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Catherine Chase is President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates), a coalition of national consumer, health and safety organizations and the major property-casualty insurance companies and trade associations. Advocates works to adopt federal and state laws, policies and programs that prevent motor vehicle crashes, save lives, reduce injuries and contain costs.

Ms. Chase joined the staff of Advocates as Legislative Assistant to the Vice President in 1996 and was subsequently promoted to Director of the State Program where she lobbied in support of traffic safety laws in state legislatures throughout the country until 2003. Ms. Chase then chose to take on the challenges of stay-at-home parenting during which she also was the president of her children's co-op preschool, served on the PTA board of their elementary school and coached numerous sports teams. Additionally, between 2005 and 2012, Ms. Chase led the Truck Safety Coalition's government relations efforts as a consultant.

In April 2012, Ms. Chase returned to Advocates as Senior Director of Governmental Affairs, was subsequently promoted to Vice President of Governmental Affairs, and most recently became President in January 2018. She is a knowledgeable expert and spokesperson on numerous transportation public policy issues including occupant protection, impaired driving, teen driving, distracted driving, consumer protection, motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle safety, and autonomous vehicles.

Ms. Chase is frequently invited to give presentations before Congress, state legislatures and national conferences including SXSW in 2017 and 2018. She has appeared on CBS, NPR, C-SPAN, CNBC, SiriusXM, and Chinese Global Television Network (CGTN), as well as numerous local news programs. Additionally, she has been quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *ABC News*, *Bloomberg Business Week*, *The Hill*, *Politico*, the *Washington Examiner* and the *Miami Herald*, among others, and was published in the *Annals of Advances in Automotive Medicine (AAAM) Journal*, "U.S. State and Federal Laws Targeting Distracted Driving." Ms. Chase was chosen to be a member of the 2016 class of the Women's Executive Leadership Program of the Impact Center. She was recently selected by *CQ Roll Call* as one of seventeen "People to Watch in 2019" who are expected to play leading roles in politics and policies.

Before joining Advocates, Ms. Chase worked for non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C., including Sasha Bruce Youthworks and Street Law, for a political consultant doing national fundraising for U.S. Senators, and as a law clerk for Van Ness Feldman LLP. Prior to moving to the Washington, D.C. area, Ms. Chase served as a legislative aide in the New Jersey State Assembly and worked on a state gubernatorial campaign.

An enthusiastic volunteer for a variety of community organizations, Ms. Chase is currently on the Board of the Hope for Grieving Families organization. She is a graduate of Rutgers College and received her juris doctor from the George Washington University Law School. Ms. Chase resides in Falls Church, VA with her husband and their two teenage girls.