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Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale is the Deputy General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce. In this role, she assists the General Counsel as the chief legal officer for the Department and legal advisor to the Secretary, Secretarial Officers and other officers of the Department, including heads of operating units. She was recently nominated by President Obama to serve as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Lamb-Hale was the Managing Partner of the Detroit office of the national law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP where she specialized in business restructuring in the manufacturing sector.

Ms. Lamb-Hale has been active in civic and community affairs throughout her career. Most recently, she served as vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority, by appointment of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. She also served on the Board of Trustees of Leadership Detroit and the Board of Trustees for the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

Ms. Lamb-Hale has received many honors for her accomplishments and leadership over the years. Her legal and leadership skills were recognized in 1995 by *Crain's Detroit Business*, who named her at age 29 to its "40 Under 40 List," which honors 40 Detroit-area professionals under the age of 40 for leadership abilities and accomplishments. *Crain's Detroit Business* also named her one of "Metro Detroit's Most Influential Women" in 2007. She was identified as one of the Detroit's most powerful and accomplished women business leaders by Inforum, Michigan's largest organization for professional women, and Deloitte, a global leader in professional services. Ms. Lamb-Hale is a graduate of Leadership Detroit and a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. She was named a Minority Achiever by the YMCA and was recognized in 2006, 2007 and 2008 by Law & Politics Media, Inc., as one of Michigan's "Super Lawyers" in the practice of bankruptcy law.

Ms. Lamb-Hale has been a frequent lecturer on business restructuring matters with a particular emphasis in recent years on the automotive industry. She received her B.A. with high honors from the University of Michigan in 1988 and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1991.