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Tom Gannon

EVP, Chief Advocacy Officer | LPL Financial
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Tom Gannon joined LPL Financial in 2024. As Chief Advocacy Officer, he leads LPL Financials' advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels in addition to leading the firm's political action committee (PAC) and the LPL 50 State Advocacy Network. Tom also leads the LPL Foundation and Community Impact teams.

He works closely with policymakers and regulators as well as industry and trade groups, representing LPL advisors and the company to foster alignment with the company's enduring purpose – empowering advisors to deliver high quality and personalized advice to all who need it.

Prior to joining LPL Financial, Mr. Gannon spent several years at H&R Block as their Chief Government Relations Officer, leading the company's advocacy and public policy efforts in Washington and other important markets for the company. This included maintaining advocacy efforts across distinct business lines, including tax, financial services and small business, in addition to leading strategic partnerships with national and state nonprofit policy organizations.

Mr. Gannon spent more than 11 years at Mastercard leading their public policy team. This included managing the lobbying team as well as executing a strategic engagement plan on all important policy issues including core products, network operations, payment security, digital payments, innovation, acceptance, financial inclusion, new payment flows, privacy and fin tech issues. In addition, Mr. Gannon was responsible for spearheading consumer education initiatives which serves to bring financial literacy programs to under-served consumers and create more inclusive communities.

Mr. Gannon previously worked in government relations for Credit Union National Association where he focused on electronic payments, student lending, small business financing, cyber security, housing finance and regulatory restructuring.

Prior to that, he worked for American Hotel & Lodging Association where he managed the groups' grassroots and political programs, including HotelPAC, and focused on legislative issues important to the industry. He began his career on Capitol Hill working for Members of Congress from New York State.

Mr. Gannon holds a Political Science degree from Canisius College and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. He currently resides in Arlington, VA with his wife and children.

Nancy Ziuzin Schlegel

Vice President, International Government Affairs
Lockheed Martin International
CABC Past Chair

As the Vice President of Lockheed Martin International Government Affairs, Nancy Ziuzin Schlegel leads the corporation's diplomatic and senior executive customer engagements for the company's growing international business portfolio.

Nancy has nearly 30 years of experience as an industry leader in the international trade, global defense, and aerospace sectors, with expertise in political advocacy, exports, and trade policy. She joined Lockheed in 1992 where she directed the Corporation's lobbying efforts in support of the international priority and must-win programs on Capitol Hill and with the Administration.

Cathy Worden

Director, Government Affairs, Canada | Cisco
CABC First Vice Chair

Cathy Worden joined Cisco Canada as the Director of Government Affairs in April 2016. Prior to joining Cisco, Cathy spent three years as Vice President, Public Affairs in the Toronto office of H+K Strategies.

Previously, Cathy had over a decade of experience in government, serving in Ontario as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Economic Development and Innovation, Economic Policy Advisor to the Premier, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Finance and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy.

In Ottawa, Cathy held advisory roles to the Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Industry and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada. Born and raised in Ottawa, Cathy received her Honours Degree in Political Studies from Queen's University in Kingston. Cathy currently lives in Ottawa with her husband and young son.

Peter DePasquale

Vice President, Government Relations | Keurig Dr. Pepper
CABC Second Vice Chair

Peter DePasquale is Vice President of Government Affairs for Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP), a North American beverage leader with annual revenue of more than $14 billion and approximately 28,000 employees. KDP's portfolio of more than 125 owned, licensed and partner brands is designed to satisfy virtually any consumer need, any time. With nearly 15 years of experience leading advocacy strategies for Fortune 500 companies, DePasquale is responsible for advising KDP's leadership on public policy issues that present opportunities and challenges. His work advances public policies that enable profitable growth and align with and enable KDP's Drink Well. Do Good. corporate purpose, encompassing enterprise goals related to environment, supply chain, health and wellbeing, and people and communities.

Prior to joining KDP, DePasquale held senior roles with Nestle Wates, Frontier Communications, Praxair, and served as an aide to then Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney. DePasquale received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the New England School of Law and his B.A. in Corporate Communication from the College of Charleston. He has also completed executive education on "Leadership and Character in Uncertain Times" at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Lena Trudeau

CEO | Inclined Analytics
CABC Treasurer

Lena Trudeau is the Chief Executive Officer of Inclined Analytics, a technology firm that provides data analytics and digital advisory services to public good organizations.

Previously Lena served as the CEO of U. Group, a technology with deep expertise in cloud-native development, advanced analytics, machine learning, and augmented reality. Prior to ByteCubed, Lena was Co-Founder and CEO of Nuage Cloud Strategies, a firm focused on digital adoption and government modernization. Concurrently, Lena served as a Senior Advisor to the Canadian Digital Service (CDS) at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Lena led the Amazon Web Services Public Sector business in Canada where she helped government, education, health care, and not-for- profit organizations find better, more cost-effective ways to serve their customers. Lena also led public sector global expansion efforts specifically focused on scientific computing, open data, and educating the next generation of IT professionals.

Lena served as member of the U.S. Federal Government's Senior Executive Service. As Associate Commissioner at the General Services Administration (GSA), she was mandated to leverage technology to transform business operations.

At the Office of Strategic Innovations, Lena spearheaded the creation of 18F, an in-house digital delivery team that builds effective, user-centric digital services. She also directed the Presidential Innovation Fellows, a highly competitive program that pairs government experts with private sector entrepreneurs to tackle the nation's biggest challenges.

Prior to entering government, Lena served as Vice President, overseeing service delivery at the National Academy of Public Administration, a non-partisan, congressionally chartered organization that assists government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations.

Lena is a frequent commentator, speaker and advocate on government modernization, digital adoption, digital inclusion and women in technology. She is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Federal 100 award, which recognizes government and industry leaders who have played pivotal roles in the U.S. federal government IT community, and was named one of FedScoop's Top 50 Women in Tech. She received a Master's in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Ottawa.

Joanne Zimolzak

Partner | Dykema
CABC General Counsel

Joanne Zimolzak guides clients in highly regulated industries through the substantive and procedural complexities of commercial litigation. She has a strong will to win at trial and appeal but is sensitive to clients' business concerns. A hard-fought defense verdict can be satisfying, but some of Joanne's most substantial victories happen when she spots problems before the client does and resolves disagreements quickly and amicably.

Based in Washington, D.C., and often appearing in state and federal courts across the United States, Joanne represents businesses of different sizes and industries in breach of contract, non-performance, and non-payment issues. In the insurance area, she helps carriers avoid or reduce significant exposure associated with bad faith allegations and professional negligence claims against insureds. Joanne also assists clients with navigating the federal and state regulatory environment, including litigating before administrative law judges and challenging administrative decisions in state and federal courts.

Arrow Augerot

Director for International Policy, Americas | Amazon

Arrow Augerot is Director for International Policy, Americas at Amazon, where she leads a team that advocates on a broad range of international, economic issues with the U.S. Government and public policy issues facing Amazon in Canada and Latin America.

Prior to joining Amazon, Arrow served as the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs (Acting), where she managed USTR's outreach to Congress and served as the primary point of contact for Members of Congress and their staffs on a variety of issues, most notably the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement. Before serving in the Office of Congressional Affairs, Ms. Augerot was the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for APEC Affairs & Localization Barriers to Trade from 2008 to 2013, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Korea (2006-2008), Director for Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce Trade Policy (2004-2006). Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Augerot held a number of positions at the U.S. Department of Commerce, including senior analyst in the Office of Technology and Electronic Commerce and special assistant to the Under Secretary of International Trade.

Ms. Augerot received her M.A. in Foreign Affairs/International Political Economy from the University of Virginia and her B.A. in Political Science (with a minor in Asian Studies) from The Colorado College. She resides in Washington, DC with her husband and two children.

Michele Austin

President & Managing Director | Motion Picture Association–Canada

Michele Austin is one of Canada's leading public policy and communications practitioners, with over 25 years of executive-level experience in both the public and private sectors.

Michele joined the Motion Picture Association as President & Managing Director of Canada in January 2026.

Prior to arriving at the Motion Picture Association – Canada, Michele was Vice President, Public Affairs at Bell Canada. At Bell, she led a team that worked closely with government partners, suppliers, the media, and civil society to advocate for policies and programs that aligned with BCE's growth strategy. Michele also managed a cross-functional team supporting Indigenous affairs and network impacting security incidents.

From 2018 to 2022, Michele was Director of Public Policy for the United States and Canada at Twitter. At Twitter, she also served as the global financial chair for Twitter Indigenous, an internal employee business group.

For five years starting in 2013, Michele worked as a Senior Advisor at Summa Strategies, a government relations firm. At Summa she established their technology practice working with clients such as Google, Block and the Canada Media Fund. From 2006-2012, Michele served as Chief of Staff in four federal departments (Industry Canada, Public Works & Government Services, Shared Services Canada and Status of Women). She was the first female Chief of the Industry Canada department. Over her career, Michele has been recognized by the *Hill Times* publication as one of Canada's top 100 lobbyists as well as a "Terrific 25" Parliament Hill staffer.

Michele has served on multiple boards and committees including the Canadian Telecommunications Association and the Canadian Marketing Association. She appeared as a regular political panelist on CTV's Power Play from 2010 through 2018.

Michele holds a master's degree in public administration from Dalhousie University. She lives in Ottawa with her family and two cats.

Megan Boyle

Senior Director of Government Affairs, Canada | Red Bull

Megan is currently Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs with Red Bull Canada. She has a demonstrated history of working in the food & beverages industry, having previously worked for the Canadian Beverage Association as the Senior Director of Government Relations.

Prior to that, Megan worked as a Senior Consultant with a focus in Health and Life Sciences and spent 8 years as a political staffer at Queen's Park working for two Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

Megan is active within the Toronto volunteer community and currently sits on several Boards including the Empire Club of Canada: Equal Voice Toronto, Harbourfront Centre and Canada's Ballet Jorgen.

Born in Vancouver, B.C., Megan and her family moved to the GTA at a young age and has called Toronto home ever since.

Carolyn Chisholm

General Manager, External Affairs | Rio Tinto

Carolyn Chisholm is General Manager, External Affairs for Rio Tinto Canada. She has been with Rio Tinto since 2014 and is passionate about working in the space between the public and private sector, to drive positive change, committed to helping Rio Tinto strive to achieve 'impeccable ESG.' A proud mother of two beautiful daughters, Carolyn is also passionate about helping the next generation of young women find their path to professional fulfillment, sharing the lessons she has learned along the way in her decades of working in the natural resources industry, both in a corporate role for a multinational mining company, as well as a policy advisor to federal and provincial ministers.

In her role at Rio Tinto, Carolyn is responsible for the Canadian external affairs team, leading strategies for Rio Tinto at the federal and provincial levels. Prior to joining Rio Tinto, Carolyn worked for more than twenty years in external affairs and public policy, in the private sector as Vice President of the Natural Resources and Environment Group with a public affairs firm. She is a member of the Board of Directors of her local hospital, is a founding member of Women for Nature, and a Board member of the Terry Fox Research Institute. She is also an active board member of many industry associations on behalf of Rio Tinto, including the incoming Chair of the Mining Association of Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (First Class Honours) in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University, and a Master's in Public Administration from Carleton University. She is married and lives in Ottawa with her husband Ron and their two daughters, Mairi and Emily.

Gary Clement

Director, Government Relations | TD Bank Group

Gary Clement is the Director of Government Relations at TD Bank Group. Prior to joining TD Bank Group in the Government Relations Group in 2003, Gary had over a decade of experience in government at the provincial and federal levels including as a Senior Advisor for Public Relations in the Office of the Premier of Ontario; Special Assistant for Tour in the Office of the Minister of Long-Term Care and Senior of Ontario; Executive Assistant for the Executive Office at the Standards Council of Canada; and Special Assistant to the Federal Forestry Minister.

Gary holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political studies from the University of Guelph.

Nicole Collier

VP, North American Government Relations and Public Policy
Procter & Gamble

Nicole Collier leads North America Government Relations for Procter & Gamble in Washington, DC. She leads the company's engagement strategy with policy makers and other external stakeholders on its top policy priorities, works closely with global business leaders to interpret policy shifts and leads a team of government relations professionals in the US and Canada.

Nicole has over 25 years of policy and government affairs experience. Prior to Procter & Gamble, she led Nestle's US government affairs team. Nicole was also a Senior Policy Advisor to Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and spent several years guiding legislative strategies for clients at a multi-client lobbying firm in Washington, DC.

Nicole received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Hampton University and a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She lives in Virginia with her husband and three children.

Lindsay Doyle

Director of Public Policy, Canada | Netflix

Lindsay Doyle is the Director of Public Policy for Netflix in Canada.

She was recently the Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for YouTube, spending nearly seven years on the Government Affairs and Public Policy team at Google Canada. Lindsay is passionate about tech policy, advocating for users while supporting economic growth, culture and innovation.

During her time at Google, Lindsay focused on content policy, taxation, trade and artificial intelligence. She also worked closely with Google.org, the company's philanthropic arm, in prioritizing key partnerships with not-for-profit and charitable organizations across Canada.

Lindsay graduated from Trinity College at the University of Toronto with a degree in International Relations and Political Science while working as a researcher at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. She was a founding Board Member of the Canadian Advocacy Network, is on the Advisory Board of the Master of Public Policy Program at McMaster University and was a recent Board Director at MediaSmarts.

Christina Erling

Vice President, Government Affairs, North America | Barrick

Christina Erling is the Vice President Government Affairs, North America for Barrick. As the primary advocate for Barrick in Washington, D.C., Carson City and Ottawa, she engages with a wide range of external stakeholders, including members of Congress, the administration and industry associations to identify, monitor and influence developments in public policy. She provides strategic direction, support and guidance regarding Barrick's government relations efforts and on matters of reporting and compliance within the gold mining industry.

Christina holds a bachelor's degree in Russian and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire. She serves on the board of the Mining Association of Canada; and the boards and Executive Committees of the National Mining Association and the Nevada Mining Association; as well as the board of the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance. She previously served on the board of the Canadian American Business Council and was Chair from 2017-2019.

Marlene Floyd

National Director of Corporate Affairs | Microsoft

Marlene Floyd is the National Director of Corporate Affairs at Microsoft. She has held this post since 2016.

Floyd concurrently runs a charity she co-founded called Dress for Success Ottawa. Prior to joining Microsoft, Floyd was the Director of Operations and Outreach for Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party, from 2013 to 2015. She had previously spent four years as a Principal at Earnscliffe Strategy Group.

Prior to entering consulting at Earnscliffe, Floyd was a Senior Regulatory Analyst at MTS Allstream. She also spent two years as a Policy Analyst at Industry Canada. Floyd began her career with the Liberal Party of Canada, working as a Special Assistant to Minister of Finance, The Hon. Paul Martin.

Floyd graduated from St. Thomas University with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science.

Tamon George

Co-Founder and CEO | Creative Theory Agency

Navigating the intersections of art, academia, and enterprise, Tamon flexes his creativity by leveraging research, intersectionality, and proven marketing philosophies. These are the trademarks of Tamon's creative practice. For Creative Theory, this means simply that in a shifting corporate landscape, Tamon is a scholar in targeting diverse perspectives.

Tamon completed his MBA in 2015, but as an addendum to an already robust skillset, completed certifications in digital strategy at Harvard University and Dartmouth.

As a practitioner Tamon has dedicated his professional career to cultural storytelling, leading branded content campaigns at pivotal cultural moments for global brands.

Laura Hewitt

SVP & Head, Global Government Affairs & Public Policy | Sun Life

Laura Hewitt is the Senior Vice-President and Head of Global Government Affairs and Public Policy at Sun Life. Laura is a seasoned public affairs professional with experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors. In her current role, she is responsible for Sun Life's government affairs activities globally and leads the organization's work on public policy and geopolitical risk.

Laura joined Sun Life in 2018 to head Government and Regulatory Affairs for Sun Life Canada. Since then, she has taken on various roles in the organization, including leadership of sustainability and held the role of AVP of Pharmaceutical Benefits and Innovation.

Prior to joining Sun Life, Laura worked in government relations, corporate outreach and strategy at Export Development Canada, a federal crown corporation responsible for supporting Canada's exporters. She has also held positions with the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, in a variety of subject matter areas, including economic development, tourism and national defence.

Laura is currently a Board Member with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. She holds a Master's degree from Ryerson University's Public Policy and Administration program and a Bachelor's of Public Affairs and Policy Management from Carleton University.

Steven Hogue

Director, Federal and Industry Relations | Pfizer

Steven joined Pfizer in 2004 and he's now part of the Global Policy & Public Affairs Team. Based in Ottawa, his work is focused on Pfizer's interactions and advocacy efforts with the Canadian Government on a broad range of issues from international & cross border trade; intellectual property; fiscal policies; biomanufacturing and life sciences strategies; pricing; procurement/access policies, regulatory, etc.

Steven represents Pfizer on different sectorial committees and associations, among them the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Life Sciences Strategic Council; BIOTECanada's Health Advisory Board; the Canadian American Business Council's Board of Directors; C.D. Howe Institute's Health Policy Council; Innovative Medicines Canada's Federal Affairs Operational Team; and the American Chamber of Commerce in Canada (AmCham).

Before joining Pfizer Canada in 2004, Steven Hogue served in the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada between 2001 and 2003, first as Special Advisor on Quebec and then as Deputy Director of Communications. For three years prior to that, he served as Special Assistant (Quebec and Atlantic) to the Minister of National Revenue and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Born in Shawinigan (Québec) and fully bilingual, Steven studied political science at Laval University and the City University of New York's Hunter College (1992-1994). He also started law studies at McGill University (1989-1991) and spent a year studying in Ecuador (1986-87) as part of an exchange program. Since 2016, Steven is an annual guest lecturer on demystifying the role of lobbying at the Université de Montréal's Department of Political Science Graduate Program. He is a certified chartered director (C. Dir.), having completed in 2020 a certification program in corporate governance with Laval University's College of Corporate Directors. He's a former member of the Board of Directors of the Banff Forum.

Robert Klager

Head of Government Affairs, Canada | Shell

Bob is a respected communications strategist and political adviser, whose expertise is rooted in a keen understanding of communication and its influences on policy development and public perceptions. An articulate writer and astute monitor of trends, he has worked with and consulted for government, private-sector and nonprofit clients across Canada, and offers significant strength through a range of disciplines - particularly, public affairs, media relations, issues management and strategic planning for major public policy initiatives.

A former senior adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper - as well as several federal Cabinet ministers spanning the energy, environment, international trade and northern development portfolios - he brings unique insight to managing complex domestic and international relationships, issues and public policies.

Prior to his work in government, Bob was Director of Strategy and Public Affairs for SUM Incorporated. He has previously worked as an editorialist and political and investigative reporter for newspapers in Ontario and New Brunswick.

Daniel Lauzon

Senior Director, Public Affairs and Policy (International) | CAE

Daniel Lauzon is the Senior Director, Public Affairs and Policy, responsible for leveraging CAE's international footprint as it develops and executes strategic plans for business development, communications, and advocacy. He is responsible for overseeing engagement efforts, building relationships with stakeholders and contributes to the identification and mitigation of political and geopolitical risk to the business.

Daniel joined CAE in 2022 after a 20-year career in public service, including as Chief of Staff to Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Economic Development, Director of Communications to the Minister of Finance, and National Campaign Director of Communications and Policy for Canada's Prime Minister.

He has also held the position of Director, Communications and Planning for CBC/Radio-Canada, Canada's public broadcaster. Daniel holds undergraduate degrees in Communications and Political Science as well as a Masters in International and Comparative Politics from the University of Ottawa. He makes his home in Ottawa with his spouse and two wonderful and (very) busy children.

John Lenhart

Vice President, Global Government Affairs | Walmart

John Lenhart is Vice President of Global Government Affairs, where he works with Walmart's international markets to develop strategies to support Walmart's business priorities and the communities in which Walmart operates.

John joined Walmart in January 2017 as Director, Global Government Affairs supporting Walmart's Asian markets. He now leads a team of government relations professionals that work across Walmart's global retail markets. In September 2023, John took the additional role of Head of Corporate Affairs for Walmart China, leading a team covering communications, government relations, and regeneration for Walmart's operations in China.

Prior to Walmart, John worked at the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), leading initiatives and policy analysis for the Asia-Pacific region, including China, India, Japan, and South Korea. He worked from 2011-2015 at the U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC) as head of their Beijing office. At USCBC, John led a government affairs and public policy team that represented American companies with the Chinese and U.S. governments and worked with the leadership of major US brands to improve their operations in China. Through his career, John has lived and worked abroad for 12 years, focusing on commercial policy issues and public relations.

John received his Master of Arts in International Studies from the Johns Hopkins SAIS-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies and Bachelor of Arts, with honors, in International Politics from Skidmore College. John speaks Mandarin Chinese, is proficient in Spanish, and enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with his wife and three daughters in Virginia.

Pauline McLean

SVP, External Relations, & Chief Legal Officer | Capital Power

Pauline leads the legal, regulatory, corporate compliance and external relations functions of Capital Power. She also provides support, risk management, and strategic insights to senior management and the Board of Directors.

Prior to joining Capital Power, Pauline spent 14 years working for the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) in senior legal and commercial roles. She led teams through the successful execution of greenfield initiatives, including programs to incent renewable electricity and new business models to procure and finance transmission infrastructure. Before joining the energy industry, Pauline practiced corporate and commercial law after graduating from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws.

Mack Moore

Manager for International Government Affairs | ConocoPhillips

David (Mack) Moore advises and represents ConocoPhillips on global energy issues as Manager for International Government Affairs and Political Risk. In this capacity, he also serves as Board Chairman of the US-Libya Business Association. Mack has over 15 years' experience analyzing and advising on energy market and policy issues, based in Washington, DC.

Prior to his work with ConocoPhillips, he served as Director for Energy on the White House National Security Council, advancing policy initiatives and advising the Obama Administration on energy, climate, and economic security issues. He also worked as an energy security analyst for the US government, as Vice President with the Rapidan Group energy market consultancy, and as Director for Energy and Emissions Policy Analysis with Tudor Investment Corporation. Mack earned his Master of Arts from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC and his Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jeanette Patell

Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Canada | Google

Jeanette Patell is the Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Google in Canada, leading Google's team for engagement with Canadian governments and external stakeholders on policy issues impacting the company, its users and partners. Previously, she was Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy for YouTube in Canada.

Prior to joining Google, Jeanette led the government affairs team for General Electric Canada with a focus on economic, innovation and energy policy. In that capacity, she co-chaired Alberta's Energy Diversification Advisory Committee, which led to the creation of petrochemical incentives programs in the province and sat on the board of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters.

Jeanette began her career as a diplomat with Global Affairs Canada. Her career in the Canadian Foreign Service centred on international trade policy, including investment treaty negotiations and postings to the Embassy of Canada in Washington D.C. and the Mission of Canada to the European Union. While posted abroad, Jeanette led successful advocacy campaigns to address market access barriers to Canadian energy and agriculture exports.

She is bilingual (English & French) and is a graduate of Mount Allison University with a B.A. (Hons.) in International Relations.

Pierre Seïn Pyun

Vice President, Government Affairs | Bombardier Inc.

Pierre Seïn Pyun was appointed Vice President, Government Affairs in October 2011. As such, he leads government relations activities in Canada for Bombardier Inc.

A lawyer by training, Pierre has significant background in international trade, having served with the Canadian federal government from 1998 to 2011. Prior to joining Bombardier, Mr. Pyun managed sector practices and developed and implemented global commercial strategies for the Canadian government in Ottawa. Furthermore, he worked at Canadian diplomatic posts in China from 2001-2009, including as a Senior Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing.

Mr. Pyun holds degrees in Common Law and Civil Law from McGill University and completed a Certificate in International Commerce at the University of Montreal. He is fluent in English, French, Mandarin and Korean.

Mr. Pyun serves on the board of directors of a number of associations, including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Aerospace Industries Association of Canada, Canada-India Business Council, Canada Arab Business Council and Canada China Business Council.

David Rheault

Vice President, Government Relations | Air Canada

David Rheault is Vice President of Government and Community Relations at Air Canada. A lawyer by training, he joined Air Canada in 2007 as Counsel, litigation.

Mr. Rheault represented Air Canada before courts and administrative tribunals and advised the company on various litigation files in Canada and foreign countries.

Today, in his current role, Mr. Rheault is responsible for the company's relationships with all levels of governments and has been involved in many complex regulatory and policy matters. He is also responsible for Air Canada's community partnership program, which has supported over 350 events and developed partnerships with 250 organizations from the aviation, tourism, and business sectors.

Prior to joining Air Canada, he served as policy advisor at the Office of the Premier of Québec and for the Minister of Economic and Regional Development and Research.

After earning a degree from Université Laval Faculty of Law, he was called to the Barreau du Québec in 2000. He practiced commercial litigation and transport law at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg and at Fasken Martineau.

Mr. Rheault currently sits on the Board of the National Airlines Council of Canada, the Canada China Business Council and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He has previously been on the Boards of the Quebec Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Tourisme Montréal, where he was also a member of the Governance Committee.

Misti Rice

Vice President, Government Affairs | Magna International

Misti M. Rice is Vice President of Government Affairs at Magna, where she oversees global government relations, strategic negotiations, and compliance for over $500 million in incentives.

Before joining Magna in 2016, Misti worked with Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) and has over 30 years of experience in legal, government, and consumer affairs. She has influenced policy across the automotive, transportation, manufacturing, education, and healthcare sectors and has managed political campaigns.

Appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Women's Commission in 2020 and reappointed in 2024, Misti was inducted into the 2024 Women in Manufacturing Hall of Fame and named to INvolve's Outstanding Role Model Lists for her advocacy for LGBTQ+ inclusion.

She serves on numerous boards including the Detroit Regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Public Affairs Council, and Global Business Alliance, and is actively involved with the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness. A former adjunct professor, Misti holds a JD from the University of Tulsa, an MPA from the University of Oklahoma, and a BA from Northeastern State University.

Edward Rihn

President and CEO | Berkshire Hathaway Energy Canada

Edward W. Rihn has more than 25 years of experience, including business development, corporate development, government relations, indigenous relations, customer service, consultation, project management and construction management. His career spans industrial gases and chemicals, hydrogen, pipelines, renewable energy, and electric transmission.

Mr. Rihn holds a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Clarkson University and an executive master's in technology management from the University of Pennsylvania. He currently serves as a board director for YMCA Calgary in the role of vice-chair.

Alexander Russ

Senior Advisor, Global Public Policy
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)

Alex serves as the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) chief advocate on international government relations. This work includes developing and coordinating AEMs positions on U.S. and international trade and investment policy, helping companies identify and overcome legislative and regulatory barriers to growth, developing and managing relationships with senior U.S. and foreign government officials and leading AEM's Canadian advocacy efforts.

Alex acts as an AEM spokesperson on trade matters and international affairs and has been quoted in the Financial Times, Reuters, Toronto Star and other industry and trade publications.

Prior to joining AEM, Alex was a Legislative Assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives handling trade, foreign affairs, transportation, environment and energy policy. While working on the Hill, Alex also staffed a Member of Congress on the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Alex holds a Master of Science from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in Canada.

Aaron Schoonbaert

Chief Operating Officer | Price Industries

Aaron has a Bachelor of Science in manufacturing engineering from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University and more than 15 years of experience leading high-performing operations teams.

Founded in Winnipeg in 1949, Price Industries designs, manufactures and sells air distribution and noise control products. Since its incorporation, Price has expanded its operations from Canada into the United States and beyond, becoming the number one manufacturer of commercial HVAC products in North America.

Aaron joined the Price team in Winnipeg in 2014 as Operations Manager for Critical Controls (now Antec Controls), where the team saw incredible growth and advancement. In 2017, Aaron moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to take on a Continuous Improvement Manager role, assisting the industrial engineering team with capacity increases and key process improvements. He later progressed through the roles of Plant Manager of Price's Suwanee and Crestridge facilities and General Manager of Price's Grilles, Registers and Diffusers (GRD) and Sustainable Systems business units.

Aaron currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Price's Canadian and US operations, where he has the privilege of leading the plant teams in achieving remarkable sales growth while continuing to meet the customers' high expectations of quality and service.

Pete Sheffield

Chief Sustainability Officer | Enbridge

Pete Sheffield is Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of U.S. External Affairs at Enbridge, responsible for enterprise wide public policy, sustainability strategies and reporting, community investment, and government relations federally and across the 40 states in which the company operates.

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Jennifer M. Sloan

Vice President, Public Policy | Mastercard Canada
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Jennifer Sloan has extensive experience across all aspects of government, media and public relations, communications and external affairs. In addition to working for Target (Canada), York University and Vale (Inco) Ltd., she also worked with some of Canada's leading government and political figures including the Deputy Prime Minister as his director of communications. As the vice president of public policy at Mastercard Canada, Jennifer leads the development and management of the company's public affairs and government relations programs and is a member of Canada's business leadership team (CLT). She is also the North America Region Lead for Mastercard's Women's Leadership Network (WLN).

Jennifer is the chair of the Canadian American Business Council (CABC) Board of Directors. The current and first independent chair of Music Canada's Board of Directors; and is the immediate past chair of the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication's Board of Trust (BOT). Jennifer is a Vital Voices Global Ambassador. She previously served as the president of the Grady College Alumni Board, the president of the Canadian Club of Toronto, a director of G(irls)20 and was the chair-elect of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) Board of Directors.

In 2019 Jennifer was recognized with Mastercard's North America President's Award. She was also honoured with a 2019 Mastercard CEO Force for Good Award. She was inducted into the Grady Fellowship at the University of Georgia in November 2013; bestowed the Henry W. Grady Alumni Award at the University of Georgia and the Sigma Kappa National Colby Award in 2007; and a Minister's Citation for Foreign Policy Excellence in 1996.

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Louis A. Vega

President, North America; Vice President, Government Affairs & Advocacy, North America | Dow

Louis A. Vega is president of Dow North America and vice president, Government Affairs & Advocacy, North America. In his role as president of Dow's largest region, with 17,500 employees and $15.5 billion annual revenue, he oversees strategy development and P&L management and engages stakeholders to drive enterprise success. As vice president, he leads a team of professionals focusing on legislative and regulatory policy priorities to enable a positive business environment for the company and its investments.

During his 25-year career at Dow, Vega has led significant growth projects and business development programs, holding roles in Horgen, Switzerland; Dubai, UAE; Midland, Michigan; New York, New York; Melbourne, Australia; and Washington, D.C.

From 2017-2019, Vega served as president of Dow Australia and New Zealand, where he led all operations across the region and oversaw the region's growth strategy and business development. Prior to that, he served as vice president, Olympics & Sports Solutions, delivering unique solutions to the world of sport through a "one of its kind" carbon mitigation collaborative blueprint. He also served as chief of staff for Office of the Chairman & CEO, where he worked with Dow's most senior leaders to develop strategy and company priorities.

A strong advocate for inclusion and full equality for all, Vega strives to demonstrate how diversity can ensure enterprise success and deliver bottom-line results. In 2018 and 2019, he was named one of Australia's 50 outstanding LGBTI business executives, and he is a proud multi-year member of the OUTstanding LGBTQ+ Role Models list.

Vega is a trustee of the National Building Muesum, Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee and a member of the Trilateral Commission. He also serves as Chairman of the board of directors for the New Mexico State University Foundation Inc.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and government from New Mexico State University, and prior to joining Dow, Vega served in a series of roles in Washington, D.C. – from Capitol Hill to the executive branch.

Jamie Wall

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Jamie Wall is Head of the Washington office at ExxonMobil where she leads policy and advocacy in the U.S. and Canada. She also leads ExxonMobil's engagements with the United Nations and leads ExxonMobil's political activities.

Previously, Ms. Wall was Executive Vice President, Advocacy at the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) serving as the trade association's senior government affairs officer and was responsible for leading all advocacy efforts. Prior to SIFMA, Ms. Wall held various roles at Subject Matter and Honeywell. She also worked on Capitol Hill, serving Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), a member of Senate leadership, and Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO), as well as in state government for former Governor Matt Blunt (R-MO).

Ms. Wall currently resides in McLean, Virginia with her family, and is a St. Louis native and proud University of Kansas graduate.