

2020 New ACIC Officers & Trustees

Congratulations to each of the following new officers and trustees who were elected at the ACIC's Virtual Fall 2020 Annual Meeting and Education Conference:

Officers (For the 2020-2021 Period):

- President: Tina Smith (*Thrivent Financial*)
- Vice President 1: Christopher S. Dallas (*Pacific Life Insurance Company*)
- Vice President 2: Renée M. Dailey (*Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP*)
- Secretary: Melody Cross (*Prudential Private Capital*)
- Treasurer: Luke A. Weedon (*Baker Botts L.L.P.*)

Class of 2023 Trustees (Each to Serve for a Three Year Term):

- Keith Atkinson (*Nuveen, LLC*)
- Patti Boss (*Voya Investment Management LLC*)
- David Lawton (*Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP*)

Scroll below to read more about the ACIC's newest leaders.



Tina Smith – ACIC President

Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, Thrivent

In her role as executive vice president and chief human resources officer of Thrivent, Tina Smith is responsible for making sure our workforce thrives at every stage of their journey with the organization.

Smith oversees the teams that recruit, hire, develop and reward the people who—every day—help people achieve financial clarity, enabling lives of meaning and gratitude.

Her team leads diversity and inclusion; organizational planning, operations and analytics; strategic HR partnering; talent, learning and organizational effectiveness; and total rewards. Together, they support a culture where well-being is as important as strong performance, and where the key to career success is being invested in one another, whether it's a client, colleague or an entire community.

Smith joined Thrivent in 2007, serving as senior counsel, vice president and deputy general counsel. She led legal support for the investment division, human resources, trust, third party distribution, mergers and acquisitions and Thrivent Credit Union.

She serves as president of the American College of Investment Counsel and served a two-year term as chair of the Insurance Women's Investment Network.

Smith has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Hamline University and a Juris Doctor with cum laude honors from the University of Minnesota Law School.

She lives in the Twin Cities metro area with her family.

A Fortune 500 organization, Thrivent had \$152 billion in assets under management and advisement as of Dec. 31, 2019. In 2020, Thrivent was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere Institute for the ninth year in a row.



Christopher S. Dallas – ACIC Vice President 1

Vice President, Investment Counsel, Pacific Life Insurance Company

Chris Dallas joined Pacific Life Insurance Company's Law Department in 2004. Chris leads the practice group of legal professionals providing advice on real estate, asset management, private placement, project finance, private equity and other investment transactions. Chris is member of the company's Management Investment Committee, which is responsible for oversight of the company's invested assets, including its general account. He is also a member of the company's Workout Committee, which is tasked with optimizing recoveries for distressed assets within the company's investment portfolio. His day-to-day responsibilities include providing legal support to Pacific Life's investment professionals on all types of global private debt and equity transactions, and he also frequently works on strategic corporate transactions.

Prior to joining Pacific Life, Chris was an attorney in the Real Estate department of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

Chris received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Pepperdine University School of Law, and his B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Chris is the Vice President and a Trustee of the American College of Investment Counsel, and a member of and past chair of the Investments Section of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel.



Renee M. Daily – ACIC Vice President 2

Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld

Renée Dailey is a Partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and advises institutional investors in U.S., Australian and cross-border financial restructuring matters. The Legal 500 described her as a “first-class restructuring lawyer with a strong work ethic” who is “especially adept at pursuing matters that require persistence and focus.”

Renée frequently represents public and private noteholder groups and bank groups in amendment and consent requests, complex out-of-court restructurings, and in-court proceedings in the United States and internationally. She also advises clients on their general investment activities and proposed investment structures, with a focus on the mitigation of financial risk. Renée is counsel to the noteholder group in the Ultra Petroleum Make-Whole dispute.



Melody Cross - ACIC Secretary

Vice President, Corporate Counsel, Prudential Private Capital

Melody Cross is Vice President & Corporate Counsel for Prudential Private Capital. Her responsibilities include providing legal support to Prudential's investment teams focusing on direct lending, corporate finance, mezzanine and cross-border transactions. Prior to joining Prudential, Melody was a partner in the Finance Group at Schiff Hardin LLP where she counseled institutional investors (and occasionally borrowers) in a variety of domestic and cross-border transactions including senior, mezzanine, private placements, and equity transactions.

Melody received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and her B.S. from Northwestern University as a communications and history double major.

Melody previously served as a Trustee of the American College of Investment Counsel and is a co-chair of the Website and Social Media Committee. She lives in on the north side of the city of Chicago with her husband, two young daughters and a 16 year old cat.



Luke A. Weedon - ACIC Treasurer

Partner, Baker Botts L.L.P.

Luke Weedon represents various institutional purchasers in transactions involving senior secured and unsecured note offerings, direct loans, mezzanine investments and other forms of junior capital. He also devotes a significant part of his practice to secured and unsecured syndicated bank financings, including the representation of agent lenders and borrowers in connection with working capital facilities, acquisition financings, bridge loans, asset-based loans, first lien/second lien financings, letter of credit facilities and project financings. In addition, Luke represents issuers and underwriters in secured and unsecured high-yield debt offerings, including liability management transactions. Luke also represents clients in connection with structured receivables arrangements, ISDA master agreements, bilateral guarantee facilities, workouts, debt restructurings and debtor-in-possession financings.

From an industry standpoint, a majority of Luke's practice involves domestic and cross-border energy finance, in particular midstream, offshore drilling, offshore construction and oilfield services. He also has significant experience with technology and manufacturing companies. Luke is listed in *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*.

Luke joined the ACIC in 2008, co-chaired the ACIC's Spring Forum in 2012, became a member of the Board of Trustees in 2017, and is the current Treasurer of the ACIC.



Keith Atkinson – ACIC Class of 2023 Trustee

Managing Director, Managing Associate General Counsel, Nuveen

Keith is the practice group leader for the Capital Markets legal team within Nuveen. Nuveen manages \$1 trillion in assets and is the asset management arm of TIAA, a diversified financial services firm.

This team focuses on public and private fixed income/leveraged lending, equity and private equity investments and real assets investments (energy, infrastructure, agriculture and timber) around the world, across a variety of portfolios and clients. Keith also advises on product management, subsidiary governance, mergers and acquisitions activity, and federal regulatory matters, including federal securities laws and the Volcker Rule, and state regulatory matters, including New York insurance law.

Since joining TIAA in 2005 in the Charlotte office, Keith also has been the head of the unregistered funds legal team and a member of the fixed income and private equity team (predecessor to Capital Markets team).

Prior to joining TIAA, Keith was an attorney at King & Spalding in Atlanta (1999-2005), where his practice focused on corporate finance (public and private equity and debt offerings), mergers and acquisitions, private equity and federal and state securities law compliance, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Keith remains active in leadership roles in numerous professional/trade associations aligned to the investment industry, the local Charlotte in house counsel market and the local Mecklenburg Bar Association.

Keith received his B.A. from Wake Forest University, with honors, in 1996 and his J.D., magna cum laude, in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Patti Boss - ACIC Class of 2023 Trustee
Senior Vice President, Voya Investment Management

Patti Boss is a Senior Vice President and head of the private credit legal team at Voya Investment Management. She is responsible for legal matters related to the review, structure, negotiation and documentation of domestic and international financings, including unsecured, secured, structured and project finance transactions in the private placement market, as well as the amendments and restructurings of existing investments. Prior to joining Voya in 2002 she practiced law with the finance teams of Bingham & McCutchen (formerly Hebb & Gitlin and now Morgan, Lewis & Bockius) and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, where she represented institutional lenders in debt, mezzanine and equity transactions. Patti received her A.B. degree in biology from Smith College and a J.D. degree cum laude from Boston College Law School.



David Lawton - ACIC Class of 2023 Trustee
Of Counsel, Morgan Lewis

David L. Lawton represents private and public bondholders, banks, hedge funds, and other institutional lenders and equity groups in complex workouts, insolvency proceedings, and related litigation in domestic and international corporate financial restructurings. David has experience in the energy, agribusiness, mining, real estate, retail, and entertainment sectors, among others. He is well-versed in cross-border restructurings, with experience in Australia as well as domestic chapter 11 and chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings. David also represents foreign administrators in cross-border insolvencies and advises clients concerning foreign investments and insolvency regimes, creditors' rights and intercreditor issues.