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SHORT LINE SAFETY INSTITUTE NAMES KRISTIN BEVIL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON – December 2, 2024 – The [Short Line Safety Institute](http://www.shortlinesafety.org) (SLSI) is pleased to announce that Kristin Bevil, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, Pinsly Railroad, has joined its Board of Directors. The Board provides oversight and guidance to the SLSI.

“The SLSI is fortunate to be advised by individuals who have dedicated their careers to advancing the industry in the areas of safety and safety culture,” said Tom Murta, Executive Director, SLSI. “Kristin Bevil’s experience in guiding short line railroad management in issues as diverse as litigation, governance, regulatory compliance and labor relations will provide a broader perspective to our team. These areas of operations are directly impacted by the strength of safety culture on a railroad.”

Ms. Bevil began her career at Fletcher & Sippel, LLC advising Class I and short line railroads in the Midwest. She served as the first General Counsel at The Indiana Rail Road, and as General Counsel at Pioneer Lines, helping to manage 15 short line railroads until their divestiture. In her current role at Pinsly Railroad, Bevil provides guidance to the operations teams of seven short line railroads. She is currently serving as the Vice President, Central Region on the American Short Line and Regional Railroad’s (ASLRRA) Board of Directors, and as is an authorized volunteer for Operation Lifesaver. Ms. Bevil has recently been recognized

as a *Railway Age's 2024 Woman in Rail* honoree. The award recognizes women who excel in leadership, service to the community, and driving industry change.

“Working with many railroads over the course of my career, I have seen the impact of a strong safety culture on operations, and the negative repercussions when safety culture is not nurtured and prioritized,” said Kristin Bevil, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, Pinsky Railroad. “I am pleased to contribute to and support the SLSI’s mission to provide Safety Culture Assessments and other training to help elevate and continuously improve safety culture across the short line industry.”

Bevil joins seven other industry leaders on the SLSI Board, including:

- Justin Broyles (Chair), Executive Vice President, Commercial Affairs, R.J. Corman Group
- John Angel, Vice President, Compliance and Training, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.
- Chuck Baker, President, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
- Janet Gilbert, Partner, Fletcher & Sippel
- Mitch Harris, Vice President Safety & Compliance, Rio Grande Pacific Corporation
- Jared Martin, Vice President Operations, Modesto & Empire Traction Company
- Tom Murta, Executive Director, SLSI.

The Short Line Safety Institute encourages the short line and regional railroad industry to perform at an increasingly high level of safety, with a focus on safety culture defined as the shared values, actions, and behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to safety over competing goals and demands.

In addition to [Safety Culture Assessments](#), the SLSI provides [Hazardous Materials Training](#) to railroads and to [first responders](#), [Leading Forward](#) and *Structured Problem Solving* leadership skills development training, and more.

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About SLSI - The Short Line Safety Institute (SLSI) is a non-profit corporation that conducts Safety Culture Assessments, provides Hazardous Material Instructor and Leadership Development programs, and is the educational, training and

research source for short line and regional railroads concerning safety culture. www.shortlinesafety.org, @shortlinesafety, LinkedIn