



**Brent A. Anderson**  
**Vice President Investor Relations**  
**Meritage Homes Corporation**

Brent A. Anderson has been the Vice President Investor Relations for Meritage Homes Corporation since October 2005. He previously held positions in corporate finance, audit, investor relations and corporate communications with i2 Technologies and BNSF Corporation. Mr. Anderson began his career as a CPA with KPMG in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with bachelor's degrees in Finance and Accounting, and is a card-carrying member of the AICPA, PGA, DU and Pheasants Forever, as well as past president of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute. Mr. Anderson's experience includes a hostile proxy contest, SEC investigations, shareholder class actions, unexpected CEO departure and many consumer-advocate mini-crises, each of which caused him to lose a little more hair.

In 2015 and 2016, Mr. Byron participated in the Firm's attorney loan program where he spent one day a week for twenty weeks prosecuting cases on behalf of the City of Houston. As part of that program, he prosecuted approximately ten cases to jury verdict.

Most recently, Mr. Byron has worked with companies and their boards of directors to respond to activist shareholders and advised companies on issues related to business and human rights risk. In addition, he founded and co-leads the Emerging Leaders in Compliance and Investigations Network, which brings together in-house lawyers to foster thought leadership on compliance and investigative issues.



**Sydney Isaacs**  
**Managing Director**  
**Abernathy MacGregor**

Sydney Isaacs advises companies on transactions, crises and other times of transition, as well as strategic investor relations and corporate communications needs. She serves a wide range of industries with particular expertise in the oil and gas sector. She has helped several companies announce and position transformative or complex M&A transactions, including Baker Hughes' proposed and later blocked combination with Halliburton. She has also closely supported the successful bankruptcy reorganizations of more than two dozen companies.

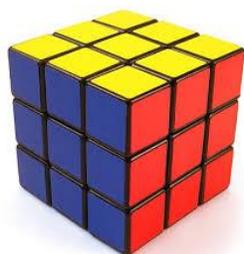
Mrs. Isaacs regularly counsels companies as they work through difficult circumstances including regulatory investigations (including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), litigation, proxy fights and responses to activist shareholders, data losses, unexpected management transitions, poor financial results, physical disasters and other crises.

A native Houstonian, she joined Abernathy MacGregor in 2005 in the firm's Los Angeles office before moving to Houston when the firm expanded in the market.



**Clay Jeansonne**  
**Partner**  
**AI Petrie Advisors**

Clay Jeansonne joined AI Petrie Advisors in February of 2017 after spending more than 26 years of his career at Louisiana Land & Exploration Company (LL&E), Burlington Resources (BR), Pogo Producing Company (Pogo) and most recently LINN Energy (LINN). He joined LINN Energy in 2007 as Vice President Investor and Public Relations. Prior to joining LINN, Mr. Jeansonne was Vice President of Investor Relations at Pogo until its merger with Plains Exploration in 2007. In 1997, as a result of the merger of LL&E and BR, he joined BR as Investor Relations Specialist. Mr. Jeansonne started his career in the oil and natural gas industry with LL&E, holding several positions in finance. He is well known within the energy industry as a leader in Investor Relations and has the ability to develop and enhance your IR functions and relationships with Wall Street.



**Mark Thomas Oakes**  
**Partner**  
**Norton Rose Fulbright**

Mark Oakes is a partner in the Austin office. His practice focuses on commercial and securities litigation, including shareholder class action defense, derivative litigation, SEC enforcement matters, internal corporate investigations, M&A and corporate governance litigation, and complex contract and commercial litigation.

Mark has experience representing issuers, officers and directors in all areas of securities and corporate litigation. Mark has defended companies and individuals in securities class actions premised on issues such as purportedly misleading financial guidance, alleged accounting fraud (including restatement cases), and alleged breaches of fiduciary duty in the sale of control context. Mark has also represented

companies and their officers and directors in derivative litigation in various state and federal courts, and advises companies on corporate governance issues such as evaluating and responding to shareholder demands and books and records requests.

Mark has extensive experience performing internal investigations on behalf of audit committees and other board committees into a variety of issues including revenue recognition issues, cost accounting issues, suspected violations of United States trade sanction and embargo laws, internal control deficiencies, alleged false statements to the SEC and other government agencies, stock option backdating, price fixing, and suspected violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mark regularly represents companies and individuals in SEC enforcement matters, including matters involving allegations of fraudulent accounting, FCPA violations, and insider trading. Mark also represents companies and individuals in Department of Justice investigations relating to securities fraud, FCPA violations, alleged violations of United States trade sanction and embargo laws, and other issues.

In addition to securities and corporate litigation, Mark represents clients in various commercial disputes regarding issues such as breach of contract, interference with business relations, libel, and theft. In recent years Mark has handled a number of disputes arising out of completed and failed business acquisitions, including: (1) disputes concerning earnout provisions in acquisition agreements; (2) disputes among merger parties involving allegations of fraud and fraudulent inducement; and (3) disputes arising when a signed acquisition agreement does not proceed to closing.



**Ray Thompson (moderator)**  
**Principal Owner**  
**WPNT Communications**

Ray Thompson provides individualized communications training and counsel to newsmakers around the world. He has coached political candidates, senior executives, government officials and national journalists. He works with some of the most recognizable business leaders and companies in the world, and has extensive training experience in the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

As a spokesman for more than a decade, Mr. Thompson has been seen on most U.S. networks and in the international media. As a speech coach, he has helped scores of senior leaders advance their personal and organizational interests through successful media encounters, investor presentations, town hall meetings and webcasts.

Mr. Thompson sharpened his external focus during many years spent interacting with special interest groups, building political coalitions and working with elected officials. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a nonpartisan organization of 2,400 elected state legislators, and as a Corporate Fellow at the National Governors Association. He served as Director of Issues Management for a Fortune 15 global company, coordinating public policy and advocacy initiatives at the state and federal level.

He has helped develop and execute communication strategies in support of mergers and acquisitions, investor road shows, stakeholder engagement, and crisis response. Mr. Thompson is passionate about helping leaders communicate more effectively with the financial community. He's a journalism graduate from Louisiana State University, and has authored articles for *The Disaster Recovery Journal* and *Loss Prevention* magazine. He is a member of the World Affairs Council of Houston.