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Robert I. Paller is Of Counsel in the Corporate Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

He has particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters. He is involved on a continuing basis with a number of corporations providing legal services as general counsel. Mr. Paller is involved extensively in the representation of private equity funds both on the buy side, as well as the sell side. He has significant experience in representing companies that are being sold as well as companies that are acquiring other entities.

A native of Atlanta, Mr. Paller received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina in 1956. He earned his LL.B. degree from Emory University in 1958. While at Emory he was named the Outstanding Student in Federal Income Taxation, he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Equity and was a member of the Law Review staff. Upon graduation, Mr. Paller served in the United States Air Force for three years as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Division and was discharged with a rank of Captain. Mr. Paller joined the Firm in 1961 where he practiced tax law and was extensively involved in the Firm's mergers and acquisitions practice.

Mr. Paller is a member of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association and a member of the Corporate Section of the State Bar of Georgia. He is also a member of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta. Mr. Paller serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Innospec Inc., a specialty chemicals company whose stock is listed on NASDAQ and whose fuel specialties business is the largest dedicated fuel treatment company in the world. Mr. Paller is a member of the Council of National Trustees of National Jewish Medical and Research Center, the country's leading respiratory hospital located in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Paller is a past President of The Standard Club which is the oldest private club in the state of Georgia having been founded in 1867.

Mr. Paller served as lead counsel in representing a specialty chemical subsidiary of Rio Tinto Zinc in connection with 14 acquisitions over a 26 month period. Mr. Paller also served as lead counsel in the sale of



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this subsidiary to Rhone Poulenc. Mr. Paller acted as lead counsel in connection with a joint venture between Rio Tinto Zinc and UCB, a leading chemical company located in Belgium. Mr. Paller acted as lead counsel for Innospec, in three acquisitions of businesses involving oil field chemicals. Mr. Paller's entire legal career has been spent in advising on various corporate matters dealing with governance issues, compliance requirements and buying and selling businesses in various industries located in the U.S. and overseas.