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Charles C. Foster is Co-Chairman of FosterQuan, LLP, and has thirty plus years of experience representing and advising multinational companies on U.S. immigration law.

Mr. Foster currently leads the Greater Houston Partnership Task Force on Immigration Reform, a nationwide effort to secure sensible immigration reform legislation that meets the needs of the business community, families, and our nation's economy. He is the founding Chair of the State Bar of Texas Immigration & Nationality Law Section. He also serves as Honorary Consul General for the Kingdom of Thailand, and has received several high Royal Decorations from His Majesty, King Bhumibol. Additional service activities include: Board of Trustees of The Asia Society and Chairman of its Texas Center; Board Member of the Greater Houston Partnership and its Executive Committee; Member of the Executive Committee of the Houston International Festival; Member of the Board



of Directors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the International Institute of Education – Southern Region, Neighborhood Centers, Inc., InterFaith Ministries, and the Houston Ballet.

Long recognized as a national expert in U.S. immigration law, Mr. Foster has served as senior policy advisor to both Presidents Bush and Obama during their Presidential campaigns and has testified before both the U.S. House and Senate Subcommittees on Immigration on a variety of occasions. Mr. Foster previously served as Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Immigration, Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership's Economic Development Advisory Committee and World Trade Division, President of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA), Chairman of the American Bar Association's Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law, Chairman of the State Bar of Texas Committee on Laws Relating to Immigration and Nationality, and President of the Houston Forum and the Houston Club.

Mr. Foster received his undergraduate and law degrees from The University of Texas, and is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He lectures frequently before legal, academic, and professional organizations in Texas and throughout the United States, and has authored numerous articles on U.S. immigration law. Mr. Foster served for five years as an Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at the University of Houston Law Center. He is fluent in Spanish and has received numerous awards, including the 1997 Houston International Service Award by the Houston Jaycees and Consular Corps, the 2000 Friend of China Award, the ADL's 2006 Milton H. Popkin Award for Distinguished Community Service and the 2013 Houston Bar Association Leon Jaworski Award for community service, annual recognition since 2003 as a Texas Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly* Magazine, 1998 American Immigration Law Foundation Honorary Fellow, *Texas Lawyer* has selected Mr. Foster as the top "Go To Immigration Lawyer" for the State of Texas since 2003 and he was listed as one of the nation's "20 Most Powerful Employment Attorneys" in immigration by *Human* 



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Resource Executive, June 2011. His role as an immigration lawyer was featured in the 2010 film Mao's Last Dancer.