

Law360's 2020 Benefits Editorial Advisory Board

Law360 (March 23, 2020, 4:08 PM EDT) -- Law360 is pleased to announce the formation of its 2020 Benefits Editorial Advisory Board.

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The members of Law360's 2020 Benefits Editorial Advisory Board are:



R. Joseph Barton, Block & Leviton LLP

R. Joseph Barton, a partner at Block & Leviton, is the chair of the firm's employee benefits group and the firm's veterans/servicemember rights group. He has more than 16 years experience handling a diverse array of complex and class litigation. He is listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in American Law."



Damarr Butler, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Damarr Butler is an attorney in the D.C. office of O'Melveny, where he represents plan sponsors and service providers in actions brought by participants, alleging breach of fiduciary duties in the selection and monitoring of investment options, or in causing the plan to pay excessive fees. Previously, Damarr was at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.



Edward W. Ciolko, Carlson Lynch LLP

Ed Ciolko recently joined the firm as a partner based in Philadelphia. Tasked with spearheading the firm's growing ERISA/pension department, litigating consumer protection matters and case evaluation, Ed is a former journalist, academic researcher, private investment consultant and longtime complex class action practitioner.



Jean Cogill, King & Spalding LLP

Jeanie Cogill is a partner in King & Spalding's corporate, finance and investments practice. She specializes in the executive compensation, employee benefits and ERISA fiduciary areas of law.



Rita Patel, DLA Piper

Rita Patel advises clients on employee benefits, executive compensation and business tax matters. Rita's experience includes designing and analyzing a broad range of qualified and nonqualified retirement and deferred compensation plans for public and private companies and tax-exempt entities.



Nancy G. Ross, Mayer Brown LLP

Nancy Ross, a partner and co-chair of the ERISA litigation practice in Mayer Brown's Chicago office, focuses her practice primarily on the area of employee benefits class action litigation and counseling. Nancy has extensive experience in counseling and representing employers, boards of directors, plan fiduciaries and trustees in matters concerning pension and welfare benefit plans.



Sarah Sise, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Sarah Sise practices exclusively in the heavily regulated and constantly evolving field of employee benefits and executive compensation. She advises a wide range of clients, including closely held companies, tax-exempt organizations and public companies.



Stephanie Smithey, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC

As chair of the firm's employee benefits and executive compensation practice group, Stephanie Smithey devotes her practice to employee benefits law, advising clients on plan design, compliance and administration issues for all types of retirement plans and health and welfare plans.



Shane Stroud, Pryor Cashman LLP

Shane Stroud chairs the executive compensation, ERISA and employee benefits group at Pryor Cashman LLP. His practice focuses on all types of employee benefits, ERISA and executive compensation matters. Shane also has extensive experience representing both executives and employers with respect to executive employment and severance agreements.



Susan Wetzel, Haynes and Boone LLP

Susan Wetzel is the chair of the employee benefits and executive compensation practice group. She counsels employers, executives and members of corporate boards regarding design, implementation, and compliance issues relating to retirement plans, welfare plans, employee benefits, executive compensation, and mergers and acquisitions.