



The American College of Investment Counsel (ACIC) is pleased to congratulate and welcome its newest officers and directors. The following individuals were elected to the positions described below during the ACIC's annual meeting on October 21, 2016.

**Officers for the 2017-2018 period:**

- President: Thomas F. O'Connor (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP)
- Vice President: Carolyn Z. Alford (King & Spalding LLP)
- Secretary: Armando M. Gamboa (Prudential Capital Group)
- Treasurer: Ed Holmes (JRG Advisory Group, LLC)

**Class of 2019 Trustees, each to serve a three year term:**

- Maureen A. Cronin (New York Life Insurance Company)
- Luke A. Weedon (Baker Botts L.L.P.)
- Matthew E. Gabrys (The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company)

Please see below to learn more about the ACIC's esteemed new officers and trustees.

**Thomas F. O'Connor, Partner, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP**



Tom O'Connor has been a Trustee of the ACIC since October 2010 and prior to becoming its President in October 2016 was Vice President (October 2015 – October 2016) and Secretary (October 2013 – October 2015).

Tom is a Partner with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, resident in their London office. Prior to joining Morgan Lewis in 2014, Tom was a partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP resident in their Hartford, CT office.

Tom graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law in 1990 and Tulane University in 1981.

At Morgan Lewis, Tom represents clients, including institutional investors, insurance companies, investment funds and other institutional lenders in connection with the acquisition of privately placed debt and equity securities and other secured and unsecured financing transactions involving issuers located, among other jurisdictions, in the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada and. Tom's representation of institutional investors includes mezzanine, acquisition finance and co-invest equity transactions .

Tom is experienced with the complex corporate law and intercreditor aspects of mezzanine transactions, both in the United States and abroad, and in connection with the modifications and restructurings of such investments at other points in the business cycle.

**Carolyn Z. Alford, Partner, King & Spalding LLP**



Carolyn Alford currently serves as the Vice President of the ACIC; she was a Trustee from 2012 through 2015 and the Secretary from 2015 through 2016. She also serves as a Director on the board of directors of, and member of the Executive Committee of, ClearPoint Financial, a national not-for-profit organization that provides consumer credit counseling services and financial education

Carolyn is the Practice Group Leader of King & Spalding's Global Finance Practice Group and serves on the firm's Policy Committee. Carolyn is active in King & Spalding's leveraged finance, banking and asset-based lending practices. She represents financial institutions, lenders, investors, borrowers and issuers in leveraged finance, asset-based lending, private placements, mezzanine financing and other secured and unsecured lending transactions, with specific industry expertise in healthcare, pharma, energy and media/communications.

Carolyn earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Duke University in 1989, graduating magna cum laude, and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She obtained her law degree in 1992, cum laude, from the Harvard Law School where she served as an editor of Harvard Journal on Legislation.

**Armando M. Gamboa, Vice President and Corporate Counsel, Prudential Capital Group**

Armando currently serves as the Secretary of the ACIC. He is a Vice President and Corporate Counsel for the Private Placement Section of Prudential Capital Group (an investment unit of Prudential Financial, Inc.), located in Chicago. Armando provides legal support primarily to Prudential Capital Group's Chicago-based domestic and international corporate finance teams, as well as to the international corporate finance teams in London, Paris, Milan, Frankfurt and Sydney. Armando's primary focus is on traditional private placements, mezzanine and equity investments and future flow securitizations.

Armando is co-chair of Prudential's minority and women-owned law firms committee. He is also a Prudential relationship manager for the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Before joining Prudential in 2003, Armando was an Associate in the Chicago offices of Mayer Brown LLP and Freeborn & Peters LLP. He earned his BS in accounting and finance from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1994 and his JD from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1998, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a member of the Order of the Coif and the law review.

**Ed Holmes, Co-Founder, JRG Advisory Group, LLC**

Ed currently serves as the Treasurer of the ACIC. He is the co-founder of JRG Advisory Group, LLC, a compliance consulting firm for start-up and small-sized investment advisors and broker dealers.

He has extensive experience in global regulatory and compliance issues affecting the financial services industry generally, as well as Federal Reserve/Dodd-Frank compliance and governance issues applicable to investments and investment operations. He represents institutional investors in investment transactions, and regulatory and compliance matters, with emphasis on fixed maturity investments. He acts as temporary, or part-time, general counsel for institutional investors and funds.

Previously, Ed was General Counsel to AIG Investments, overseeing legal, regulatory and compliance matters in connection with the group's global network of investment advisors and broker dealers, through which investment and capital market transactions were conducted in virtually all asset classes.

He also has considerable experience representing investors and lenders in connection with fixed maturity transactions, initially representing banks as an associate at Baker Botts, LLP; then, later, representing AIG in connection with corporate private placement, project finance and structured leasing investments.

Ed has also been involved in a number of high profile, bespoke capital market transactions, including serving as lead attorney representing AIG in connection with the wind-down of its securities lending business and the Maiden Lane II transaction with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Ed graduated from the University of Houston Law School, cum laude, and Texas A&M University, BBA - Accounting. He has participated in a number of panel discussions on topics of general interest to the financial services industry.

**Maureen Cronin, Vice President/MD and Associate General Counsel, New York Life Insurance Company**

Maureen currently serves as a trustee of the ACIC. She is the head of the Fixed Income and Office of the Chief Investment Officer Legal Team, which team provides legal support for a wide variety of investments for New York Life's general account and third-party clients. In addition, Maureen advises on workouts and restructurings of public and private investments and other bankruptcy-related issues.

Maureen is a graduate of New York Life's Accelerated Leadership Program. Prior to joining New York Life in 2009, she was a senior associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

She has experience in a wide range of corporate transactions, including significant experience in private placements, corporate restructurings and Chapter 11 bankruptcies, UCC and real property foreclosures, distressed M&A transactions, distressed debt trading as well as real estate workouts, financings and acquisitions. Maureen is a co-author of numerous publications on bankruptcy and real estate matters.

Maureen holds a B.A. in History and American Studies from Tufts University and a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.



**Luke A. Weedon, Partner, Baker Botts L.L.P.**

Luke Weedon is a partner in the Dallas office of Baker Botts L.L.P.

He represents various institutional purchasers in transactions involving senior secured and unsecured note offerings, mezzanine investments and other forms of junior capital. He also devotes a significant part of his practice to secured and unsecured syndicated bank financings, including the representation of agent lenders, private equity investors and borrowers in connection with working capital facilities, acquisition financings, bridge loans, asset-based loans, first lien/second lien financings, letter of credit facilities and project financings. In addition, Luke represents issuers and underwriters in high-yield debt offerings. A significant portion of his practice involves domestic and cross-border energy finance, in particular midstream, offshore drilling and offshore construction.

Luke is listed in *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*.

Luke joined the ACIC in 2008, co-chaired the ACIC's Spring Forum in 2012, and recently became a member of the Board of Trustees.

He enjoys the camaraderie of the ACIC and the educational opportunities it presents, and he looks forward to further advancing both of these objectives while on the Board of Trustees.

**Matthew E. Gabrys, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company**

Matthew E. Gabrys is an Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary in the Law Department at The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As a member of the Law Department's securities team his primary responsibilities include representation of the company and its affiliates in connection with private placement transactions, private equity investments, acquisition finance, and public securities trading.

Prior to joining Northwestern Mutual in 2003, Matthew worked as an associate in the banking and corporate law group of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in Milwaukee, where he represented corporate clients in commercial and financial transactions, corporate and municipal finance, secured lending, and mergers and acquisitions.

Matthew received his Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1999, and is a member of the Order of the Coif. He was also a member of the Wisconsin Law Review. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, summa cum laude, from St. Norbert College (1996).

Matthew is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and is a trustee of the ACIC, where he is the Co-Chair of the Transaction Process Management Committee.

Matthew is married (Elizabeth) and has two children (Grace and Andrew). He is an avid sports fan and enjoys cruising with his family on Disney cruises. He and his family live in Fox Point, Wisconsin.