



### Speaker Bios

#### **H. Kim Sim, Conkle, Kremer & Engel, PLC**

Kim Sim handles all aspects of complex business litigation. She has represented individual and institutional clients in contract disputes, misappropriation of trade secret and unfair competition cases, insurance coverage issues and protection of intellectual property rights in both state and federal court. Kim also regularly counsels clients on all matters affecting their business, including worldwide brand protection, insurance, and labor and employment matters. Kim provides guidance to clients on regulatory and statutory compliance with consumer protection statutes, advertising laws and regulations including Proposition 65. She has participated in mediation and arbitration proceedings and has also served as an attorney mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court. Kim is a regular presenter on legal and regulatory compliance topics for the personal care products industry, including legal insight through the Beauty Industry Market Access Program (BIMA) and Personal Care Products Council (PCPC). Prior to joining Conkle, Kremer & Engel, Kim served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Whitney Rimel, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California.

#### **Amanda Washton, Conkle, Kremer & Engel, PLC**

Amanda has extensive experience in handling intellectual property prosecution and litigation, residential and commercial real estate litigation; and human resources and regulatory compliance counseling. Her practice has focused on intellectual property disputes involving copyright, trademark, and trade secret protection, as well as general business and contractual matters. Her litigation experience is in both state and federal court.

Amanda also provides guidance to clients on employment matters, as well as regulatory and statutory compliance with consumer protection statutes, advertising laws and state regulations including Proposition 65, and federal regulations including FTC and FDA.

#### **Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove**

Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Los Angeles) was elected to the California State Assembly in a special election on April 3, 2018 and sworn-in April 16, 2018. She represents the 54th Assembly District that includes communities west of downtown Los Angeles, from Crenshaw to Culver City, and as far north as Westwood and Inglewood.

Born and raised in Chicago, Sydney attended St. Ignatius College Prep where she took courses in liberation theology and social justice. During her time there, she did missionary work in the Appalachian Mountains. She later moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. She later earned a master's degree in arts management and public policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania.

Sydney was first exposed to politics while working with her grandmother to help Harold Washington become the first African American mayor of Chicago in 1983. In Los Angeles, Sydney was studying at USC when the 1992 Los Angeles riots broke out. It was that pivotal moment in history that motivated her to work at Rebuild LA, a nonprofit formed to help spur job creation efforts and restore the communities most affected by the riots. She also worked at the Los Angeles festival which used art to help the city heal. Sydney spent the following 20 years working in the nonprofit world, the entertainment industry, and government.

In 2015, Sydney became the second African-American woman ever elected president of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) - the largest in the nation – in its 77-year history. As a member of the Board of Trustees, she oversaw a district spanning 900 square miles, serving more than 250,000 students, and managing a budget of \$6 billion dollars.

Sydney also served as the district director for California State Senator Holly J. Mitchell (D-Los Angeles). She is a teacher and frequent speaker on education issues, economic development, and the arts, among other topics. She is passionate about education, criminal justice reform and poverty issues which are central to her work in Los Angeles and Sacramento.

Sydney is a member of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority Inc. She is a wife and step-mother.

### **Mark Murray, Executive Director, Californians Against Waste**

Mark is the organization's lead advocate and oversees the operation of both Californians Against Waste and Californians Against Waste Foundation. Mark joined the organization in 1987 and was appointed the Executive Director in 1994. Mark is recognized as one of the environmental community's leading experts on waste prevention and recycling policies. Over the past 20 years, Mark has helped draft many of California's solid waste and recycling laws. Mark has served on numerous local, state and national environmental advisory boards and commissions.

Mark attended Humboldt State University on California's northcoast, where he gained an appreciation for the natural environment, along with a great education.

When Mark is not working to save the planet, he can be found playing with his three children. Mark is also an avid long distance runner and triathlete. He has completed more than 30 marathons and ultra-marathons. In 2005, he finished 15th at the National 50k Trail Championships, and won the Clarksburg 20 miler. In 2007, he finished 7th at the National Masters 100k Trail Championships, and in 2009 he was the top Masters finisher at the Carlsbad Marathon. In 2010, Mark completed the Western States 100, from Squaw Valley to Auburn in just over 22 hours.

### **Fiona Hutton, President, Hutton & Associates**

One of the state's best-known public affairs professionals, Fiona Hutton has more than two decades of experience in California's highly competitive and constantly evolving political and regulatory landscape. She's a communications dynamo, offering clients insight into the people, processes and policies that dictate their success. As president of Fiona Hutton & Associates, she leads a team of top-level

communications strategists who tackle complex and contentious issues for high-profile clients and specialize in a wide range of industry and issue areas.

Fiona's approach is straightforward – a resolute and hands-on commitment to fulfilling clients' needs, solving their problems and ensuring they achieve their goals. Her extensive experience and sage counsel make her the obvious choice for clients seeking to navigate complicated and controversial issues, advocacy efforts, regulatory processes, legislative actions and crisis management situations. As an industry leader, her clients and peers respect and depend on her for her detail-oriented approach and keen ability to assemble and manage the strongest teams for communications and outreach efforts for corporate clients, trade associations, large public agencies, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and political interests.

In addition to her work with FHA, Fiona serves on the boards of directors of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Open California. For several years running, she has been recognized by the Capitol Weekly as one of the 100 most influential players in California politics.

#### **Mandy Lee, President, Platinum Advisors**

A universal problem solver, Mandy succeeds in crafting winning strategies for her clients with over 10 years of government relations, public affairs, and public service experience. Having worked for both houses of the Legislature, she holds unparalleled relationships with key members and is a master of the legislative process. Her specialties lie within health care and technology, where she assists clients in navigating the complex world of politics and policy; however, with her extensive background, she's able to map winning solutions for clients from any sector.

#### **Lauren Zeise, Ph.D., Director of OEHHA**

Lauren Zeise, Ph.D., was appointed by Gov. Brown as Director of OEHHA in December 2016. She had served as acting director since May 2015. Dr. Zeise has been with OEHHA since its inception in 1991. She spent 3 years as Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs and 21 years as Chief of the Reproductive and Cancer Hazard Assessment Branch, which included managing the Proposition 65 program. Prior to OEHHA's creation, she was chief of the cancer unit at the California Department of Health Services and spent several years at the California Public Health Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

She played a leading role in OEHHA's development of CalEnviroScreen, the nation's first comprehensive statewide environmental health screening tool, which is used to identify the California communities most burdened by pollution from multiple sources and most vulnerable to its effects. She also co-lead the team that developed the hazard trait regulation for California's Safer Consumer Products program, and she has conducted hundreds of health risk assessments.

Dr. Zeise earned her doctorate from Harvard University with a thesis on "Surrogate Measures of Human Cancer Risk." She has served on numerous national and international science advisory committees and boards focusing on environmental public health and improving the way chemicals are tested or evaluated for health risk. These include more than 20 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committees, numerous U.S. Environmental Protection Agency panels, and advisory committees for the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer. She is a member, fellow, former editor, and former councilor of the Society for Risk Analysis and was the 2008 recipient of the Society's Outstanding Risk Practitioner Award. She is also a member of the Society of Toxicology and an honorary lifetime NAS National Associate.

### **Anthony Samson, Senior Attorney and Policy Advisor**

Anthony Samson is a registered lobbyist located in Sacramento, where he advocates for clients before the California Legislature, the Governor's Office, and regulatory agencies on a broad range of policy issues. Mr. Samson's legislative and regulatory advocacy capabilities have been recognized by some of California's most well-respected policy experts. According to Allan Zaremborg, President and CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce, "Anthony's sharp political mind combined with his deep knowledge of California's complex laws make him an expertly qualified lobbyist in both the legislative and regulatory arenas."

Before joining the firm, Mr. Samson was a Policy Advocate at the California Chamber of Commerce, the largest business advocacy organization in the state, with more than 14,000 member companies. While at CalChamber, Mr. Samson became known for his ability to assemble large industry-wide coalitions to achieve positive outcomes on dozens of legislative and regulatory proposals. For example, Mr. Samson led a broad-based coalition to secure amendments and ultimately remove opposition to an extraordinarily complicated environmental bill related to the protection of Native American sacred sites under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He also spearheaded and managed one of the largest business coalitions ever assembled in California, consisting of over 250 companies and organizations, to substantially improve a regulatory proposal by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) regarding warning requirements under Proposition 65.

Mr. Samson's advocacy capabilities are coupled with a legal background. Prior to working at CalChamber, he was a land use and environmental litigator, defending a variety of land use projects from legal challenges brought under CEQA, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA), and local planning and zoning laws. Mr. Samson also served as a Deputy Attorney at the California Department of Transportation and worked directly under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr. Samson received his JD from Michigan State University College of Law, where he served as Articles Editor to the *Michigan State Law Review*. He received a BA in Law and Society from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

### **Meredith Williams, Deputy Director, DTSC**

Meredith Williams joined DTSC in December 2013. She has expertise in research and development, product management, and operations for Fortune 500 technology, consumer product, and chemical companies including Applied Materials and 3M, as well as for a leading environmental institute. After nearly 20 years of corporate work she applied her skills in several positions over seven years at the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), a nationally-recognized center in support of aquatic resource management. Among other duties, she directed the Environmental Data, Information, and Technology team in developing systems and online tools to facilitate effective, data-driven decision making. In 2013, she served as SFEI's interim Executive Director with responsibilities for strategy implementation, financial planning and reporting, internal communications and overall Institute best practices. Meredith strives for collaborative solutions to complex problems and has a track record of championing interdisciplinary project management approaches. She holds B.S. from Yale University and a Ph.D. in physics from North Carolina State University.

**Wade Ackerman, Partner, Covington**

Through more than a decade of experience in private practice and positions within the FDA and on the Hill, Wade Ackerman has acquired unique insights into the evolving legal and regulatory landscape facing companies marketing FDA-regulated products. Mr. Ackerman advises clients on FDA regulatory matters across a range of sectors, including drugs and biologics, cosmetics, medical devices and diagnostics, and digital health products and services associated with drugs and traditional devices. He serves as one of the leaders of Covington’s multidisciplinary Digital Health Initiative, which brings together the firm’s considerable resources across the broad array of legal, regulatory, commercial, and policy issues relating to the development and marketing of digital health technologies.

Until June 2016, Mr. Ackerman served as Senior FDA Counsel to the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee. In this role, he was involved in all major legislative initiatives, oversight hearings, and other Senate activities concerning the FDA and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. From January 2015 through June 2016, he helped negotiate many of the FDA-related provisions in the 21st Century Cures Act, which included reforms to FDA’s review and approval of new drugs, devices, combination products, and digital health software. He also worked closely with the FDA and other stakeholders as Congress examined legislative reforms in other key areas, including diagnostics and laboratory developed tests, cosmetics, and over-the-counter drugs.

Before taking his Senate role, Mr. Ackerman served for more than five years as Associate Chief Counsel within the FDA’s Office of Chief Counsel. He was responsible for providing legal advice to the FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and the Office of Commissioner (OC) on a wide range of issues. While at FDA, he also helped to develop and implement the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act (FDASIA) of 2012 and the Drug Quality and Security Act (DQSA) of 2013—both significant reforms to FDA’s regulatory authorities.

**Jessica P. O’Connell, Partner, Covington**

Jessica O’Connell provides strategic advice to a broad range of companies and trade associations in engaging with food and drug regulatory bodies and Congress. She assists clients in complying with U.S. regulatory requirements for the manufacture and sale of foods, dietary supplements, cosmetics, OTC drugs, and animal products, and the import and export of FDA-regulated products. In addition, she counsels clients regarding potential crises, such as recalls and unanticipated regulatory attention.

Ms. O’Connell is a recognized expert on the implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and has advised clients both within the United States and abroad on compliance with the range of new requirements under that legislation. She also works closely with food, cosmetic, and OTC clients to develop labeling and advertising options that are low-risk from both a regulatory and litigation perspective while also meeting marketing goals and objectives, and has specific expertise regarding organic labeling, “healthy” claims, and claim substantiation requirements. Ms. O’Connell has engaged with Congress on cosmetic legislative efforts and food labeling requirements, and has prepared and submitted comments on behalf of individual companies and trade associations to FDA, USDA, and the NOSB.

Previously, Ms. O'Connell served as an Associate Chief Counsel in FDA's Office of Chief Counsel from 2008 to 2014. While at FDA, Ms. O'Connell counseled various components of FDA and HHS on legal issues related to conventional foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics. Specifically, Ms. O'Connell worked closely on implementing various provisions of FSMA and provided legal advice on agency actions regarding food additives and GRAS status, cosmetics and color additives, food and dietary supplement labeling claims, medical foods, and foodborne illness outbreaks and related actions, including recalls and other enforcement activities. In addition, Ms. O'Connell provided legal counsel to the agency regarding FDA's import and export activities for all FDA-regulated products.

**Paula Johnson PhD, MPH**

Paula Johnson leads the Safe Cosmetics Program at the California Department of Public Health. The program investigates and informs the public about hazardous ingredients in cosmetic products sold in California. Her expertise includes exposure and epidemiological research on chemicals in consumer goods and methods for integrating evidence of toxicity. She also has experience in product development and analysis for private industry. Dr. Johnson holds a PhD in environmental health sciences from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in public health from San Diego State University. She led multiagency reviews of environmental chemicals while at UC San Francisco's Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment prior to joining CDPH.