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Speakers' Biographies

Ashley L. Taylor is a partner with the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP, resident in its Richmond, Virginia and Washington, D.C. office. He is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Taylor devotes his practice to defending companies in matters brought by state Attorneys General and representing companies with respect to business disputes and consumer law issues, particularly state consumer protection laws. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Taylor was Deputy Attorney General to the Commonwealth of Virginia, a position which included counsel responsibilities for twenty state agencies. While at the firm, he has defended clients in a variety of multi-state investigations and appealed as counsel of record in federal and state court in matters brought by state attorneys general. Mr. Taylor chairs the American Bar Association's state Attorneys General Sub-Committee. He is also leading a panel at the annual ABA meeting in Chicago on July 31 on how to respond to complex multi-state regulatory compliance and investigation matters.

William H. Hurd is also a partner with Troutman Sanders LLP, resident in the firm's Richmond, Virginia and Washington, D.C. offices. Mr. Hurd has personally argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including two cases involving the First Amendment and one involving federal special education law. Altogether he has appeared on briefs in more than 100 appellate cases and has argued more than 30 cases before federal and state appellate courts. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Hurd served as Deputy Attorney General to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Subsequent to holding that position, he acted as Senior Counsel to the Attorney General, as well as Virginia's Solicitor General, until 2004 when he joined Troutman Sanders.