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The ACIC is pleased to congratulate and welcome its newest officers and trustees. The following individuals were elected to the positions described below during the ACIC's 2021 annual meeting.

Principal Officers for the 2022:

- President: Christopher S. Dallas (Pacific Life Insurance Company)
- Vice President 1: Renée M. Dailey (Akin Gump Straus Hauer & Feld LLP)
- Vice President 2: Luke Weedon (Baker Botts L.L.P.)
- Secretary: Melody Cross (The Prudential Insurance Company of America)
- Treasurer: Bryan Cho (MetLife Investments)

Class of 2024 Trustees, each to serve for a three-year term:

- Dora Jimenez (New York Life Insurance Company)
- Robin Lenarz (Securian Asset Management, Inc.)
- Michael Robson (Greenberg Traurig, LLP)

Please see below to learn more about the ACIC's esteemed new officers and trustees.

Christopher S. Dallas *(Pacific Life Insurance Company*)

Chris Dallas joined Pacific Life Insurance Company's Law Department in 2004. Chris leads the practice group of attorneys and paralegals providing advice on real estate, asset management, private placement, project finance, private equity and other investment transactions. Chris is the secretary of the company's Management Investment Committee, which is responsible for 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 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 *(Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP)*

Renée Dailey 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.

She has extensive experience advising insurance companies on their front-end investment structures and workouts. Renée's experience spans a broad range of industries, including oil and gas, power, engineering and construction, real estate and mining.

Renée is a member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Investment Counsel and is the Secretary and Chair of its Development Committee. She previously lectured at the University of Connecticut School of Law on "International and Comparative Corporate Insolvency Law."

Renée is a member of INSOL International, the Insurance Women's Investment Network, and the American College of Investment Counsel where she is Secretary, Chair of the Development Committee and a member of the Education Committee.

Luke Weedon *(Baker Botts L.L.P.)*

Luke Weedon 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, Mr. Weedon devotes a substantial part of his practice to the representation of issuers and underwriters in secured and unsecured high-yield debt offerings, including liability management transactions.

Private placements of securities constitute another component of Mr. Weedon's practice, primarily representing institutional purchasers in transactions involving senior secured and unsecured note offerings, mezzanine investments and other forms of junior capital.

Mr. Weedon 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 Mr. Weedon'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. Mr. Weedon serves as partner in charge of the firm's Dallas office.

Melody Cross *(*The Prudential Insurance Company of America*)*

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 elementary-aged daughters and an 18 year old cat.

Bryan S. Cho *(MetLife)*

Bryan Cho is Vice President & Associate General Counsel in the Investments section of MetLife's Law Department located in Whippany, New Jersey. Bryan provides legal advice and counsel to MetLife's investment professionals domestically and abroad on a wide range of debt and alternative investments, including infrastructure, project financings, tax credit and leasing transactions, private placements, mezzanine debt and private equity investments.

Prior to joining MetLife, Bryan was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York focusing on representing investment banks, financial institutions, sponsors and corporations on a broad array of financing transactions and general corporate matters.

Bryan received his J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, from Boston College Law School where he was an editor of the Boston College Law Review and received his B.S. in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University.

Dora Jimenez *(*New York Life Insurance Company*)*

Dora Jimenez is an Associate General Counsel at New York Life Insurance Company. In her role, Dora provides legal support to Private Capital Investors (the private debt investment arm of NYL Investors LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company) in connection with investment transactions, including private placements of secured and unsecured debt from domestic and foreign issuers and to the Public High Grade Credit group of Fixed Income Investors.

Prior to joining New York Life in 2013, Dora was a senior corporate associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, with a particular focus in representing issuers and underwriters in high yield and secured financings. Dora is a Fellow in the American College of Investment Counsel, where she serves as a member of the Education Committee.

Robin Lenarz *(Securian Asset Management)*

Robin Lenarz is Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Securian Asset Management, Inc. (f/k/a Advantus Capital Management, Inc.). Robin began her career as a general commercial and banking finance associate at Briggs and Morgan P.A. in Minneapolis. She has been active in the investment industry since 1995, including 5 years with Ameriprise Financial in addition to her time at Securian. Robin provides legal counsel to analysts and portfolio managers on private placement transactions, as well as on private equity limited partnerships, co-investments and commercial real estate loans. In addition, she drafts and negotiates investment advisory and sub-advisory agreements as well as registered investment company documentation. Robin serves as a co-chair of the Education Committee of the ACIC. Robin received a BA, *summa cum laude*, in Economics from Hamline University and a JD, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School.

Michael Robson *(Greenberg Traurig)*

Michael D. Robson focuses his practice on corporate, project, and structured finance transactions (both domestic and cross-border), including public-private partnerships and lease finance transactions. Michael's representation of insurance companies, finance companies, and institutional investors focuses on private placements of debt, both secured and unsecured; complex project and facility financings; real estate transactions; equipment financings; and credit tenant loans. A considerable amount of his practice involves energy and infrastructure financings and includes advising, structuring, and documenting debt offerings and financing arrangements; negotiating lenders' interests in project-related agreements; and structuring transactions to attain requisite credit ratings on debt securities from the rating agencies.

Michael also reviews leases and project-related agreements, negotiates and documents financing arrangements, and advises on NAIC-governed "Schedule D" bond transactions. Additionally, Michael represents lessees, including several Class I railroads, and debt investors in leveraged lease, synthetic lease, single investor lease, and capital lease transactions, involving a variety of assets.