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Clifton S. Elgarten, resident in the D.C. office and frequent visitor to the New York office, received his BA, magna cum laude, in 1975 from the City College of New York and his JD, summa cum laude, from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, in 1979. After graduating from law school, he was law clerk to the Honorable Louis H. Pollak, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and later to the Honorable William J. Brennan, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bars of the State of New York and the District of Columbia.

Cliff's diverse practice tends to focus on commercial disputes. In recent years, he has divided his time between appeals, arbitrations and trial court work. His trial work involves practice before arbitrators, judges and juries, on topics ranging from breach of contract and fraud, terminations, non-competition agreements, competitive bidding, teaming agreements, insurance and, in the international arena, expropriations. He has represented bankruptcy estates and, in 2008 concluded a representation of the Enron Creditors Recovery Corp., obtaining recoveries in excess of \$1.6 billion from financial institutions that were alleged to have contributed to Enron's collapse.

In the realm of insurance coverage, he has litigated issues concerning late notice, allocation, the duty to defend, and bad faith in both products liability and environmental contamination contexts. He has successfully handled appeals on a range of insurance topics in both state and federal courts.

More recently, in the arena of international arbitration, Cliff has brought cases to final hearing against Israel, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkey, including several investor-state cases.

Cliff has been a longstanding part of the firm's practice in pursuing claims for victims of international terrorism. He has been involved both in court litigation and the claims process before the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, particularly in connection with the Libya claims recovery process.

Over the course of his career, appellate advocacy has been a primary practice area, covering the gamut of cases and appellate issues in both state and federal court. He was recently listed as a Washington SuperLawyer for Appellate Litigation.

Michael A. Scodro is an accomplished litigator and appellate advocate. Before joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Scodro served as the solicitor general of the State of Illinois for six-and-a-half years, from 2007 to 2014. In that role, he oversaw both the civil and criminal appeals divisions of the Illinois Attorney General's office, supervising more than 40 attorneys in appeals in which the state was a party. He also advised the attorney general on constitutional and other significant legal issues.

Mr. Scodro has argued cases before the United States Supreme Court, Illinois Supreme Court, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and all five districts of the Illinois Appellate Court. Additionally, as solicitor

general, he led the coordination of other state attorneys general's offices across the country in preparing and filing numerous multi-state amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court.

A partner in Jenner & Block's Litigation Department and a member of the firm's Appellate and Supreme Court Practice, Mr. Scodro is also a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School, teaching a seminar on U.S. Supreme Court practice. He is an elected member of the prestigious American Law Institute and president of the Appellate Lawyers Association. He is a prolific speaker and media resource on issues surrounding appellate advocacy and the Supreme Court. In addition, he was a member of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Illinois Evidence that developed the state's first code of evidence. In 2010, the Law Bulletin Publishing Company named him one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch."

Mark F. Walsh is a contributing writer to Education Week. He has covered education issues in the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts for more than twenty years and is the author of The School Law Blog of Education Week. He also covers the Supreme Court for the ABA Journal, the magazine of the American Bar Association, and is a regular contributor to Scotusblog, the Web site devoted to coverage of the Court.

Walsh previously served as Washington editor of Education Week, in which he supervised coverage of federal education policy matters, as well as the 2004 and 2008 presidential and congressional elections.

He is the co-author, with Michael Edwards, of More Than a Lawyer: Robert Chanin, the National Education Association, and the Fight for Public Education, Employee Rights, and Social Justice.

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