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Council announces election of new board chair, officers

Allison R. Klausner (Conduent) to take over as chair for 50th anniversary year

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Benefits Council is pleased to announce the new leaders of its Board of Directors, as elected at the Council’s just-completed board of directors meeting.

Stepping into the role of Board Chair is **Allison R. Klausner**, principal at Conduent and government relations leader for the company’s HR Services Knowledge Resource Center.

“This is a landmark year for the American Benefits Council,” Council president James A. Klein said. “Our 50th anniversary year aligns with seismic change in health, retirement and tax policy. Allison’s extensive experience as a senior benefits professional in corporate America, coupled with deep knowledge of the policy process and contagious enthusiasm for the Council’s mission makes her an exceptional leader at this critical time.

“Allison inherits an organization that continued to thrive under the stewardship of outgoing chair **Bob Holcomb**, Empower Retirement. With Bob’s leadership, we expanded our communications and membership efforts while maintaining the Council’s reputation for thoughtful, nonpartisan advocacy on behalf of employer sponsors of benefit plans,” Klein said.

Joining Klausner in the Council’s board leadership are:

- Vice Chair **Jeffrey Mains**, assistant vice president, health plans, AT&T
- Vice Chair **Vincent Kerr**, president, care solutions, and chief clinical officer for national accounts, UnitedHealthcare

- Treasurer **Marianne McManus**, director, benefits services team, IBM Corporation
- Secretary **Tresia Franklin**, director, rewards and employee relations, Hallmark Cards, Inc.

“Our more than 400 member organizations and the nearly 7,000 benefits professionals within those organizations are the lifeblood of the Council and illustrate the vitality of the employer-sponsored benefit system,” Klein said. “Our board leaders are nationally recognized benefits professionals. It is a privilege to work with them and on their behalf to improve the health and financial well-being of America’s workforce.”

For more information on the Council’s leadership, or to arrange an interview with Council President James Klein, please contact Jason Hammersla, Council senior director of communications, at jhammersla@abcstaff.org or by phone at 202-289-6700 (office) or (202) 422-4652 (cell).

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