

2022 WWEMA FINANCE & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION VIRTUAL MEETING SPEAKER BIOS

Kiri Anderer, PE, Senior Environmental Engineer, State Revolving Fund Team, U.S. EPA



Kiri Anderer is a Senior Environmental Engineer on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Team at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The DWSRF provides water infrastructure financing for public health protection, with an emphasis on small and disadvantaged public water systems. During her 25-year career in the water sector, Ms. Anderer has spent the last 13 years with the EPA working on domestic preference requirements, as well as resiliency and eligibility aspects of the DWSRF Program. Prior to EPA, she worked in the Baltimore and then Phoenix metropolitan areas, assisting communities with integrated water resource planning. Ms. Anderer is a registered Professional Engineer in Maryland. She has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University and a Master of Public Policy from The George Washington University.

Philip Beck, Attorney and Partner, Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP



Philip Beck is a partner in the Atlanta office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. His practice focuses on construction law, government contracts, and commercial litigation. He joined Smith Currie in 1981 upon graduating 4th in his class from the University of Tennessee College of Law and completing a judicial clerkship with the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

Phil is experienced with a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes. His experience includes representing clients on a wide range of public and private construction projects throughout the United States and abroad. He has drafted and reviewed thousands of design and construction contracts on behalf of owner, developer, general contractor, subcontractor, supplier, architect/engineer, consultant, surety, design/builder, and construction manager clients. Phil is also an experienced arbitrator and mediator of construction claims and disputes.

He has successfully tried construction cases before a variety of forums, including many state and federal courts, several federal Boards of Contract Appeals, and numerous state and local administrative bodies. He has represented clients in more than a hundred arbitrations and mediations throughout the United States, as well as in numerous bench and jury trials.

Phil also holds a Master of Business Administration degree (with a concentration in Finance) from the University of Tennessee, where he earned his undergraduate degree (with high honors) as well. He is a member of the legal honorary society Order of the Coif, the business honorary fraternity Beta Gamma Sigma, and the service honorary fraternity Omicron Delta Kappa.

He is an active member of the Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee Bars and the Bars of various state and federal courts. He also serves on his law school's Alumni Council.

Alan Fishel, Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP



Alan Fishel is a Partner and member of the firm's Communications & Technology, Corporate & Securities, and Privacy, Cybersecurity & Data Protection groups. He handles transactional matters relating to technology and telecommunications agreements, including cloud service agreements, professional service agreements, hardware agreements, colocation agreements, service level agreements, manufacturing agreements, dark fiber agreements, and in-building wireless agreements. He also drafts and negotiates a wide variety of agreements in other areas as well. In addition, Alan helps clients in many industries improve their template agreements. Alan also has a strong success rate representing clients in FCC proceedings and other advocacy matters.

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Alan Fishel, Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP (continued)

Alan frequently provides interactive workshops and presentations, as well as webinars, to in-house counsel regarding topics such as (1) how to most effectively draft many types of provisions and agreements; (2) how to find the material flaws in contracts; (3) how to become an excellent negotiator, avoid negotiating mistakes, respond to common negotiating lines, and handle difficult negotiators; and (4) how to most effectively work with your business teams. Alan also launched the *Find the Flaws*™ program in 2018 under which he provides regularly-scheduled webinars designed to help attorneys, contract specialists, and others with their contract drafting and issue-spotting skills.

His clients include both customers and providers of technology services, telecommunications services, and wireless services, providers of emerging technologies, non-profit associations, and equipment manufacturers. Alan holds a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College and a J.D. with honors from Duke University School of Law.

Vanessa Leiby, Executive Director, Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association



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.

Zach Schafer, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. EPA



Zach Schafer is Senior Advisor to EPA's Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, Radhika Fox. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Schafer served as the founding Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at United for Infrastructure and Senior Policy Director for the Council on Competitiveness. He also worked on water and climate policy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality during the Obama Administration. Mr. Schafer holds a B.A. in Economics, International Affairs, and History from the University of Delaware and an M.A. in Energy and Environmental Policy from the Biden School of Public Policy at the University of Delaware.