick Masters** is Special Counsel to the National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC), affiliated with the Council of State Governments (CSG), providing legal guidance on the law and use of interstate compacts,

their application and enforcement, and bill drafting guidance in conjunction with the various NCIC compact projects. He has been a primary drafter of many compacts including multistate licensure compacts for the professions of Nursing, Medicine, Physical Therapy, Emergency Medical Services and Psychology. He also provides legal advice to a variety of compact governing boards and agencies and testifies before state legislatures about compact legislation as well as testimony to the U.S. Congress. He does extensive research and writing in the field of interstate compacts including co-authoring the largest compilation of laws and commentary on the subject entitled, *The Evolving Law and Use of Interstate Compacts* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), which was published by the American Bar Association in 2016. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville and served as a Kentucky Assistant Attorney General after which he was General Counsel to CSG.

**Maureen K. Ohlhausen** was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission on April 4, 2012 and was designated to serve as Acting FTC Chairman by President Donald Trump in January 2017. Prior to joining the Commission, she was a partner at Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, where she focused on FTC issues, including privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity. Ohlhausen previously served at the Commission for 11 years, most recently as Director of OPP from 2004 to 2008, where she led the FTC's Internet Access Task Force. She was also Deputy Director of that office. From 1998 to 2001, Ohlhausen was an attorney advisor for FTC Commissioner Orson Swindle, advising him on competition and consumer protection matters. She started at the FTC General Counsel's Office in 1997. Before coming to the FTC, Ohlhausen spent five years at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, serving as a law clerk for Judge David B. Sentelle and as a staff attorney. Ohlhausen also clerked for Judge Robert Yock of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims from 1991 to 1992. Ohlhausen graduated with distinction from Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University in 1991 and graduated with honors from the University of Virginia in 1984. Ohlhausen was on the adjunct faculty at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she taught privacy law and unfair trade practices. She served as a Senior Editor of the *Antitrust Law Journal* and a member of the American Bar Association Task Force on Competition and Public Policy. She has authored a variety of articles on competition law, privacy, and technology matters.

**Phillip S. Rogers, EdD**, became executive director of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) on July 1, 2012. Prior to coming to NASDTEC, Rogers served the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). His tenure at the EPSB spanned over 12 years including serving seven and half years as its executive director. Before his tenure at the EPSB, Rogers served as the founding director of the Allen County Schools Family Resource Center, recognized in 1995 as Kentucky's Outstanding Family Resource Center by the Kentucky Association of Guidance Counselors. Prior to founding the Family Resource Center, Rogers directed the Allen County public mental health clinic. There, he specialized as a child and family therapist. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Rogers received a BS degree in counseling from Liberty University in Virginia, an MA in child development from Western Kentucky University, and a doctorate in education evaluation and research from the University of Louisville.

**Jon Thomas, MD, MBA**, is the current Chair of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, which is responsible for the development and implementation of an expedited pathway to licensure on behalf of member states. Dr. Thomas has served on the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice for over 15 years, appointed by an Independent, Republican and most recently a Democratic Governor. He has held a variety of leadership positions at the local, state and national level in medical regulation, including Chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards, where he led the effort to develop the FSMB's telemedicine policy and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact legislation. The development of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was supported by a grant from the Health Resources & Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Federation of State Medical

Boards. Dr. Thomas is a board-certified Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck Surgeon with a sub-specialty interest in head and neck tumors and general pediatrics.

**Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN**, has been the Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing since November 1995 and has served as a Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator for Texas since 2000. She is responsible for the licensure and enforcement of 400,000 Texas nurses and 217 Schools of Nursing. She chaired the Texas Health Professions Council, a council of agencies that regulate health care professionals in Texas from 2000-2012. She was a member of the national Joint Dialogue Group that developed the *APRN Consensus Model*. Ms. Thomas currently serves as President on the NCSBN Board of Directors and has received the top two awards from NCSBN: the *R. Louise McManus Award* for significant contributions through the highest commitment and dedication (August 2002) and the *Meritorious Service Award* for significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN (August 1999). She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

**Virgil Webb** is an Assistant General Counsel in the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association). In this position, he provides assistance to other Association staff on federal legislative and regulatory issues and carries out various other responsibilities of lawyers of the General Counsel Team with regard to Association matters. He has also spoken at various programs and acts as liaison with other associations and other entities that work on issues relevant to the accounting profession. Mr. Webb has been a member of the General Counsel Team for over fifteen years and prior to transferring to the General Counsel Team he was a member of the State Legislation Team. Mr. Webb holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Kentucky and a JD from the University of Kentucky School of Law.