

# Freight of the Future — Digitized, Electrified, and Autonomized

Join us on October 20, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. ET

Join Chambliss and the [Association for Corporate Growth \(ACG\) of Tennessee](#) at a networking and a future of freight panel discussion on Thursday, October 20, at 5:15 p.m. ET. Forbes has dubbed Chattanooga as the “Silicon Valley of Trucking.” With its hotbed of creative thinkers and innovators, Chattanooga logistics and supply chain disrupters have their eyes set on emerging technologies. Join us for a fun and robust discussion of autonomous and electric vehicles, all while surrounded by electric guitars and history from well-known music stars!

## Event Agenda

Registration and Networking: 5:15 p.m. ET

Program Begins: 6 p.m. ET

Networking Follows

Location: Songbirds Guitar & Pop Culture Museum  
(35 Station Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408)

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### ACG TN Members: FREE!

ACG Members: \$20

Non Members: \$25

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Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by [Lone Star Catering](#). A variety of nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be served.

**Registration is required to attend this event. Please secure your spot ASAP. Note: You will need to create an online account to register.**

[Register](#)

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### Hosted by Chambliss and ACG Tennessee

ACG Tennessee is the TN chapter of the Association of Corporate Growth (ACG), which is the global community for middle market M&A and business leaders focused on driving growth. With 59 chapters worldwide, ACG's global network comprises more than 100,000 middle market professionals who invest, own and advise growing companies. For further information regarding ACG and ACG Tennessee, click [here](#).

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## Speakers



**[Justin Furrow](#), Moderator**  
**Chambliss Law | *Chair, Labor and Employment***

Justin chairs the Chambliss [Labor and Employment](#) section, and co-chairs the Chambliss COVID-19 Task Force and the [Transportation and Logistics](#) practice. He provides top-notch counsel and complex employment litigation representation to national and regional corporations, family-owned businesses, emerging companies, and other entities. Justin has successfully defended and assisted clients in major employment law matters in state and federal courts across the country, and before administrative agencies such as the EEOC and DOL. Clients often turn to Justin for counsel on discrimination, retaliation, and harassment issues, employee leave questions, whistleblower protections, reasonable accommodation, noncompetition and nonsolicitation agreements, and shareholder agreements and disputes, among other matters.



**Jessica Hamadeh, Panelist**  
**U.S. Xpress | *VP of Legal Affairs and Associate General Counsel***

Jessica Hamadeh has over 12 years of experience in the transportation industry as in-house counsel for U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. She currently serves as their Vice President of Legal Affairs and Associate General Counsel and manages a team of attorneys and support staff who focus in the areas of commercial litigation and class actions, labor and employment matters, regulatory compliance, independent contractor and equipment leasing programs, and service and vendor agreements. She is also a member of the company's Enterprise Risk Committee, which oversees its risk management program and reports to the board of directors, and she advises the business on corporate transactions, investments, enterprise policymaking, and governance. Jessica has a unique skillset in the transportation industry, supporting U.S. Xpress's portfolio of offerings as a motor carrier, freight broker, revenue equipment lessor, telematics provider, proprietary technology developer, and investor in emerging trucking technologies. Jessica received her B.A. from Millsaps College and a J.D. from the University of Mississippi, and she is licensed to practice law in Tennessee and Mississippi.



**Dr. Mina Sartipi, Panelist**  
**The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga | *Founding Director of the Center for Urban Informatics and Progress (CUIP)***

Dr. Mina Sartipi is the Founding Director of the Center for Urban Informatics and Progress (CUIP) at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), where she is also a Guerry Professor in the Computer Science and Engineering Department. She is an internationally recognized leader in the field of Smart City research focused on mobility, energy and health in urban environments. Her research, funded by DOT, DOE, NSF, NIH, State of Tennessee, Lyndhurst Foundation, and private industry, focuses on data-driven approaches to tackle real-world challenges in smart city applications. At CUIP, she coordinates cross-disciplinary research and strategic visions for urbanism and smart cities advancement with a focus on people and quality of life. Dr. Sartipi has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, Iran, and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical and computer engineering from Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Dr. Sartipi was named a 2019 Chattanooga Influencer by Edge, Chattanooga's business magazine, for her role in smart city research and collaboration with city, county, and industry partners. She is the recipient of several awards including UTC Outstanding Faculty Research and Creative Achievement award, UC Foundation Professorship, Guerry Professorship, and "Smart 50" awards in digital transformation designated by the Smart Cities Connect organization in four consecutive years since 2019. She is a frequent presenter on artificial intelligence and smart city operations and has given invited presentations to the U.S. Congressional Caucus on Smart Cities and at conferences of the global Smart Cities Connect organization, the National Transportation Training Directors, and the Intelligent Infrastructure. Dr. Sartipi has been a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers since 2016, and she is a member of the boards of directors for multiple startups and non-profit organizations. In her spare

time, she enjoys traveling and outdoor activities including hiking, rock climbing, and skiing with her husband and two young daughters.