

# Speaker Bios for NCLC Summer Conference – June 5 – 7, 2011

## Topic and Speaker

## Speaker Bio

### ***"The Good, The Bad & The Ugly"***

*The State of America's Roads*

**Peter Ruane,**  
President  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association

**Peter Ruane** is the president and CEO of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), a 108-year old national federation of public and private transportation construction interests with over 6,000 members headquartered in Washington, D.C. He has over 40 years of diversified experience in the economic development, transportation, construction and national defense fields.

Prior to joining ARTBA in October 1988, he served for nine years as President/CEO of the National Moving and Storage Association (NMSA) an international trade association with members in over 50 countries and its affiliate organizations.

Dr. Ruane served as the deputy director of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Office of the Secretary of Defense and the President's Economic Adjustment Committee where he worked on complex economic development projects stemming from military base closures or growth impacts in more than 30 states over the period 1970 to 1980.

He received numerous awards as a member of the Senior Executive Service, including the top two government-wide management awards available to a young federal executive (Arthur Fleming and William A. Jump Foundation), and the Secretary of Defense's Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Dr. Ruane is a graduate of Loyola College of Baltimore, and holds a master's degree from the Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He also holds the professional designation Certified Association Executive (CAE).

He is a decorated Vietnam veteran, having served as an officer with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Dr. Ruane is a past chairman and current Director of the Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC), a permanent coalition of some 100 trade organizations representing the entire spectrum of U.S. business. He has held numerous volunteer and elective positions including six years as a Director of the school board at St. Mary's of Annapolis, four of which he served as President. From 2004-2009 Dr. Ruane served as the first lay Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Calvert Hall College High School (Baltimore) and was a board member of the school since 1999. In October 2009, he became Chair of the Loyola College Board of Advisors within Loyola University Maryland. He currently serves as Treasurer of the International Road Federation. He's a trustee of the Transportation Development Foundation and is the Vice Chairman of the U.S. Chamber-led Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM), a broad-based coalition focused on major national transportation legislation. He also co-chairs the Transportation Construction Coalition, a permanent thirty member market-oriented construction trade association and labor coalition working on industry legislative and regulatory issues. He is a frequent witness before Congress and guest on national news programs.

He is the first association executive to have been awarded the American Public Works Association Distinguished Service Award in 1999 and was voted one of Engineering News-Record magazine's top newsmakers from throughout the world in 1998. Both of these awards were for his unique personal leadership in the passage of TEA-21, then the largest public works legislation in the history of the United States. In December 2000 he was appointed as the only construction industry trade association executive to serve on the Bush-Cheney Transportation Transition Team. In 2004 he was designated one of the Top 100 Private Sector Transportation Construction Professionals of the 20th Century and was named one of Public Works magazine's 2005 "Trendsetters" for his leadership in helping to pass SAFETEA-LU.

Dr. Ruane was a member of the graduate school faculty at George Washington University for four years, and has been a guest lecturer at a number of universities including Oklahoma, Iowa, American and the National Defense University. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Marine Corps. Heritage Foundation.

He and his wife Pat reside in Davidsonville, Maryland and have four grown children (Jeanne, Tom, Katie and Colleen) and eight grandchildren.

## **"Eagle Eye"**

*CSA, EOBR, HOS and the Rest of the Alphabet Soup*

**John Van Steenburg**  
Director of Enforcement  
and Compliance,  
FMCSA, U.S. DOT

**David Osiecki**  
Senior Vice President  
for Policy and  
Regulatory Affairs,  
American Trucking  
Association

**Jack Van Steenburg** is the Chief Safety Officer and Assistant Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Prior to his appointment, he served as the Director of FMCSA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance since May 2008. In that position, he led all enforcement programs that contribute to commercial vehicle transportation nationwide.

As Chief Safety Officer and Assistant Administrator, Mr. Van Steenburg serves as the agency's chief safety advocate promoting partnerships with federal, state and local governments and provides direction over all national commercial vehicle safety programs. This is one of three career positions that require Presidential approval at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Before coming to FMCSA, Mr. Van Steenburg retired from the New York State Police after serving 25 years holding the ranks of Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major and Staff Inspector. One of the highlights of his career was being elected the president of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and serving on their executive committee for 10 years.

Mr. Van Steenburg has received an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Hudson Valley Community College, bachelor's degree in Accounting from Plattsburgh State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College.

**David J. Osiecki (Dave)** is the Senior Vice President for Policy & Regulatory Affairs at the American Trucking Associations, based in Arlington, VA. In this capacity, Dave is responsible for overseeing ATA's policy development on a host of trucking issues, including fuel/energy issues, environmental requirements, labor, safety and security rules, as well as truck size & weight limits. Dave is also responsible for managing a staff of policy and regulatory experts, and is often called on to represent ATA and the trucking industry at government hearings and industry events.

Prior to his promotion as Senior Vice President, Dave was the Vice President of Safety for ATA and, before that, Executive Director of the ATA Intermodal Conference.

Dave came to the ATA in 1996 with almost ten years of motor carrier safety experience with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carriers (OMC). At DOT, he held several different positions involving compliance & enforcement functions, as well as program, policy, and regulation development.

Dave is a native of Reading, Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Pennsylvania State University and a Masters Degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Dave is married with two sons.

## **"Fast Food Nation"**

*The New Food Safety  
Modernization Act  
What are the new  
mandates?  
How will they be  
enforced?*

**Dr. Michael E. Kashtock**  
Consumer Safety  
Officer and Senior  
Advisor  
Food & Drug  
Administration

**Dr. Kashtock** is a Consumer Safety Officer and Senior Advisor within FDA's Division of Plant and Dairy Food Safety in the Office of Food Safety at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. He has held these responsibilities since 2000. From 1992 until 2000, Dr. Kashtock served as the Chief of the Office's Regulations and Enforcement Branch. Prior to that time he held various staff positions within FDA. During his 30 year career in FDA, Dr. Kashtock has managed staff responsible for the development of food safety and food labeling regulations addressing issues such as HACCP, pesticide residues and chemical contaminants in foods and has advised senior management on these matters. Dr. Kashtock began his career with FDA as a chemist in 1977. He also served as the coordinator of food packaging programs for the National Food Processors Association from 1986 to 1990. Dr. Kashtock received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in food science from Rutgers University.

## **"The Road Warrior(s)"**

*The View From  
Capitol Hill*

U. S. Senate Commerce  
& Transportation  
Committee  
Surface Transportation  
Subcommittee

### **John Drake**

Professional Staff –  
Majority

### **Michael Meenan**

Professional Staff –  
Minority

U.S. House Committee  
on Transportation &  
Infrastructure  
Highway & Transit  
Subcommittee

### **Jennifer Hall**

Professional Staff –  
Majority

**John Drake** currently serves as a Professional Staff Member to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, focusing on surface transportation issues. His responsibilities include drafting surface transportation safety and security legislation related to rail, bus, truck, pipeline, and hazardous materials; researching issues regarding legislation; preparing for and attending Committee hearings and legislative markups; discussing with industry representatives the cause and resolution of concerns; and participating in legislative conferences. In the 111th Congress, John worked on the Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation ("FREIGHT") Act of 2010 and the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009.

Prior to his employment with the Committee, John served as a Professional Staff Member for House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, focusing on rail, pipeline and hazardous materials issues. While with the House T&I Committee, he worked on passage of P.L. 110-432 (rail safety and Amtrak reauthorizations) in the 110th Congress.

John received a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Mike Meenan** is the Minority Counsel for the Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security. Mike joined the Committee in November 2010 after three years as Counsel to the House Transportation and Infrastructure's Railroad Subcommittee. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Meenan worked as an attorney for the United States Secret Service, and for a private law firm in Texas. He holds both undergraduate and law degrees from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jennifer L. Hall**, Republican Counsel, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives  
Jennifer Hall is the Republican Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Jennifer has been with the Subcommittee since May 2008 and focuses on motor carrier safety, environmental streamlining, project delivery and freight movement. Jennifer first joined the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in 2006, working for the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Prior to working for the Committee, Jennifer served at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from 2002 to 2006 in a variety of capacities and as Counsel for the Committee on Government Reform from 2000 to 2002. Jennifer received her B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1994 and her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1999.