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EXPERTISE

Charlie Scibetta has 15 years of litigation and arbitration experience across a broad variety of industries. His cases involve general commercial and financial disputes as well as insurance and reinsurance litigation and arbitration. He has taken several cases through trial or hearing and appeal.

Charlie also manages Chaffetz Lindsey's day-to-day operations and finances. He has been interviewed by The New York Law Journal and The American Lawyer on issues relating to law firm management and trends in the US legal market. He is a regular speaker on the topic of how to provide top-quality legal services cost-effectively.

Prior to forming Chaffetz Lindsey, Charlie was a partner in the New York litigation department of international law firm Clifford Chance.

Representative Current Matters:

Acting in a number of disputes in court and arbitration between insurance carriers and reinsurers over coverage for asbestos, environmental and other losses.

Defending individual director and corporate fund manager in federal class action alleging fraud, breach of contract and other causes of action.

Representing multiple insurance companies in connection with reinsurance claims for losses suffered in a workers compensation pool.

Representing international energy company in New York State court in a breach of contract action arising out of the Lehman collapse.

Representing pharmaceutical company in licensing dispute in international arbitration.

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Other Representative Case Experience:

Acted in a New York State court action between a global bank and a Cayman hedge fund concerning payment and valuation of collateral owed under ISDA currency swaps.

Represented international bank in connection with New York arbitration and UK litigation concerning borrower fraud in connection with a structured credit facility.

Represented a New York financial institution in dispute in bankruptcy court over the restructuring of a multi-billion-dollar credit facility.

Acted for insurer and reinsurer in connection with nearly \$1 billion of exposure to losses arising out of the destruction of the World Trade Center.

Represented reinsurer in New York state court action concerning losses on residual value insurance program.

Represented pharmaceutical company in state and federal antitrust class actions involving allegations of price-fixing.

Represented insurer in \$150 million arbitration to enforce surety reinsurance coverage.

Represented reinsurer in defense of claims for coverage arising out of Enron collapse.

Represented UK hedge fund in recovering assets out of Lehman bankruptcy.

Community Service:

Board Member and Chair of the Development Committee of CAMBA, a Brooklyn-based community services organization.

Recent and Upcoming Speaking Engagements:

Selecting Legal Counsel: How Firm Structure and Culture Can Affect Value. ACI's Fourth National Forum on Reducing Legal Costs (Dallas, March 2010).

Current Issues in US Property Cover: Wind-Driven Water and a Note on Climate Change. International Underwriting Association (London, April 2010).

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Creating the Relationship: Selecting and Retaining Firms That Are Able to Deliver High-Quality Services at a Lower Cost. Moderator and Speaker. ACI's Fifth National Forum on Reducing Legal Costs (Philadelphia, October 2010).

Upcoming: Recent Developments in US Securities Law. Various In-House Presentations (London, March 2011).

Education:

State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A.)

Albany Law School (J.D.) (summa cum laude, valedictorian)

Columbia University School of Law (LL.M.)