

Finance & Contract Administration Council Meeting

Speaker Bios

Roy Epps



Roy Epps, Senior Vice President for Water and Wastewater of The Walsh Group, provides leadership across all Walsh and Archer Western water infrastructure projects. With more than 35 years of experience in water and wastewater construction services, Roy specializes in collaborative delivery projects, having completed more than \$800 million in Construction Manager at Risk and Design-Build work. Notable projects include Terminal Island WRP Ultimate Expansion, Scottsdale CAP WTP Expansion, F.E. Weymouth WTP ORP Oxidation Facilities, and Fallbrook WRP. A Kansas native, Roy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Science from Kansas State University. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Water Design-Build Council.

Alan Fishel



Alan Fishel leads the Communications & Technology practice at Arent Fox LLP. In addition, he is a member of the Cybersecurity & Data Protection group, the Corporate group, and the Government Relations/Political Law group at the firm. He frequently provides seminars, workshops, and webinars to in-house counsel (including for both the American Association of Corporate Counsel and a local chapter of the American Association of Corporate Counsel), regarding how to most effectively draft and negotiate a wide variety of agreements, including technology agreements.

Alan's clients include both customers and providers of technology services, telecommunications services, and wireless services, operators of research and education networks, educational institutions, providers of emerging technologies, colocation providers, foundations, non-profit associations, and equipment manufacturers. Alan also represents professional sports teams, commercial office building owners, hotel owners, and other entities in connection with their receipt of in-building wireless services and in conjunction with rooftop antenna leases. Alan drafts and negotiates a wide variety of agreements involving, among other things, cloud computing services, software licenses, telecommunications, cable and IP-based services, eTexts, in-building wireless services, Wi-Fi services, antennal licensing, wireless towers, and the provision of dark fiber. Alan represents clients before the FCC on matters concerning universal service, e-rate, pole attachments, public rights-of-way (including Section 253 issues), public safety, digital television, voice over IP, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, wireless and data services, cable services, cable programming, cable encryption, equipment authorization requirements, unlicensed devices, ultra-wide band, regulatory fees, and emerging technologies. Alan also represents clients in front of Congress, NTIA, DOE, DOJ, and the FTC. Alan holds a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College and J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

Vanessa Leiby



Vanessa Leiby, the Executive Director of the Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA), has a B.S. and M.S. in Zoology, with emphasis in aquatic ecology and aquatic toxicology respectively, from The Ohio State University. An environmental scientist and policy analyst, she has over 30 years' experience in aquatic ecology, aquatic toxicology, drinking water and wastewater regulation development, water and wastewater technologies, innovation, enforcement, security, water and energy efficiency, and state drinking water and wastewater programs. She is responsible for overall management of the Association and leads the advocacy efforts for WWEMA with a focus on the Administration, Congress, and key Federal agencies. She maintains an extensive industry network at the national, state, and local levels to connect members to opportunities as well as industry thought leaders. Prior to joining WWEMA in 2014, Ms. Leiby was a Principal for 11 years at The Cadmus Group, an environmental consulting firm providing mission support work to EPA's Office of Water. In that capacity, she provided extensive support to EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water on projects related to water and energy efficiency, source water protection, regulation implementation, Buy American provisions of ARRA, and water system security. She was the Principal Investigator for the Water Research Foundation project (#4223) *Energy Efficiency Best Practices for North American Drinking Water Utilities* and was the lead author on the first *Water Sector Security Plan* working in cooperation with EPA and the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining Cadmus, Ms. Leiby was, for 10 years, the Executive Director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. In that position, she was instrumental in the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act and participated in discussions and negotiations on key aspects of the Bioterrorism Act that related to the water sector.

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Brain Perlberg



Brian Perlberg is the Executive Director & Senior Counsel for ConsensusDocs, a coalition of 40 leading construction organizations. Mr. Perlberg sits on the ABA Forum on the Construction Law Steering Committee for the Contract Documents and the Executive Committee for the National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (NCDRC) of the Arbitration Association of America (AAA). He has been recognized as a top legal voice by Engineering News Record (ENR), and featured in Who's Who Legal, Construction. He regularly speaks at national conferences including ABA, AGC, CFMA, CMAA, COAA, DBIA, Construction Superconference, and Healthcare Design.

Nickie Redick



Nickie Redick is a member of BKD National Construction & Real Estate Group, and serves as the construction team leader for BKD's Indianapolis practice unit. She has more than thirteen years of experience providing audit, accounting, and consulting services to a variety of clients, including manufacturing, distribution, and construction companies. She works with clients ranging in size from \$10 million in revenue to large consolidated groups with revenues in excess of \$500 million.

Nickie is a member of the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA), Asphalt Pavers Association, American Institute of CPAs, and Indiana CPA Society. She is a founding member of Executive Women in Finance in the Indianapolis area. She is a 2006 graduate of University of Indianapolis, Indiana, with a B.S. degree in accounting

Rory Roman



Roderick (Rory) Roman has 13 years of experience managing industrial and municipal projects for WRT ranging in cost from \$50,000 up to \$10M. During this time he has seen many projects with no change orders to projects that have had several different rounds of change orders. Prior to working at WRT, he worked as a Safety Supervisor as well as managed field projects as a Front Line Supervisor during the Decommissioning and Demolition of the former Department of Energy site Rocky Flats. Rory is a 1996 Graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Environmental Engineering.

Cathy Ross



Cathy Ross has been in the water and wastewater equipment manufacturing industry for over 15 years. She is currently a Contracts Administrator for Xylem, Inc. and is an active member of WWEMA. Prior to joining Xylem, Cathy worked in the Water, Software, and Medical industries as a Customer Service Manager, Import/Export Compliance Officer, CRM Administrator, Project Manager, Trainer, and Sales Representative.