

## Galloway Announces Five New Directors

Galloway is pleased to announce the promotion of five attorneys to Director. Jose Barro, Jennifer Buckingham, Kristine Freer, Edward Krakauer, and Katie Penny will take on their new role on January 1, 2021.

“This outstanding group of attorneys represents the finest of our profession,” said Jason P. Waguespack, Galloway’s Managing Director. “Each of these attorneys has a long history of success as trusted advisers and advocates for our clients and will further our commitment to client service excellence.”

**Jose Barro** (Mandeville, LA) is an experienced litigator who defends insurance and corporate clients in a variety of practice areas, including insurance coverage, insurance defense, and employment liability. Jose has significant experience defending primary and excess insurers and their insureds in matters involving premises liability, auto and trucking, professional liability, products liability, construction defects, employment practices, and environmental claims. While a significant portion of his practice is comprised of matters in Louisiana state and federal courts, he has also defended matters in Alabama, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

**Jennifer Buckingham** (New Orleans, LA) focuses on insurance coverage, immigration, premises liability, professional malpractice, contractual liability, and personal injury defense.

Jennifer received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans. As an undergraduate, she studied political science, Latin American studies, and Spanish, with a special interest in Southern Cone political history. In law school, she focused on international trade, civil procedure, and maritime law, earning the Certificate in International and Comparative Law. She represented Tulane at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna and served as a research assistant to the director of the Admiralty Law Institute.

After college, Jennifer worked in real estate development; subsequently, she moved to Kiev, Ukraine, where she worked for an NGO analyzing trade and economic policy. Following law school, she practiced as a plaintiffs’ attorney in New Orleans, litigating cases involving personal injury, multiple district litigation, and workers’ compensation. Jennifer subsequently practiced in Chicago for two years, representing a predominantly Spanish-speaking clientele primarily in personal injury claims and immigration.

Jennifer is fluent in Spanish, Ukrainian, and Polish and is admitted to practice in all state courts in Louisiana, Illinois, and New York, as well as the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle District of Louisiana.

**Christine Freer** (Fort Lauderdale, FL) handles matters in both state and federal court. Her practice consists of general liability and casualty litigation for primary carriers, including claims for construction defect, admiralty and maritime, contracts and first-party insurance disputes, as well as insurance bad faith claims. Christine believes the key to being a successful litigator is effective communication. She understands the importance of listening to her clients, recognizing their expectations, and keeping them well informed so that they maintain control of the litigation and achieve the desired outcome. Prior to joining the firm, Christine served as an Assistant Public Defender in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**Edward Krakauer** (Fort Lauderdale, FL) focuses his practice on insurance defense litigation, personal injury claims, premises liability claims, and construction defect claims. His practice has included defending matters in both state and federal courts throughout Florida, as well as defending matters in arbitration proceedings. Edward is an efficient negotiator, excelling at bringing matters to a resolution in a timely manner, whether at mediation or informally settling cases. His clients rely on him for critically analyzing issues and being able to ascertain creative tactics to resolving matters on favorable terms.

**Katie Penny** (Lafayette, LA) focuses her practice on insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage, subrogation claims, workers' compensation, medical malpractice defense, construction law and claims, and premises liability defense claims. Her clients rely on her for counsel in the fields of insurance defense, medical malpractice, and general liability. Katie has defended clients in both state and federal courts in Louisiana.