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Philip Beck is a partner in the Atlanta, Georgia office of Smith, Currie & Hancock, LLP. His practice focuses on construction law, government contracts, and commercial litigation. Phil is experienced with a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes representing clients on a wide range of public and private construction projects. Phil is a past Chair of the Association General Contractors of America (AGC) and immediate past Chair of AGC's Contract Documents Forum.



Jim Brown is the former General Counsel for SUEZ /Degremont North America. In this capacity he provided commercial legal services for six SUEZ/Degremont entities: Infilco Degremont, in Richmond, VA; Ozonia North America, in New Jersey; Water & Power Technologies, in Utah; AmeriWater in Ohio; Anderson Water Systems in Toronto; and Degremont, Ltee in Montreal.



Susan Button is the National Contracts Manager for Xylem Americas Regions. She has more than 35 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. She is currently responsible for negotiating terms and conditions with customers across the Xylem brands. She is an active member of WWEMA and serves on the Finance & Contract Administration Council.



Michael Carrillo is a partner in the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg. A member of the firm's Intellectual Property Department, he represents and counsels individuals and corporations on patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret matters, and foreign and domestic patent and trademark protection. In 2017, he was recognized for his work in trademark law in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mike often speaks to various audiences on topics relating to intellectual property.



John Dettman is Vice President of Operations at Bowen Engineering Corporation. At Bowen, John has held positions in Quality Control, Estimating, and Project Management for both the Water/Wastewater and Energy/Industrial markets. John is responsible for the water/wastewater business unit of Bowen, addressing business planning, safety, quality, and financial performance of projects.



Chris Durnil is the Purchasing Manager at Bowen Engineering Corporation. His professional background includes 13 years in the construction industry in both Operations and Purchasing Management roles in the Water/Wastewater and Energy/Industrial markets. As Bowen's Purchasing Manager, Chris oversees the corporate supplier prequalification and diversity program and supports the daily purchasing needs of five corporate offices.



Lisa Gingerich is the Chicago Branch Manager at Coppersmith Global Logistics. She has been in the industry for over 20 years and is Licensed Customs Broker. She is a member of the Chicago Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association (CCBFA) as well as the National Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association. She served for the CCBFA as a Voting Director for six years and Vice President from 2011 - 2013.



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Brian Harrell has been working in the wastewater industry for just over 19 years and has been an active member of WWEMA for 15+ of those years. As part of Eutek Systems, Inc, he was Chief Financial Officer overseeing the Finance, IT and the Administration departments. While working there, he managed all contracts, insurance, logistics and human resources. After joining Hydro International via acquisition, he is now Financial Controller of America's Waste Water Division where he heads up the Finance and Accounting Departments. He continues to be actively involved in contracts, negotiations, insurance, and logistics.



Mark Herring CRM, CIC, LUTCF, is with Heffernan Insurance Brokers in Portland, Oregon, and has been a commercial insurance broker for over 30 years. Mark has spent the last 20 years with Heffernan Insurance Brokers, one of the largest commercial insurance brokers in the U.S. He insures over 200 businesses around the U.S. that haul non-hazardous liquid waste. Mark has been a Certified Risk Manager for over 15 years.



Paul Olszowka is a partner in the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg and a member of the firm's Litigation Department. He is also a member of the firm's Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, and Electronic Discovery practice groups. He has substantial experience in the areas of antitrust and commercial litigation, internal investigations, and document management.



Bobby Shaida is the Executive Director of Corporate Sales at Coppersmith Global Logistics. He is an experienced Global Logistics Professional with solid background in Operations, International Trade, Business Development and Sales. Experience across numerous sectors in U.S., Asia, Europe, South America, Middle East, and China.



Don Simon is the Logistics Manager at Coppersmith Global Logistics and has been in the logistics business for 37 years. He has been with Coppersmith Global Logistics for 15 years.