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

Mr. Foster currently is on the Executive Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership and led the Task Force on Immigration Reform since its inception in 2006. 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 Directors of The Asia Society and past Chair of its Texas Center; Chairman of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston Advisory Board and past Board Chairman; Chairman of U.S.-China Partnership, and Vice-Chairman of George H.W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations. Initiated and Co-Chairman of the George Bush Monument, James Baker Monument, Robert Mosbacher



Memorial Bridge and the Lyndon B. Johnson Monument. Member of the Board of Directors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the Houston Ballet, the Hobby School for Public Policy and Chairman of Americans for Immigration Reform.

Long recognized as a national expert in U.S. immigration law, Mr. Foster has served as senior immigration policy advisor to President George W. Bush in 2000, and as an immigration policy advisor to President Obama in 2008, during their Presidential campaigns and has testified before both the U.S. House and Senate Subcommittees on Immigration. Mr. Foster served as 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, Chairman of the Houston International Festival, President of the Houston Forum and the Houston Club.

Mr. Foster received both his B.A. and J.D. 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, throughout the United States and abroad, 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, the 2013 Houston Bar Association Leon Jaworski Award for the Asia Society Texas Center's 2015 Tiger Ball Awardee and its 2020 Huffington Awardee for International Understanding; annual recognition 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 Resource Executive*, June 2011 and top 25 EB-5 Attorneys by *EB-5 Investors Magazine*. His role as an immigration lawyer was featured in the 2010 film *Mao's Last Dancer*.