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Lars-Erik Hjelm – Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (lhjelm@akingump.com)
Partner

Lars-Erik A. Hjelm focuses on customs law and policy. He represents Fortune 500 companies whose imports and exports are regulated by the Homeland Security Bureaus of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as well as other federal agencies. His experience covers the wide range of commercial and enforcement laws and policies that CBP and ICE administer, which include duty preference programs, tariff classification, valuation, entry procedures, customs brokerage, country of origin marking, binding rulings, audits, anti-terrorism and border protection initiatives (e.g., the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism), export control and sanctions, voluntary disclosures, seizures and forfeitures, fraud and strategic investigations, and civil and criminal penalties.



Mr. Hjelm writes and speaks frequently on customs affairs and policy. He received his B.A. with honors in history from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985 and his J.D. from Emory University in 1989. In 1985 and 1986 he attended Uppsala University in Sweden. Mr. Hjelm is a member of the District of Columbia and Georgia Bars and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal and 3rd Circuits. He is a member of the Joint Industry Group, the ABA Customs Law Committee and the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America (2006 and 2007). He resides in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Jeanne, and children, Patrik, Erik and Allannah.

Franz Olson – Chicago Rockford International Airport (folson@flyrfd.com)
Deputy Director of Operations & Facilities

Franz Olson was appointed to the position of Deputy Director of Operations & Facilities for the Chicago/Rockford International Airport (RFD) on September 20, 2004. Hired by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority in August 1971, Franz (a native of Rockford, Illinois) has worked at the airport for 29 years. Previously, he served as Director of Maintenance from (1987-1995) and Properties Manager (1995-2004).



In addition to a thorough knowledge of airport operations, he has diverse experience in

architecture, aviation, civil engineering, mechanical design and the building trades. Franz attended Layton School of Art & Design in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was once employed by the Butler Building Planning Division in Coral Gables, Florida and Johnson, Kile & Seehausen Architects formerly of Rockford, IL.

As Deputy Director of Operations & Facilities job description, Franz oversees the administrative duties for the Authority which is designated as "Grantee" for Foreign Trade Zone #176 (FTZ No.176). Franz was instrumental in the preparation of several FTZ Boundary Modifications as well as a Major Expansion Application to FTZ No. 176 that expanded the zone by an additional 1,000 acres, including development sites surrounding the new Global III Intermodal Hub located in Rochelle, IL. Currently FTZ No. 176 consists of over 3,000 acres with four subzones, seven general purpose zone sites. Three activated locations (one subzone and two general purpose zone sites) moved \$67 million in product through the zone in the year ending September 30, 2006.

Franz and his wife, Nancy, live in Rockford and are proud to claim three children Melissa, Andy, Brad and four grandchildren. Franz is also an artist and avid outdoorsman.

Ric Frantz – LR International (ricf@lrinternational.com)
CEO and Co-Founder

Ric Frantz is currently the C.E.O. and Co-Founder of LR INTERNATIONAL, INC., an International Freight Forwarding and Consulting firm located near Chicago's O'hare International Airport.

Mr. Frantz has been one of the most active speakers in his field for over twenty years. He has the ability of taking seemingly dry topics and presenting them in an entertaining and refreshing way.



Background: A native of Chicago, Mr. Frantz's studied Business Administration and Marketing at De Paul University, and holds an International Trade Executive Certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His professional career spans several years as a Banker, an Export Manager for a major multi-national Corporation, and over twenty years in logistics.

Steve Tigner – Parkside Warehouse (tigggy46@aol.com)
President

Mr. Tigner is currently the President and Owner of Parkside Warehouse in Rockford, IL which he acquired in 1984. Steve is a past Board Chairman for the International Warehouse and Logistics Association, a trade association of warehouse logistics providers that helps members run high-quality, profitable businesses. Mr. Tigner has also been a director of the Illinois Merchandise Warehouse Association.



Prior to acquiring Parkside Warehouse, Mr. Tigner was President of a mail-order catalog business, an owner/publisher of Business Directories and held sales and management positions in warehousing.

Steve is a graduate of Cincinnati Christian University and enjoys ballroom dancing and tandem bicycling with his wife Bonnie.

Nils-Eric Svensson – Region Skåne, Sweden (nils-eric.svensson@skane.se)

Mr. Svensson is presently the business development manager responsible for economic growth in the Öresund Region (South Sweden). In this position, he is responsible for wide variety of export and import activities for the Region Skåne. Prior to this, he was responsible for business development in the county of Kristianstad in southern Sweden.



In only the last few years, opportunities for Skåne's development have changed radically with the construction of the Öresund Bridge, through Sweden's membership in the European Union, the opening of borders to the east and in the trial restructuring in which Region Skåne was given responsibility for regional development.

Mr. Svensson spent 20 years of his career in forwarding and financial logistics administration with ASG International which is now owned by DHL. Before joining ASG, Mr. Svensson worked in the Swedish Customs department.

Mr. Svensson holds academic degrees in Economic Studies from the University of Lund; State knowledge and jura at the University of Uppsala and State administration at the ministry of finance in Stockholm.

Richard Todd – Todd Transit Inc. (ttransit@toddtransit.com)

Richard Todd is President of Todd Transit, Inc., a CBP bonded regional trucking company, and Treasurer of Todd Special Services, Inc., a logistics provider operating the area's only Container Freight Station. Employed as a freight bill auditor at Allied Van Lines, Broadview, Ill., Mr. Todd attended the College of Advanced Traffic, Chicago, Ill. gaining knowledge of Transportation Law and procedures. He Joined Emery Air Freight as an import/export agent at Chicago O'Hare Airport, and moved to Rockford to

assume the duties of Regional Sales Representative. He and his wife Linda founded Todd Transit in 1973. They have operated it as a family business for the last 34 years, and are joined by son, Michael, President of Todd Special Services. Mr. Todd has enjoyed working with customs brokers, international airfreight forwarders, domestic and foreign companies, and U.S Customs and Border Patrol.

Ken Wise – Rochelle Intermodal Consultant (kbwise@rochelle.net)

Mr. Wise spent over 19 years in economic development most recently as Economic Development Director in Rochelle, IL. During his tenure in Rochelle, Mr. Wise was directly involved in building a city-owned railroad, attracted the development of the Global III intermodal facility, attracted 42 new companies to Rochelle, and greatly expanded tourism operations in Rochelle. In 2003, Mr. Wise was presented with the Carson DeJarnett Economic Development Award by the Blackhawk Hills RC&D for his economic development contribution to the 6-county region. Prior to his economic development career, Ken provided the leadership for four different newspapers over a 15-year time period.