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Matt Schlapp is the Chairman of the American Conservative Union, the nation's original grassroots conservative organization. During his five-year tenure as chairman, ACU has almost tripled in size, expanded CPAC to reach 25 million live viewers and 1 billion Twitter impressions at the most recent CPAC. ACU also hosts dozens of additional events, including Battleground CPACs in the US and international CPACs abroad.

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Charlie Gerow serves as the First Vice Chairman of the American Conservative Union and as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He also serves on the Board of the ACU Foundation.

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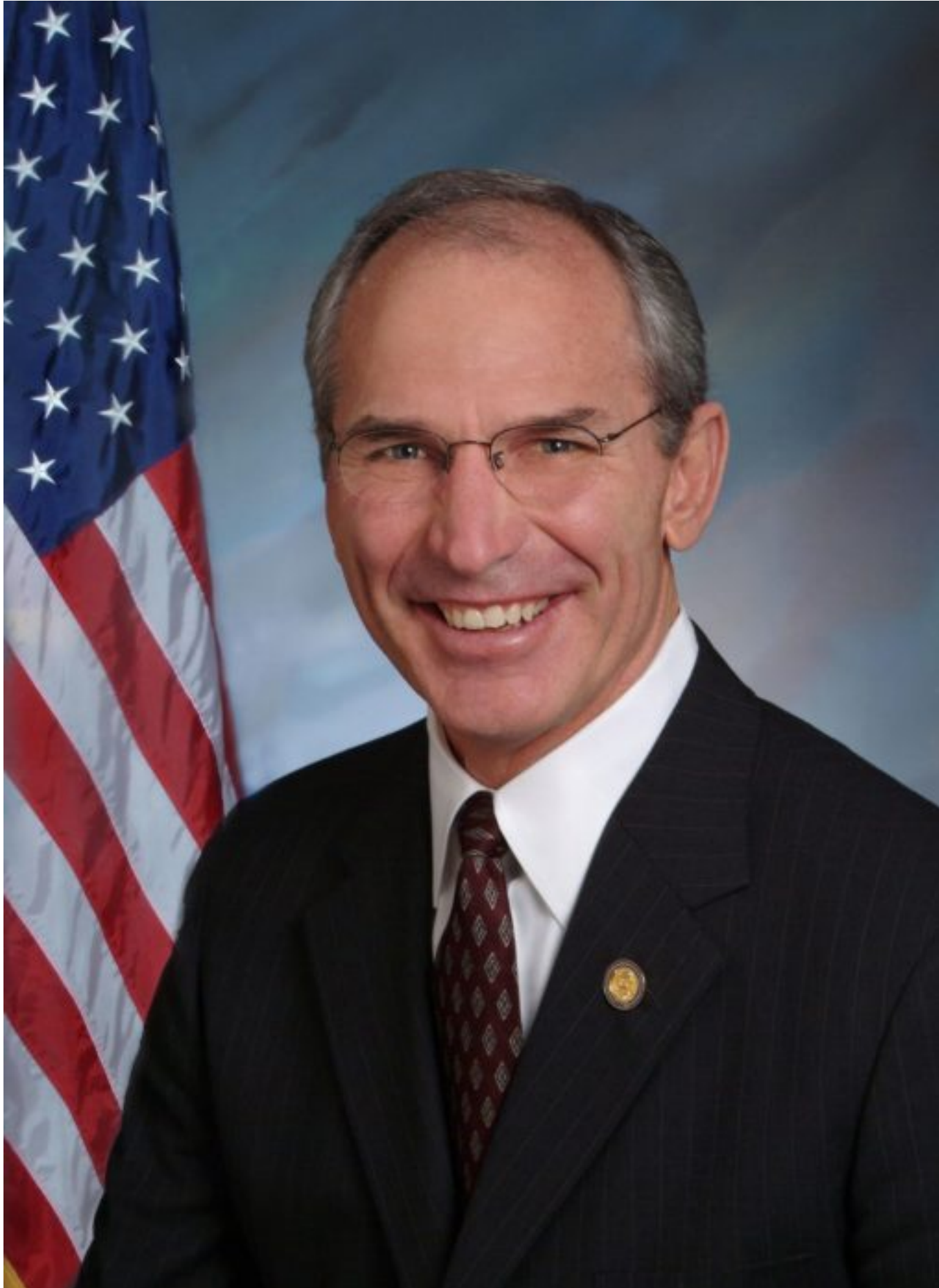
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Carolyn Meadows is the 2nd Vice Chairman of the ACU board and a member of the ACUF board. She is the 2nd Vice President of the National Rifle Association, Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the NRA Foundation, Benefactor and serves on the Legislative Policy Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, State & Local Affairs Subcommittee and Site Selection Committee of the NRA. Carolyn is the

Governor's appointee as Chairman of the Stone Mountain Board of Directors, Republicans Overseas Advisory Board, Council on National Policy Board, former three-term Georgia Republican National Committeewoman.

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Bob Beauprez

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Bob Beauprez is a former Member of Congress and twice Republican nominee for Colorado governor. He has had successful careers as a community banker, real estate developer, dairy farmer, and currently a family bison breeding ranch. Bob is also a frequent political and public policy commentator across the nation.

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Ron Christie

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Ron Christie is an American government relations expert and Republican political strategist. From 2001 – 2004 he served as Deputy Assistant to Vice President Cheney and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush for Domestic Policy. He is the author of three books, *Black in the White House*, *Acting White: The Curious History of a Racial Slur* and *Blackwards: How Black Leadership is Returning America to the Days of Separate But Equal*. He is also a political columnist at *The Daily Beast*. Christie is also the founder and CEO of Christie Strategies, a communications and issue management firm. A veteran senior advisor of both the White House and the Congress, Christie brings years of government relations experience to the table. In 2011 he served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics within the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Christie received his B.A. from Haverford College in 1991 and his J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1998.

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Jackie Arends is a partner at a global executive search firm. She leads the firm's Aviation, Aerospace & Defense and U.S. government relations portfolios, specializing in both federal and global senior-level searches.

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Larry Beasley

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Larry Beasley became President and CEO of *The Washington Times* (TWT) in October 2012 just after the company celebrated its 30th anniversary. Mr. Beasley joined the company at a time of great challenge and has helped lead the company through an intensive period of product line expansion, strategic turnaround, improving TWT's news and business operations, as well as cultivating an aggressive customer-focused and profit-minded environment. Mr. Beasley's considerable professional and personal experience has allowed him to instinctively resonate with TWT's founding principles of freedom, faith, family, and conservative values.

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Kimberly Bellissimo

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Kimberly Bellissimo, President and CEO of ForthRight Strategy, a direct mail marketing firm for nonprofit advocacy groups, charities, PACs as well as candidates running for national office. Kimberly was volunteering for Ronald Reagan long before she could vote for him. Her knowledge of direct mail political fundraising is deep and her clients have included Reagan's first Interior Secretary James Watt, Congressman Allan West and Congressman Ryan Zinke.

Her company requires that clients “be 100 percent pro-life, movement conservatives ... and have the energy and commitment to take on a RINO or a liberal.” Her agency on the candidate side has raised more net and gross dollars for a Senate race on either side of the aisle – \$17 million dollars in the span of 6 months – than any other agency in the industry. Although her firm specializes in the challengers, our races are consistently at the top of the list each cycle for more gross dollars raised than any other candidate – and that includes the incumbents! Kimberly earned a degree in Political Communications from George Washington University. She is an avid New York Giants fan, but she will also “cross the aisle” to cheer for the Washington Capitals. She and her husband live in downtown Washington, DC.

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Morton C. Blackwell

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Morton Blackwell is President of the Leadership Institute, which he founded in 1979. He has served as the National Committeeman of the Republican Party of Virginia since 1988. He was Barry Goldwater's youngest elected Delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention, and he served for three years on the White House Staff of President Ronald Reagan.

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For more than twenty years Jamie Burke has been a champion and communicator for positive, free market ideas and has gained a reputation as a steady and thoughtful conservative.

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Mr. José R. Cárdenas has nearly thirty years of experience in the Washington political process and inter-American relations. He has served in senior positions in the U.S. Department of State, the National Security Council, and the U.S. Agency for International Development, where he served as Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean and oversaw nearly \$1 billion in U.S. development assistance to the region. He has served as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States and as a Senior Professional Staff Member of U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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Muriel Coleman

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Muriel Coleman is a lifelong Madison, Wisconsin resident and conservative activist. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, she was the first female state chairman of the Wisconsin Young Republicans and Administrative Assistant to leadership in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Coleman served on Ronald Reagan's CFTR National Board, his 1980 national campaign staff, was his Wisconsin Chairman of Citizens for America (his grassroots lobby) for eight years and in 1984, was a Reagan Presidential Elector. In 1986, Coleman joined the Jack Kemp for President Campaign. She owns Coleman Principle-ly Consulting and a year-round Christmas store, Tis The Season. She is an ordained deacon and elder of Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison.

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Sean Fieler

Sean Fieler is the President of Equinox Partners. Over the past two decades, Sean Fieler and his partners have assembled a research team capable of analyzing publicly-traded companies around the world, a capability that has enabled their funds to consistently purchase superior businesses at substantial discounts to their intrinsic value. Since the late 1990s, Equinox Partners has had large weightings in precious metals miners, emerging markets, and E&P companies.

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Alan Gottlieb

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Alan Gottlieb is Chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, serves on the Board of Directors of the ACU. President of the Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, and President of the American Political Action Committee. Alan is the author of twenty books and a frequent guest on national TV and Radio. He has received the prestigious Golden Eagle Award from the American Federation of Police, and was commended by the Kentucky House of Representatives for his “outstanding leadership in preserving our American heritage of freedom.” He is listed in *Who’s Who in America*, *Who’s Who in the World* and *Who’s Who in American Politics*.

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Van D. Hipp, Jr.

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The Honorable Van Hipp Jr. is Chairman of American Defense International, Inc. (ADI), a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm specializing in government affairs, business development and public relations. A former Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party, Hipp served as a member of the Presidential Electoral College, and introduced Newt Gingrich at the 1988 Republican National Convention. In his capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Reserve Forces and Mobilization), he served as the Army Secretariat's "point man" for the successful mobilization, and then demobilization, of the Army's reserve forces for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Hipp was also named by then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney as Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy. Hipp is a veteran of the U.S. Army and served on active duty in both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Democracy.

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Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser

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Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser is the president and founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD), a think tank dedicated to protecting American national security against the global threat of Islamism. AIFD promotes reform-minded Muslim voices for liberty, and is shaking the hold which Islamist groups like the Muslim Brotherhood have upon Muslim leadership. Dr. Jasser is the author of *A Battle for the Soul of Islam: An American Muslim Patriot's Fight to Save His Faith*. In 2012, Dr. Jasser was appointed by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. He frequently testifies before Congress and is featured in many top tier television, radio, and

online media. Dr. Jasser is a former U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander with 11 years of service, including a tour as the Staff Internist to the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court. His parents fled the oppressive Ba'ath regime of Syria in the mid-1960s for American freedom. He and his family have strong ties to the American Muslim community, having helped lead mosques in Wisconsin, Arkansas, Virginia and Arizona. He is currently a physician in private practice. Dr. Jasser and his wife and three children live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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Priscilla O'Shaughnessy is a native Ohioan who has lived for the past 40 years in Wichita, Kansas. She graduated from St. Mary's College Notre Dame, with a degree in political science. Raising six children has been the centerpiece of her life. Priscilla has served for over 20 years as a board member of the Wichita Center for the Arts (now Mark Arts), and has recently been named as a lifetime honorary trustee. She has served as a leader in development at the Wichita Collegiate School. Priscilla and her husband have been active in YPO (Young President's Organization), particularly in the Intercontinental Chapter, where they led the group through Central Asia. She serves as an advisor to Governor Sam Brownback. Priscilla is an active board member of the Kansas Policy Institute, an independent think tank that advocates for free market solutions and the protection of personal freedom for all Kansans.

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Ron Robinson

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Ron Robinson has served as Young America's Foundation's president for more than three decades. *Time* magazine wrote that Young America's "Foundation—run by a former Reagan Administration advisor, Ron Robinson—is now the nation's largest advocacy group devoted to student politics." Time referred to Robinson as one of the "seasoned generals of the right" who is leading the "diverse and well funded" generation of conservatives who are "winning battles on campus."

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Mike Rose

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Mike Rose has an extensive record of managing Republican political campaigns and supporting voter advocacy initiatives. Since he began his professional career in Idaho, working for Congressman Helen Chenoweth, Mike has worked on over 30 political campaigns across the country ranging from statewide races to presidential campaigns to managing a national issue campaign called “FairTax.” In addition to his campaign experience, he served as Executive Director of a State Republican Party and as a member of several international political delegations.

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Peter Samuelson

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Peter is the founder and president of LRAP Association, a former management consultant with McKinsey & Company, and a graduate of Yale Law School. He developed the idea for LRAP Association while serving on the Board of Directors of a private liberal arts college that was searching for ways to increase enrollment and help more students attend their first-choice college.

In addition to his work at LRAP Association, Peter serves on the Board of Directors of American Majority, a non-profit conservative training organization.

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Sabrina Schaeffer

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Sabrina L. Schaeffer is the executive director of the Independent Women's Forum. Since her mother sent her Wendy Shalit's *A Return to Modesty* while in college, she's been borderline obsessed with persuading other women that a culture of liberty and responsibility is good for everyone, women in particular. By far her most formative work experience was her first, as a young assistant to Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick while at the American Enterprise Institute. Ambassador Kirkpatrick taught her more than a thing or two about being a real feminist.

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Terry Schilling

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Terry Schilling is the executive director of American Principles Project. Mr. Schilling has worked in communications, development, grassroots, and management positions with Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS), various state and local candidates as well as managing the race for his father, Rep. Bobby Schilling, in his race for Congress in Illinois. Terry Schilling is a native of Geneseo, Illinois, and a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he studied political science.

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Matt Smith

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Matt Smith is the president of Catholic Advocate, a leading grassroots organization he co-founded in Washington, D.C. to engage and encourage faithful Catholics to actively participate in the political process to support elected officials and policies that remain consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Mr. Smith is also a partner in the government and public relations firm Atlas Advocacy.

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Chris Turner is an award-winning entrepreneur, who currently serves as CEO of Stampede Consulting (StampedeConsulting.com), a firm that delivers the world's most advanced door-to-door marketing and survey research programs. Stampede Consulting, which is known in particular for its reliance on U.S. military veterans and their families for its elite workforce, was recognized as one of *Inc. Magazine's* 5000 "Fastest Growing Privately Held Companies" in 2017. The firm has won numerous industry awards and was recognized for having delivered the "Best Canvassing Program" in the world in 2016. Chris is a past National Board Member for the American Association of Political Consultants and has been active in EO, The Entrepreneurs Organization. He can be reached via Twitter @ChrisTurnerCEO or via email Chris@StampedeConsulting.com. He and his family live in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Bill Walton, Managing Partner of Rappahannock Ventures and Chairman of Rush River Entertainment, has an extensive background in finance, general management, private equity, public policy, strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending, entrepreneurship, private sector educational services and arts management.

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Edward Yevoli

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Ed Yevoli holds a BA and a JD from the University of Notre Dame ('90 and '93), and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Missouri at Kansas City ('96). He is a member of the Florida and New York bars. He is a founding partner of the AV rated law firm of PBYA, PL, a law firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale and Miami. Ed focuses his practice on taxation and corporate work, and has represented and advised a wide variety of tax exempt organizations. While in college at Notre Dame, Ed helped found a conservative magazine called Dialogue. The magazine ran interviews and articles that provided a conservative perspective on the issues of the day. It received financial support from ACU board members, including Phyllis Schlafly and Brent Bozell. Ed is a long time subscriber and contributor to National Review Magazine. He has been married over twenty years and has three children. He is also a licensed soccer coach and fan of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and Tottenham Hotspur FC of the Barclay's Premier league. He has written about soccer for various websites.

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