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Stefan John
Sr. VP, General
Counsel & Chief
Compliance Officer
BASF Corporation

Stefan John is Senior Vice President, BASF Corporation as well as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of BASF North America. In this position, Stefan has overall responsibility for BASF's legal and governmental affairs in the North American business region. Additionally, as BASF Corporation's Chief Compliance Officer he chairs the company's Compliance Oversight Committee. Stefan joined BASF SE in 2014 and became Senior Vice President Legal. Prior to that, he had served as board member responsible for HR, Legal and Compliance at building material manufacturer Dyckerhoff. Other career positions held include in-house lawyer for General Electric and Stinnes AG with international assignments in the US, Germany, Italy and England. He also worked as associate for a US law firm in New York and Mexico City. Mr. John started his professional career after graduation from the faculty of law at the Freie Universität Berlin as a lawyer for privatization of the Treuhandanstalt. Stefan was born in Berlin. He is married and has three children.



Owen Lewis
General Counsel
Covance

Owen Lewis is the General Counsel of Covance, a life sciences company that provides drug and device development services including pre-clinical and early development, healthy volunteer trials, central laboratory, patient clinical trials, and post approval support to companies seeking to develop and commercialize therapies and devices to improve human health. Covance has more than 20,000 employees and conducts operations in more than 45 countries. At Covance, the drug development business of LabCorp, Owen oversees the provision of legal advice in the Covance business segment as part of the wider LabCorp legal function. Owen joined Covance following its 2017 acquisition of Chiltern, where he served as General Counsel. He has nearly 20 years of experience as an in-house counsel in the pharmaceutical and device development services industry. Owen also served as a Judge Advocate in the US Army Reserve. In 2018, he retired as a Colonel after active and reserve service including deploying to Kuwait and Iraq in 2003 where he worked in the Office of General Counsel, Coalition Provisional Authority. Owen is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Wake Forest University School of Law.



Christine Mazzone
General Counsel &
Company Secretary
*Plant Health Care,
Inc.*

Christine M. Mazzone is General Counsel and Company Secretary of Plant Health Care, Inc. in Raleigh, NC. Plant Health Care is listed on the London Stock Exchange with operations in North and South America, Europe, South Africa and Mexico. She oversees all legal, corporate governance and compliance matters. Ms. Mazzone has been in-house counsel for 20 years in technology and life sciences companies. She received her BS from Cornell University and her JD from Boston College. Ms. Mazzone is currently Treasurer of the North Carolina Bar Association Corporate Counsel section and previously chaired the section's CLE Committee.



Courtney Thomas
Associate General
Counsel
Trilliant Networks Inc.

Courtney Thomas is the Associate General Counsel at Trilliant Networks. As Associate General Counsel, Courtney advises on a broad range of legal issues, including transactional, commercial, intellectual property and employment law matters. Prior to joining Trilliant, Courtney was a senior lawyer at Credit Suisse, where he advised on corporate governance, U.S. bank regulatory matters, and leverage lending transactions, and served as the manager of Credit Suisse's Legal Associates Program and as a Co-Chair of the General Counsel Diversity Committee. Before relocating to the Research Triangle, Courtney spent a decade practicing law in New York City, initially at the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and later at Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP. His practice at these firms included representation of investment banks, private equity funds, hedge funds, and other financial institutions in connection with various corporate transactions including leverage lending, mergers and acquisitions, and the purchase and sale of U.S. and international distressed assets. Courtney is a graduate of Duke University and New York University School of Law.

MODERATOR



Amy Batten
Partner
Smith Anderson

Amy Batten has over 25 years of experience in counseling public companies on complex securities laws and heads Smith Anderson's Public Companies practice group. She works closely with executives and boards of directors, assisting with day-to-day compliance and advising on strategic corporate and capital raising transactions. Amy has advised many of the region's largest and growing public companies, including Cree, Inc., Novan, Inc. and Quintiles IMS Holdings, Inc., prior to its merger with IMS Health Holdings, Inc., among others, and previously spent time in house with IBM Corporation. In addition to providing securities advice, Amy regularly counsels public companies on governance structuring and best practices, conducts board and committee self-assessments and advises on general corporate matters. She also has substantial experience with mergers, acquisitions and other core corporate transactions.

