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Deva A. Kyle is a partner with Cohen, Weiss and Simon LLP in their employee benefits practice, where she advises clients on a wide range of employee benefits and federal tax matters. She has been practicing for more than 20 years in both private practice and for the federal government. In 2024, she was nominated by then-President Biden to serve as director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). Prior to joining Cohen, Weiss and Simon, Kyle was of counsel at Bredhoff and Kaiser. Before that, she served as tax counsel on detail to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, where she advised the committee on tax policy and retirement security, including recent multiemployer relief efforts and the Secure Act. Kyle began her career in 2004 with the PBGC, where she represented the agency as an attorney and assistant chief counsel in large exposure litigation and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Later, she served as staff director in the Office of Policy and External Affairs at PBGC, where she was principally responsible for leading the agency's multiemployer pension policy efforts. In 2015 and 2016, Kyle worked at the Treasury Department, where, with a team of Treasury leaders, she crafted the Treasury's Multiemployer Pension Reform Act (MPRA) program regulations and processes. Once the program was established, Kyle worked closely with special master Ken Feinberg and oversaw the first team of analysts, actuaries, and attorneys for the MPRA program, reviewing the most financially and actuarially complex applications for benefit suspension to date. In 2017, she returned to PBGC to serve as acting deputy chief of negotiations and restructuring, where she helped lead PBGC's single and multiemployer insurance programs. There, she participated in single employer early warning program negotiations and oversaw multiemployer alternative withdrawal liability rule requests, benefit suspension applications, mergers, and partitions, among other PBGC concerns. Kyle received her B.A. degree in sociology from Vassar College and her J.D. degree from the Georgetown University Law Center. She is admitted in California and Washington, D.C.