

New Board Members 2026-27 Season

Chris Anderson

Chris Anderson is a shareholder at the Nashville office of Littler, where he focuses on employment and labor law. He represents employers in litigation, compliance, and workplace counseling matters, including discrimination, wage and hour issues, and employment policies. Chris has extensive experience representing organizations in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and appeals, and he regularly advises executives and HR leaders on strategies to manage risk and resolve workplace disputes.

He is active in the Nashville community, including serving on the board of Monroe Harding, and has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America for multiple years.



Kayla Clayborne Counts

Professionally, Kayla is a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Government & Community Relations team, where she manages TVA's community contributions and strategic giving in the Tennessee and Greater East Region.

Kayla began her involvement with Nashville Ballet as a board member of the Friends of Nashville Ballet, where she served as an officer on the Executive Committee. She currently sits on the Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee Executive Committee and Cheekwood Family Society Advisory Council and is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Nashville.

Previously, Kayla served as co-chair of Nashville Ballet's Nutcracker Tea, Nashville Symphony Ball, Junior League Centennial Founding Day Fête, Fall for Cheekwood, Nashville Ballet Ball Auction, and Symphony Ball Late Party. Kayla and her husband, Donnie, have two young sons, Tristan (7) and Sebastian (4).



Laura Currie

Laura Currie is an active supporter of the arts and other nonprofit organizations in Nashville and at the Chautauqua Institution. She is currently a member of the Nashville Ballet Foundation Board and is a past member of the Nashville Ballet Board, the Nashville Predators Foundation Board, the board of Chautauqua Institution, and the Chautauqua Institution Foundation Board. She graduated from Vanderbilt University and retired from a career in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology research at Vanderbilt. She and her husband, Brad, live in Nashville and are the parents of two adult children.



Devin Dunkley

Devin Dunkley is an attorney in the Labor and Employment Group at Holland & Knight LLP. Ms. Dunkley represents employers in litigation matters and provides day-to-day advice and counseling on a broad range of workplace issues. Since July 2024, she has served as a member of the Nashville Ballet's Human Resources Committee.

Ms. Dunkley earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Educational Studies from Rhodes College and her Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She is also a graduate of Nashville's Young Leaders Council. A native of Murfreesboro, Ms. Dunkley currently lives in East Nashville with her husband, Chandler Vaught. She is an avid supporter of the arts in Nashville, as well as various literacy initiatives across the city.



Lisa Manning

Lisa Manning is a cardiovascular nurse by education. She is an avid gardener, fortunate to have her gardens archived in the Smithsonian Institution. Her focus on organic gardening, sustainable agriculture, propagation, and preservation of native plants has taken her to many venues and to third-world countries to share her passion. Presently, Lisa's primary leadership role is as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art in Nashville, where she has volunteered in some capacity since graduate school.



Kristen Walker

Kristen Walker is a senior attorney at Spencer Fane LLP and a member of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. She specializes in business litigation, focusing on commercial contract disputes, negotiations, and employment law, and has extensive experience helping businesses resolve disputes and manage legal risk.

Before returning to private practice, Kristen served in the public sector as Associate General Counsel for the State of Tennessee, representing several regulatory boards and commissions, and as an Assistant Attorney General handling civil litigation for state agencies.

A lifelong Tennessean, Kristen lives in Nashville with her husband, Darius Walker, Jr., and their two daughters. Her daughter Joy is currently in her second year at Nashville Ballet.

