

Faculty: The Conflict in Ukraine – Impact on Capitals, Markets and Boardrooms

Hon. John A. Boehner is a senior strategic advisor with Squire Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati, where he focuses on helping to remove government barriers to economic growth and job creation while providing high-level strategic advice to the firm's global clientele. The 53rd Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, he joined the Squire Patton Boggs public policy team during the autumn of 2016. Speaker Boehner led the U.S. House from January 2011 to October 2015, a time during which he navigated some of the most difficult legislative challenges of the modern era and forged strong relationships with business and government leaders throughout the world. A former small businessman who entered public service because of his desire to remove barriers to economic growth and private-sector job-creation, Speaker Boehner provides strategic advice and consulting to clients on all aspects of domestic and international policy, drawing from his decades of experience both in business and at the highest levels of the U.S. government. Prior to entering public service, he spent years running a small business representing manufacturers in the packaging and plastics industry. He represented the people of Ohio's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House for nearly 25 years, leading the reform-minded "Gang of Seven" in the early 1990s that closed the scandal-ridden House Bank and forced a series of institutional changes in Congress, including measures requiring the House to be subject to annual independent audits of its financial records. Speaker Boehner put his small business experience to work for constituents in 1999 by taking over the chairmanship of the House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, the congressional panel with jurisdiction over the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and matters of private-sector health care and retirement security policy. In this role, he crafted and successfully advanced measures dealing with employer-sponsored healthcare, pensions, stock options and other employee benefits. Elected by his colleagues as U.S. House Majority Leader in 2006, Speaker Boehner went on to serve as the top Republican leader in the U.S. House for nearly a decade, becoming House Minority Leader following the 2006 elections and leading his

party to majority control of the House in 2010. During his first year as Speaker, he helped guide the enactment of legislation for long-sought free-trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea, and also secured enactment of the Budget Control Act, which required major spending reductions and ultimately resulted in the enactment of the first bipartisan entitlement reforms in many years. Speaker Boehner received his B.A. in 1977 from Xavier University.

Patrick J. Brooks is the co-managing partner of Squire Patton Boggs's Moscow office and leads its Corporate team in Moscow. He has been a full-time resident of Moscow since 2007. Mr. Brooks focuses his practice on cross-border transactions with a concentration on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance in Russia. He has experience providing strategic counsel to clients investing and operating in the Russian Federation across numerous sectors, particularly telecommunications, infrastructure, manufacturing, life sciences and financial services. His corporate/M&A practice has been recommended in Chambers Europe and The Legal 500 since 2015. In addition to his transactional practice, Mr. Brooks plays a key role in advising on corporate governance, anti-corruption, regulatory and compliance matters, including assisting clients in understanding the application of U.S. anti-corruption and sanctions laws to their Russian operations, and Russian anti-corruption laws and regulatory regimes that affect their businesses. In this role, he has advised on the application of sanctions to various transactions, internal investigations, diligence exercises and the development of compliance programs. Mr. Brooks also has experience in U.S. bankruptcy and complex corporate restructuring, having started his career in the firm's Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Group. He received his B.A. in 1993 and his J.D. cum laude in 1998 from the University of Akron, where he was a member of the Akron Law Review.

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Ludmilla (Milla) Kasulke is a partner with Squire Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C., and draws on her experience in both domestic and international policy to assist clients on trade matters. She provides multinational corporations, sovereign governments and entities and quasi-government entities with advice on a wide range of trade policy, legal and regulatory issues. Ms. Kasulke has been actively engaged in all aspects of the § 232 process, including the exclusion petition process, and regularly advises clients on the impacts of current and potential new actions. She also regularly counsels clients on the impacts of current and potential new trade negotiations, including the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and U.S.-Japan and -EU talks. Prior to law school, Ms. Kasulke was the special assistant to the chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, where she gained first-hand experience in the daily operations of the executive branch. While at the council, she worked closely with the chairman and his team of policy advisors in the development and management of significant administration policies and programs, such as the Major Economies Meetings on Energy Security and Climate Change. While in law school, Ms. Kasulke served as the assistant to former White House Counsel and former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union C. Boyden Gray. She was elected as a vice president on the executive board of the Student Bar Association, where she represented part-time student interests. Additionally, she was an active member of the Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy staff, where she served as a symposium director. Ms. Kasulke received her B.A. magna cum laude in 2006 from American University and her J.D. cum laude in 2013 from Georgetown University Law Center.

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