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**AR AUTOMATION & PAYMENTS**  
**MATTHEW HACKER, National Sales Executive, UTA**

Matthew Hacker has been in the payments industry for the last decade and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on Finance & Economics from The Ohio State University. He has worked at US Bank/Elavon and Huntington Bank in the merchant services division. His experience includes helping companies: reduce payment acceptance and processing costs; align payment strategies with treasury and finance operations; improve accounts receivable performance and cash flow visibility; and implement secure, scalable payment acceptance solutions.



**THE 5 C'S OF CREDIT IN REVIEW**  
**CAROLINE PERKINS, CCE, Credit Manager, Mickey Thompson Performance Tires**

Caroline has been in the credit industry for 40 years. She has served as credit manager for Mickey Thompson Tires, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, for the past 38 years. She earned her CCE certification in 2012 from NACM and has participated in numerous credit interchange groups throughout the years. She is the winner of the "12th Man Award" in 2012 and the "Ironman Award" in 2014 from Mickey Thompson Tires.



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**ALEC PAPESCH, Director of Strategic Partnerships, NCS Credit**

Alec Papesch is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at NCS Credit. He consults with Credit Associations and Industry Trade Groups nationwide, providing expertise in Construction Credit and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) through the lens of technology-driven solutions.



**STANDBY LETTERS OF CREDIT**  
**THOMAS FAWKES, Partner, Tucker Ellis LLP**

Thomas Fawkes is a partner with the law firm of Tucker Ellis LLP in its Chicago office. Tom focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and financial restructuring matters, representing official committees, unsecured and secured creditors, debtors, financial institutions, post-confirmation trustees, and asset purchasers in chapter 11 and 7 bankruptcy cases, out-of-court restructurings, and liquidation proceedings.



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throughout the United States. Tom also assists his clients in structuring commercial transactions with a view towards mitigating risk of future bankruptcy and insolvency losses. Among other honors, Tom has been recognized as an Illinois Leading Lawyer in Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial, and by Chambers and Partners as one of the leading bankruptcy and restructuring attorneys in Illinois

defendants in avoidance actions, complex bankruptcy claim disputes, breach of fiduciary duty actions, and bankruptcy fraud litigation. Beyond litigation in the Bankruptcy Courts, Brian has experience in general collection and commercial law litigation. Brian has also spent significant time advocating on behalf of general unsecured creditors through his representation of official committees of unsecured creditors. Before becoming an attorney, Brian served as an Officer in the U.S. Army.



**BRIAN JACKIW, Partner, Tucker Ellis LLP**

Brian Jackiw is a partner with the law firm of Tucker Ellis LLP. Brian is experienced in bankruptcy and commercial litigation, practicing in courts throughout the country. He has represented plaintiffs and

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