## THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE INC.

## IN-HOUSE COUNSEL LITIGATION REPORT

## PETER MARCUS, et al v. ACBL

On June 23, 2017, Peter Marcus, a former ACBL Tournament Director, filed suit on behalf of himself and similarly situated plaintiffs against the ACBL seeking overtime pay for full-time Tournament Directors, damages and attorneys' fees, later joined by ACBL Tournament Directors Matthew Koltnow and Dianne Barton-Paine. Sixteen additional Tournament Directors opted-into the lawsuit during 2019. Additionally, Marcus for himself alleges that the ACBL constructively discharged him in retaliation for his past complaints relating to Tournament Director pay. He seeks reinstatement, promotion, payment of lost wages, damages and costs. The ACBL denies all these allegations and intends to vigorously defend itself against them. The ACBL began covering the litigation defense expense in October 2019. The parties engaged in a mediation of this matter in May 2018, but no agreement was able to be reached. Depositions were taken by both parties during 2018 and 2019 in addition to extensive document discovery by plaintiffs.

**Procedural Posture.** Document discovery has concluded. At the appropriate time, the ACBL plans to move for summary judgment on all claims. No trial date has yet been set.

Respectfully submitted,

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