## KEYNOTE ROUNDTABLE

**Charles O. Verrill,** *keynote,* is a partner and head of the international trade law and policy practice group of Wiley & Rein LLC in Washington DC. He is also senior lecturing fellow, International Business Transactions, at Duke University School of Law (1998-Present) and an adjunct professor of International Trade Law at Georgetown University Law Center (1978-Present). Mr. Verrill is co-founder of Cossait, a consulting services for African and International Trade.

He has been named one of the "Leaders of Their Field" for his work in Trade Remedies & Trade Policy by *Chambers Global*, and *Chambers USA* notes that peers "think enormously high" of practice chairman emeritus Mr. Verrill, who "has a sterling reputation" (2012) and "long experience across a broad range of trade dispute and policy matters" (2013).

Mr. Verrill also has been named a "Leading Lawyer" in Legal Media Group's Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading International Trade Lawyers and is listed in the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, Who's Who in the World, and Who's Who in America.

Ovidiu Bujorean, honorary guest
Jeffrey A. Finkle, honorary guest
Thomas Gulledge, honorary guest
Charles Kestenbaum, honorary guest & moderator





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## PANEL ONE

**Charles kestenbaum**, *chair*, is president of B&K International Inc, a strategic intelligence and project development consulting firm focused on the Middle East and North Africa. He is widely recognized as one of the world's foremost experts on Middle East business. Mr. Kestenbaum co-founded BKI following a distinguished career as a senior United States Trade Specialist in the Middle East and Asia.

**Anel Belizaire** is deputy of the Parliament of Haiti, lawyer, and former technical advisor of the Haitian Senate.

**Lucas Fuksa** is president of the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce and the president of the Polish-American Leadership Political Action Committee. He is a co-founding partner of Fuksa Khorshid, LLC, a boutique business law firm in Chicago, Illinois.

**Laura Lombard** is the founding president and executive director of the Middle East & North Africa Consultants Association (MENACA).

**Cleve Mesidor** is a strategic communications consultant, Prime Ministry, Haiti, & former director of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

## PANEL TWO

**Jeffrey A. Finkle**, *chair*, is president and CEO of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) the world's largest economic development membership organization. Mr. Finkle is a former deputy assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He is a recognized leader and international authority on economic development.

**Angela Franco** is president & CEO of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Angela was recently appointed member of the Maryland Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

**Véronique Salze-Lozac'h** is The Asia Foundation's chief economist and director of economic development in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Dave Oberting** is the executive director and chairman of the DC Economic Growth Action Fund, a political and economic advocacy organization focused on the District of Columbia.

**Lily Qi** is director of special projects in the Office of the County Executive responsible for several priority initiatives related to innovation economy and global partnerships. She is chair of Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian Affairs.

## PANEL THREE

**Thomas Gulledge**, *chair*, is president of Enterprise Integration, Inc. and professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Engineering at George Mason University. He is the developer of the Architecture-driven Enterprise Integration methodology.

**Ovidiu Bujorean** is senior manager Entrepreneurship Innovation - The GIST Initiative, global enterprise that builds dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystems in 54 countries across the Middle East, Turkey, Africa and Asia.

**Marc P. Mealy** is the vice president-policy at the US ASEAN Business Council.

**Sandeep Sahai** is CEO of Headstrong, a Genpact company and the Global Business Leader for Genpact's IT services business. Having started and grown companies in the US, Europe and India, he is a frequent speaker at industry conferences on offshore outsourcing as a strategic tool for IT managers.

**Ting Zhang** is an assistant professor of Public Administration at the School of Public and International Affairs, University of Baltimore, MD. Her newly published book is *Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in China*.