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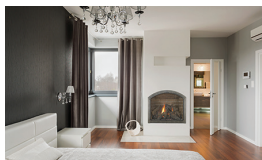
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# AGENDA

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<b>8:30–9:30AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; NETWORKING</b> Registration, Continental Breakfast and Networking
<b>9:30–9:35AM</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> <b>MORGAN KOERNER, PH. D.</b> Chair, Department of German and Russian Studies Associate Professor of German College of Charleston
<b>9:35–9:45AM</b>	<b>WELCOMING REMARKS</b> <b>THE HONORABLE GLENN MCCONNELL</b> President, College of Charleston  <b>DAVID T. GINN</b> President and CEO Charleston Regional Development Alliance
<b>9:45–10:05AM</b>	<b>FEATURED SPEAKER</b> <b>STEVEN JAST</b> President and Founder, ROI Research on Investment The State of Foreign Investment in the Carolinas: Challenges and Opportunities
<b>10:05–10:20AM</b>	<b>COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</b> <small>SPONSORED BY JPMORGAN CHASE &amp; CO.</small>
<b>10:20–11:20AM</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <small>SPONSORED BY CHARLESTON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE</small> <b>Financial Challenges and Opportunities</b> <b>Facing Global Companies in the Carolinas</b> <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>J. Tyler Rollins</b> , Executive Director and European Coverage Banker JPMorgan Chase & Co., Commercial Bank <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Beth Wolfe</b> , CFO, Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corporation <b>Mike Bryant</b> , CFO, WeylChem US Inc.
<b>11:20AM–1:00PM</b>	<b>LUNCH: KEYNOTE ADDRESS &amp; AWARDS CEREMONY</b> <b>JONATHAN HEUSER</b> Managing Director Commercial Banking International Banking Head, Global Trade J. P. Morgan  <small>SPONSORED BY ROI AND GAZELLE.AI</small>
	<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b> <b>1st South Carolina Gateway Award</b> <small>PRESENTED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE SOUTHERN U.S.</small> <b>VINCENC PEARSON, Esq.</b> Director, South Carolina Chapter GACC South & Corporate Counsel, DAA Draexlmaier Automotive of America, LLC

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1:00–2:00PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> SPONSORED BY COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON</p> <p><b>Preparing and Recruiting Management for Global Business in the Carolinas</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b>  <b>Morgan Koerner, Ph. D.</b>, Chair, Department of German and Russian Studies  Associate Professor of German, College of Charleston</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b>  <b>Bryan Stefani</b>, Director of Business Operations, Aerotek, Charleston/Savannah  <b>Joachim R. Woerner</b>, Managing Director, The Q Works Group  <b>Debra Martin</b>, Manager, Human Resources, Fomas Group, Inc.</p>
2:00–2:15PM	<p><b>COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</b> SPONSORED BY TD BANK</p>
2:15–2:35PM	<p><b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>SPONSORED BY BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH</p> <p><b>International Investment and Trade Strategy in the Carolinas: Perspectives from South Carolina</b></p> <p><b>AMY THOMSON</b>  Director, International Strategy and Trade  South Carolina Department of Commerce</p>
2:35–3:05PM	<p><b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>SPONSORED BY JPMORGAN CHASE &amp; CO.</p> <p><b>State of Chinese Investment in the Carolinas</b></p> <p><b>WALLY WANG</b>  Senior Project Manager, Chinese Investment  South Carolina Department of Commerce</p>
3:05–3:20PM	<p><b>COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</b></p> <p>SPONSORED BY MARSH</p>
3:20–3:50PM	<p><b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>SPONSORED BY PARKER POE AND RÖDL &amp; PARTNER</p> <p><b>The Trump Administration: The US Paradigm Shift and Impacts on the Transatlantic Business Partnership in the Carolinas</b></p> <p><b>JACKSON JANES, PH. D.</b>  President, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies  Johns Hopkins University</p>
3:50–4:50PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>SPONSORED BY NAI CAROLANTIC REALTY/NAI EARLE FURMAN</p> <p><b>State of International Automotive Investment in the Carolinas: Where do we go from here?</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b>  <b>Catherine Hayes</b>, Executive Director, South Carolina Automotive Council</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b>  <b>Scott Craig</b>, Senior GM Corporate Strategy and Planning, JTEKT North America Corporation  <b>Paul Lunny</b>, President and CEO, ZELTWANGER CNC Manufacturing LP  <b>Representative</b>, Giti Tire</p>
4:50–5:00PM	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS AND NETWORKING SESSION</b></p>

## OPENING REMARKS

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**MORGAN KOERNER, Ph. D.**  
**Chair, Department of German and Russian Studies**  
**Associate Professor of German**  
**College of Charleston**

Dr. Morgan Koerner, an Associate Professor of German at the College of Charleston, is the Chair of the Department of German and Russian Studies. Under his leadership, the number of German majors at the College of Charleston has more than doubled and the program now has more majors and minors than the Universities of South Carolina and Clemson combined.

Morgan came to the College of Charleston in 2007 as a newly minted Ph.D. in Germanics from the University of Washington (Seattle), and has since taught German courses at all levels at the College, including German theater courses that culminate in student performances in German in front of a live audience. His research focuses on contemporary German drama and theater as well as foreign language pedagogy. In 2010, he received a DAAD summer fellowship to conduct research on theater and foreign language pedagogy at the University of the Arts in Berlin.

Since becoming department chair in 2015, Morgan has focused on creating stronger ties between higher education and German industry in the state and facilitating professional opportunities for the large number of German majors and minors who combine German with a degree in Business or STEM fields. He founded the College of Charleston's annual German-American Business Summit, which brings together leaders from German companies in the region for a job and internship expo for students and a conference on pressing issues in German-American industry. In his additional role as the Vice President of the South Carolina chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, Morgan is a tireless advocate for support for high school teachers of German and the connections between foreign language and STEM education in K-12 in South Carolina.

Morgan received a B.A. in German and Communications from the University of Alabama and has studied as an exchange student at the University of Mannheim, the University of Münster, and the Humboldt University of Berlin.

Morgan and his spouse have a 3-year-old daughter and two 12-year-old orange tabbies and live in Charleston, SC.



## **THE HONORABLE GLENN MCCONNELL** **President, College of Charleston**

Glenn McConnell is the 22nd president of the College of Charleston. He became president on July 1, 2014.

A native of Charleston, S.C., and a distinguished alumnus of the College of Charleston, McConnell served more than 30 years in the South Carolina Senate. He is regarded as one of the most respected, influential, and effective leaders in state government.

He was first elected to the South Carolina Senate in 1980 and went on to serve in several key leadership posts, including Chairman of the Rules Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In 2001, he was elected the first Republican President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate by a bipartisan vote. During his legislative career, McConnell earned a reputation as a skilled parliamentarian and mediator able to forge political compromises between opposing sides and bring people together. As the incumbent Senate President Pro Tempore, he ascended to the office of Lieutenant Governor on March 13, 2012, upon the resignation of former Lieutenant Governor Ard and vacancy of the office.

Honoring his oath of office and upholding the State Constitution, he took over the part-time position of Lieutenant Governor and head of the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging. As chief advocate for seniors and adults with disabilities, his work with aging programs has received recognition and awards, both statewide and nationally.

Throughout his years of service in the South Carolina General Assembly, McConnell was selected by his colleagues to spearhead efforts recognizing the state's diversity, history, and culture. To that end, he served as chairman of the African-American History Monument Commission. Unveiled in 2001 on the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse, the monument depicts African-Americans' struggle for freedom and civil rights and their many contributions to the state and nation. As chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission, McConnell has been instrumental in the recovery and ongoing restoration of the H. L. Hunley, the first submarine in history to engage and sink a warship.

McConnell also has long been a driving force behind economic development initiatives in South Carolina. On behalf of the State of South Carolina, he played a leading role in negotiations that resulted in the Boeing Company's decision in 2010 to build a 787 Dreamliner assembly plant in North Charleston, S.C.

As an undergraduate student at the College of Charleston, McConnell served as Student Body President and as a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1969. He went on to earn a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1972 and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar that same year. He holds honorary degrees from the College of Charleston, the University of Charleston, the Citadel Military College of South Carolina, Francis Marion University, and the Medical University of South Carolina. The McConnell Residence Hall on the College of Charleston campus is named in his honor. McConnell was also a recipient of The Founders Medal, the highest award bestowed by the College.

# WELCOMING REMARKS

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## **DAVID T. GINN**

**President and CEO**

### **Charleston Regional Development Alliance**

David has been with the Charleston Regional Development Alliance since its inception in 1995, and currently serves as the organization's President & CEO, a position he has held since early 2000.

David relocated to the Charleston region of South Carolina in 1993, when he joined the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director of the Trident Economic Development Authority, the predecessor of the Alliance. He has also held positions with the Savannah Economic Development Authority, and the Atlanta Gas Light Company.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, David holds a degree in Economics and International Business from the University of Southern Mississippi, and studied abroad at the London School of Economics. He is also a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD).

He and his wife, Jean, live in Mt. Pleasant with their two children, Catherine and Davis.



## FEATURED SPEAKER

### The State of Foreign Investment in the Carolinas: Challenges and Opportunities

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**STEVEN JAST**  
**President and Founder**  
**ROI Research on Investment**

Steven Jast is President and Founder of ROI Research on Investment, an award winning, international lead generation and investment attraction firm.

As President of ROI, Steven led the growth of the company from a two-person start-up to a *Profit* magazine “Hot 50” company, having posted revenue growth over 300% and becoming Canada’s 26th fastest growing company. Steven was further recognized as a Finalist in the Ernst & Young International Entrepreneur of the Year Competition.

Since 2002, ROI has worked with over 350 economic development organizations from around the world and has facilitated over \$15 billion of investment, generating over 150,000 new jobs.

Steven has trained international economic development organizations on the fundamentals and best practices related to investment prospecting, business retention and attraction, as well as advanced nurturing and engagement techniques. Steven has also written a number of guidebooks and manuals for enhanced investment attraction efforts.

Prior to founding ROI, Steven was Partner and Executive Vice President of CAI Corporate Affairs International, a boutique site selection practice. During his 10 years with CAI, Steven led the site selection and incentive negotiation efforts for large multinational organizations including Bridgestone/Firestone, Electrolux, Ericsson, ABB and SC Johnson, among others. While with CAI, Steven was part of the management team awarded the Gold-level Achievement Award in the Private Developers Economic Development category by *Business Facilities* magazine.

More recently, Steven has been leading an ambitious R&D effort to harness the power of big data and artificial intelligence in the world of economic development. Having built a team of PhD level mathematicians and economists, Steven is exploring the capabilities of learning algorithms to detect companies in their earliest stages of expansion planning. Entitled “Gazelle.ai,” the platform was released as a prototype in January of this year.

Since 2002, Steven has spoken at numerous business gatherings and has been published across multiple media platforms on a variety of topics related to trade and corporate investment/attraction. Steven has also served on a number of charitable and business-related boards.

Steven has a 16-year old son and a 13-year old daughter and lives in Montreal, Canada.

# PANEL DISCUSSION

## Financial Challenges and Opportunities Facing Global Companies in the Carolinas

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### MODERATOR



**J. TYLER ROLLINS**  
**Executive Director and European Coverage Banker**  
**JPMorgan Chase & Co., Commercial Bank**

J. Tyler Rollins is Executive Director and European Coverage Banker in JPMorgan Chase's Commercial Bank, working with European parent companies on the credit and non-credit banking requirements of their subsidiaries in the Americas.

Mr. Rollins' work in international corporate banking began in 1991 with Wachovia Bank, where he was eventually named Managing Director. He spent four years in London developing business with some of the most prominent companies in Europe. He has also worked with a wide variety of firms located across Latin America.

Beyond his experience in financial services, Mr. Rollins worked as a senior facilitator for Richardson Company, delivering consultative selling, negotiations, and coaching programs to Fortune 1000 companies.

Mr. Rollins has lived for personal and professional reasons in Germany, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. He is fluent in Spanish and German, and conversational in Portuguese and French. He received a B.A. cum laude from Brigham Young University and an International MBA (MIBS) from the University of South Carolina. He has also completed an Executive Leadership Program at UNC Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler School of Business.

Mr. Rollins and his family reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

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### PANELISTS



**BETH WOLFE**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corporation**

Beth Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer, was one of the first employees of Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corporation. Mogul South Carolina is the first North American venture of Mogul Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., a Turkey-based company. Other than the USA operation, Mogul Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., has three operations located in Turkey, and in 2015, were in the top 40 nonwoven companies in the world. Since 2015, two additional plants have been put into operation, with one being in the Istanbul area and the other in South Carolina. The North American plant is located in Gray Court, SC, and will be producing its nonwovens for personal care/wipes, hygiene and other products. With these two new operations, the company expects to be in the top 25 nonwovens companies.

Beth is a CPA, CGMA, with a B.S. in Business Administration from West Virginia University and an MBA from Winthrop College, and has more than 26 years of financial experience as a senior professional in the manufacturing and public accounting arena. She has three children and has volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for 19 years. Beth grew up in West Virginia and currently resides in the Greenville, SC, area where she has lived for over 28 years.

Prior to her current position, Beth spent 16 years with United Tool & Mold, Inc. Her other experience came while working at Fluor Daniel (Fluor Corporation) and the public accounting firm of Elliott Davis.



**MIKE BRYANT**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**WeylChem US, Inc., WeylChem International US, Inc.,**  
**WeylChem Specialties US, Inc.**

Mike Bryant, who serves his primary roles as the CFO of WeylChem U.S. and the CFO of WeylChem Specialties U.S., Inc., also serves as an officer and board member for seven of the companies owned by International Chemical Investors Group (ICIG). These entities owned by ICIG in Elgin, SC, primarily function as a customer manufacturing and tolling (CM&T) site for chemicals belonging to markets such as agrochemicals, lubricants, polymers, and specialty chemicals. WeylChem sells and ships products across North America and Europe, and has the ability to fulfill large orders for a wide array of industrial accounts, as well as, some of the largest chemical suppliers in the world, including Dow, DuPont, and BASF.

In addition to his previously mentioned roles, Mike also serves as CFO for WeylChem International U.S., a marketing and logistics company which imports products manufactured in Europe by other sites in the WeylChem Group.

In his role, Mike's focus is on developing financing sources for the businesses, tax reporting and risk management activities. He also manages the day-to-day accounting activities of the U.S. companies. Currently, his focus is on financing continued capital expansion at the Elgin site as the company anticipates an annual growth rate of 20% over the next five years. During his tenure, ICIG has made two large investments at the Elgin site, including \$13 million investment for a project that began construction in May 2017.

Prior to joining WeylChem in 2014, Mike spent eight years as the Financial Reporting Manager for Allied Air Enterprises, a division of Lennox International. His other professional experience includes a similar role for The HON Company and several private equity engagements focused on turnaround strategies and value creation in manufacturing companies.

Mike is a Certified Management Accountant and a twenty-five-year member of the Institute of Management Accountants, where he served on the organization's national finance committee on member benefits and insurance. He served as the IMA Columbia Chapter President in 1999 and 2010, and partnered with the University of South Carolina School of Business to start an IMA student chapter in 2011.

# KEYNOTE ADDRESS & AWARDS CEREMONY

## Luncheon Keynote Speaker

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**JONATHAN HEUSER**  
**Managing Director**  
**Commercial Banking International Banking Head, Global Trade**  
**J.P. Morgan**

As Head of Global Trade for Commercial Banking, Jonathan Heuser is responsible for delivering Traditional Trade, Supply Chain Finance and Export Finance solutions to domestic and international clients. Heuser has been with the firm for nearly 15 years. In his prior role, he managed the Corporate and Investment Bank's Supply Chain Advisory practice, leading the team's efforts to provide corporate clients with powerful, sustainable working capital solutions.

He was previously based in Singapore, where he was responsible for the following Asia-Pacific teams: Global Trade Advisory, Trade Solutions Delivery and Vendor Sales. His teams structured and delivered complex trade solutions for both corporate and financial institution clients.

During past assignments with J.P. Morgan, Heuser managed Global Trade Strategic Marketing and was responsible for Supply Chain Finance, Trade Sales and Advisory for the retail, apparel and consumer goods sectors; he also managed the trade business for Latin America. Prior to joining J.P. Morgan, Heuser held operational, managerial and consultative roles with Fritz Companies, Inc., now part of UPS Supply Chain Solutions.

Heuser holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Trinity College and a Master of Business Administration from the Olin School of Management at Babson College, where he was selected as an Olin Fellow.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### 1st South Carolina Gateway Award

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#### PRESENTER



**VINCENC PEARSON, Esq.**  
**Chapter Director, South Carolina Chapter,**  
**GACC South**  
**Corporate Counsel,**  
**DAA Draexlmaier Automotive of America, LLC**

Vince Pearson currently serves as the South Carolina Chapter Leadership Committee Director, a position he has held since 2014. He is Corporate Counsel for Draexlmaier Automotive of America in the North American region.

Mr. Pearson has been involved in the private and governmental legal sectors throughout the U.S. and Germany over the past 20 years. He has also taught on the collegiate level as a German Instructor at two institutions in the Carolinas. He is a native of Berlin, Germany, and has lived in Greenville since 2011.

# PANEL DISCUSSION

## Preparing and Recruiting Management for Global Business in the Carolinas

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### MODERATOR

**MORGAN KOERNER, Ph. D.**  
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### PANELISTS



**BRYAN STEFANI**  
**Director of Business Operations**  
**Aerotek, Charleston/Savannah**

Bryan Stefani is a Director of Business Operations for Aerotek, a privately held recruiting firm with more than 230 offices across the United States, Canada and Europe. He is responsible for managing the sales, operations and strategies for the Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, markets. Currently, Aerotek supports more than 150 customers between the two operations, and employs more than 800 contract employees every week. Aerotek focuses on the engineering, construction, manufacturing, professional services, and scientific industries. They support companies of all sizes, including Fortune 500's.

Bryan received his bachelor's degree from State University of New York at Cortland with a focus in Sports Management. He is a resident of Mount Pleasant with his wife and two children.

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**JOACHIM R. WOERNER**  
**Managing Director**  
**The Q Works Group**

In 2001, Joe started The Q Works Group, an executive search firm focusing on industrial manufacturing and automation industries. He and his staff have successfully filled hundreds of mid-level to senior management positions in sales, marketing, engineering, operations and finance. Q Works is committed to placing equal emphasis on both technical competency and high-level fit with their clients' business culture.

Joe has hired and managed dozens of recruiters over the years and is proud that despite rampant industry turnover, many of his employees have been with him for as many as 11 years.

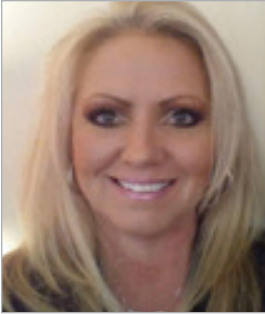
Born and raised in Germany, Joe attended college in the US and later received his MBA from Boston University. His corporate background prior to Q Works includes product management experience with SmithKline Beecham and executive leadership positions with German companies Beiersdorf and GARDENA, both in the US and in Germany.

His international upbringing and work experience have prepared him for working effectively with international clients, many based in the Charlotte area.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Preparing and Recruiting Management for Global Business in the Carolinas

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**DEBRA MARTIN**  
**Manager, Human Resources**  
**Fomas Group, Inc.**

Debra Martin, Manager of Human Resources at Fomas Group, Inc., is an accomplished HR professional in the manufacturing environment with over 15 years of experience in the private sectors. Debra is responsible for implementing human resource management strategies that enable Fomas to recruit, train, and retain a high performing and motivated workforce. Debra specializes in talent management, staffing (U.S. and globally), benefits administration, training and development, safety, and developing policies and procedures.

Debra has had the opportunity to work with four companies expanding into the U.S. markets: two German companies, one Canadian and one Italian company. She understands clearly the challenges in incorporating different cultures and processes of foreign companies.

Debra is very active in her County, participating in the York County HR roundtable, working closely with local colleges and State entities, sits on council for York County Business Leaders, and the York County Safety Council.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### International Investment and Trade Strategy in the Carolinas: Perspectives from South Carolina

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**AMY THOMSON**  
**Director, International Strategy and Trade**  
**South Carolina Department of Commerce**

Amy Gabriel Thomson leads the International Strategy and Trade (IST) Division at the South Carolina Department of Commerce, which serves as the global outreach arm for the agency. The IST team interacts with both prospective investors and purchasers of S.C. products, by way of outbound FDI and trade missions. Prior to leading IST, Thomson was the director of the Existing Industry program at S.C. Commerce, the agency's retention and expansion program for manufacturers throughout the state, and in the international trade division, leading trade missions throughout Canada, Mexico, Central and South America.

Thomson has served as the senior international trade specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Service. In this capacity, she assisted S.C. firms in selling their products overseas. She was also an editor of a Spanish-language trade publication for the apparel industry, which fueled her interest in the region.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Thomson earned her degree from University of South Carolina. She is the former chair of the S.C. International Trade Coalition and recently served on the board of the S.C. Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Thomson resides in Columbia with her family and is proud to be a lunchtime mentor at Bradley Elementary.

# SPECIAL PRESENTATION

## State of Chinese Investment in the Carolinas

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**WALLY WANG**  
**Senior Project Manager**  
**Chinese Investment**  
**South Carolina Department of Commerce**

Wally Wang rejoined the South Carolina Department of Commerce in September 2015 as Senior Project Manager to promote economic development and business development, focusing specifically on Chinese investment.

Before he rejoined the agency, he served as General Manager at Taiji Group USA and Deputy General Manager at Keer America Corporation. He spearheaded the two companies to start up their US operations.

After he graduated from the IMBA program in Darla Moore Business School in 2006, Wally Wang served as a Senior Research Analyst with the S.C. Department of Commerce until 2012.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from China Pharmaceutical University, as well as a Master of Science in Business Administration and an International Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### The Trump Administration: The US Paradigm Shift and Impacts on the Transatlantic Business Partnership in the Carolinas

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**JACKSON JANES, Ph. D.**

**President**

**American Institute for Contemporary German Studies**

**Johns Hopkins University**

Dr. Jackson Janes is the President of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC, where he has been affiliated since 1989.

Dr. Janes has been engaged in German-American affairs in numerous capacities over many years. He has studied and taught in German universities in Freiburg, Giessen and Tübingen. He was the Director of the German-American Institute in Tübingen (1977-1980) and then directed the European office of The German Marshall Fund of the United States in Bonn (1980-1985). Before joining AICGS, he served as Director of Program Development at the University Center for International Studies at the University of Pittsburgh (1986-1988). He was also Chair of the German Speaking Areas in Europe Program at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, DC, from 1999-2000 and President of the International Association for the Study of German Politics from 2005-2010.

Dr. Janes is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and the Atlantic Council of the United States. He serves on the advisory boards of the Berlin office of the American Jewish Committee, Beirat der Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik (ZfAS), the Robert Bosch Foundation Alumni Association, and the American Bundestag Intern Network (ABIN) in Washington, DC. He is a member of the Board of the German American Fulbright Commission and serves on the Selection Committee for the Bundeskanzler Fellowships for the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He is a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC.

Dr. Janes has lectured throughout Europe and the United States and has published extensively on issues dealing with Germany, German-American relations, and transatlantic affairs. In addition to regular commentary given to European and American news radio, he has appeared on CBS, CNN, C-SPAN, PBS, CBC, and is a frequent commentator on German television. Dr. Janes is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Education.

In 2005, Dr. Janes was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, Germany's highest civilian award.



# PANEL DISCUSSION

## State of International Automotive Investment in the Carolinas: Where do we go from here?

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### MODERATOR



**CATHERINE HAYES**  
**Executive Director**  
**South Carolina Automotive Council**  
**(a division of the SC Manufacturers Alliance)**

Catherine has more than 15 years of industrial experience and worked in manufacturing with Square D Company, NCR and Robert Bosch, a Tier 1 automotive supplier. With a BS in Engineering Management and Mechanical Engineering and a MS in Industrial Technology, she worked in multiple functional areas of manufacturing including Manufacturing Engineering and Operations, Quality Engineering, Production Management and Industrial Engineering.

After working with Bosch in Germany and South Carolina, she and her family moved to Italy for six years for her husband's work. When Catherine returned to SC, she started her own consulting business working with corporate, commercial and private clients.

Currently, Catherine Hayes is the Executive Director of the SC Automotive Council, a division of the SC Manufacturers Alliance. Catherine works with automotive manufacturers to address issues and opportunities in innovation, manufacturing operations, supply chain, workforce development and financial strategy. She collaborates with state and regional alliances to support existing manufacturers and to facilitate new investment in South Carolina.

As a volunteer, Catherine works with the Southern Automotive Women's Forum to target STEM/STEAM education and scholarships for young women pursuing technical fields, with the Greenville Professional Women's Forum Board, with the Greenville visual arts community and is an active Rotarian.

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

# State of International Automotive Investment in the Carolinas: Where do we go from here?

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### PANELISTS



**SCOTT CRAIG**  
**Senior GM of Corporate Strategy and Planning**  
**JTEKT North America Corporation**

Scott Craig is the Senior General Manager of Corporate Strategy and Planning for JTEKT North America. JTEKT is a Top 20 global automotive supplier headquartered in Nagoya, Japan.

Scott earned his MBA from Tusculum College and has spent 23 years working throughout the ranks in the automotive industry. His experiences include assignments in Engineering, Manufacturing Operations, Finance, General Affairs, and Strategic Planning.

Scott has worked extensively across global networks, pursuing business developments in Europe, Asia, as well as the Americas. He has most recently led efforts to grow JTEKT North America's Corporate HQ footprint in South Carolina with expanded operations and capital investment in the company's Greenville location.



**PAUL LUNNY**  
**President and CEO**  
**ZELTWANGER CNC Manufacturing LP**

Paul is President and CEO of ZELTWANGER CNC Manufacturing LP in North Charleston. He joined ZELTWANGER in March of this year to take on the responsibility of growing the organization, standardizing and improving internal procedures, and expanding the customer base. Having been a former customer of ZELTWANGER, he was intimately familiar with the High Quality, High Precision and Passion for Technology that stands ZELTWANGER CNC Mfg. apart.

Paul has over 30 years of industry experience, with a concentration in high precision manufacturing and automated assembly and test systems. He has held senior positions throughout his career, including Director of Operations for Menziken Automation in Charlotte, NC; Director & General Manager of the internal machine build group for Robert Bosch LLC in Charleston, SC, and General Manager of Mayer Industries in Orangeburg, SC. He began his career in the aviation and military area, working as a design engineer for Textron Lycoming after graduating from school.

Much of Paul's experience has been with multinational companies that have both US and German offices and heritage. This gives him insight into the cultural diversity and communication issues encountered in daily operations. His expertise in operations management, engineering, project management, customer support and business leadership give him an edge while driving for continued growth and expansion of ZELTWANGER CNC Manufacturing. He gets the most enjoyment in a small to midsized manufacturer where the daily activities include manufacturing, operations, and finance and customer support topics.

Paul holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island. He resides in Mount Pleasant, SC.



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**SCOTT BURGESS**  
**Founder and Owner**  
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Scott Evan Burgess is the founder and owner of Global Carolina Communications, a PR and marketing firm dedicated to providing value collateral to foreign-owned and -affiliated companies and organizations in the Carolinas.

Scott studied communications at the University of South Carolina and also spent a number of years on exchange at the University of Bamberg, Germany. In 1995, he received a Fulbright stipend to work and do research at the University of Erfurt, Germany. Scott has worked in the Carolinas and abroad for a range of companies including the global software giant SAP, as well as a number of smaller local suppliers and service providers.



**OLIVER HECKING**  
**Partner, Rödl & Partner USA**

Oliver Hecking is a Partner at Langford de Kock LLP, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Rödl Langford de Kock LLP Greenville, South Carolina (both “Rödl & Partner USA”), where he specializes in international taxation and auditing for European, primarily German, speaking companies in the U.S. Oliver assists foreign companies with their first U.S. market entry and is also a frequent speaker on various international tax and accounting topics.

Oliver has more than 20 years public accounting experience in the U.S. Before joining the Carolina Practice of Rödl & Partner USA in 2009, Oliver worked in several offices around the world, including Atlanta, Georgia; Nuremberg, Germany; and Moscow, Russia.

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## **SAM C. MOSES**

### **Partner, Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein LLP**

Sam Moses represents domestic and international companies, including manufacturing firms, on a variety of inbound and outbound business transactions and coordinates client business investment and incentives projects throughout the United States.

Sam served as managing director of a U.S. state's European Office in Munich, Germany, assisting non-U.S. investors to find new locations for their new North American footprint. He was appointed by the state's Secretary of Commerce and served under three U.S. governors advising on inbound and outbound foreign investment and trade issues. He also managed the state's export development program for Europe, Africa and the Middle East, advising companies on international trade and market entry strategies. In 2002, Sam served as a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow in Germany, during which he worked for Credit Suisse First Boston and Gleiss Lutz, a leading German-based law firm. Sam currently serves on the Board of Directors of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States and is fluent in German. He is also co-founder of the Global Carolina Connections — Global Business Conference on International Investment in the Carolinas.

Since 2010, Sam has been involved in business investment and incentives projects totaling over \$2 billion in capital investment, and the creation of more than 4,000 jobs in various industries, including food processing, automotive, powertrain, aerospace, advanced textiles, electronics, chemicals and metalworking. He has counseled clients from all over Europe on their business matters in the United States. His international clients come from many countries including Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom, Italy, Turkey, Slovenia, China, Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Canada. Sam regularly travels to Europe and coordinates a regional public-private partnership initiative to develop inbound capital investment opportunities from Europe into the Southeast United States.

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