



## **Panthera's Conservation Council**

Founded by Glenn Close and Claudia A. McMurray, the Conservation Council is an expert advisory board that contributes to the direction of the organization and the implementation of Panthera's mission.

The Council provides Panthera with actionable advice and guidance on fundamental topics relevant to the growth, development and success of Panthera, including:

- Increasing Panthera's influence on public policy and access to decision-makers around the world.
- Assessing programmatic initiatives and activities.
- Increasing Panthera's exposure in the media and enhancing the organization's public profile.
- Expanding the base of funding sources and building long-term sustainability in fund-raising.
- Helping to build a broad-based and continually growing constituency for Panthera's activities.
- Fostering a diverse network of partners, cooperators and allies that can assist with Panthera's mission.

Members are selected by the Board of Trustees and senior management of Panthera. Appointees to the Conservation Council are chosen for their interest in Panthera's mission combined with their specialist expertise and skills that complement the abilities of the Board and Staff to execute Panthera's mission.



## Ali Erfan



Ali Erfan is the Chief Executive Officer of Tigris Financial Group (UK) LLP, a member of the Tigris Group of companies. The Tigris Group has an unrivalled 15 year track record of private and public equity investing focused on the natural resources sector, principally gold and precious metals mining as well as oil and gas.

Mr. Erfan has been in senior roles in the venture capital and private equity industry for over twelve years. Most recently, he was a senior partner at 3i Group's London headquarters. As a member of the management team of 3i's venture capital group, he had several responsibilities including the expansion of 3i's investment business into several new geographies - including the Gulf Cooperation Council ("GCC"), Japan, Eastern & Central

Europe, SE Asia and China - as well as into new sectors such as clean technology and alternative energy.

Mr. Erfan holds several board seats and senior advisory roles. He was a founding board member of Leor Energy from inception: a Houston-based oil and gas exploration company, the Texas operations of which were sold to Encana for \$2.55 billion in November 2007. He is a board member of Electrum Ltd., the world's largest privately-held gold exploration company operating across sixteen countries, and of TTI Inc., a global oil and gas exploration and technology company in the U.S. He is a member of the investment committee of Augustus Ltd – a major investment fund operating out of Europe. He is also a board member of Panthera in the UK, one of the world's largest wildcat conservation groups.

Mr. Erfan has been a speaker at numerous venture capital and private equity conferences around the world, as well as a speaker and Chairman of several major conferences in the GCC focusing on investments in the GCC and related economic issues. He is a successful entrepreneur by background, having set up and led businesses in the UK film industry, in the U.S. fashion industry, and in the global risk management industry.

He holds a B.A. and M.A. (Honors) from Oxford University where he studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics as well as an MBA from the London Business School. He is also a fellow of the Kauffman Foundation for Venture Capital.



## Claudia A. McMurray



Claudia A. McMurray is an environmental lawyer and the President and CEO of Mainstream Green Solutions LLC, a firm that provides strategic consulting advice concerning climate change, natural resource conservation, sustainability and other environmental issues. She also currently serves on a number of boards and advisory committees that deal with these issues.

From 2005-2008, she served as Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science, the most senior U.S. government official, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, solely responsible for international environmental, natural resource conservation, health and science issues. Prior to serving as Assistant Secretary, Ms. McMurray was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment and Associate Deputy

Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to her work in the U.S. executive branch, she has extensive experience in the U.S. Senate, where she served as Counsel to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, as well as Counsel to Senators John Warner and Fred Thompson. Ms. McMurray has also practiced law in Washington at the global law firms of Patton Boggs LLP and Kirkland and Ellis.

Ms. McMurray is an honors graduate of Smith College and has a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law School, where she served as an editor of the law review. She lives in Great Falls, Virginia, with her husband Don Moorehead and her black Labrador Retriever, Fiona.



## **Dr. and Mrs. John Daniel Mitchell**

Dr. John Mitchell is a Research Fellow at The New York Botanical Garden. He is Chair of the Board of Trustees of both Bat Conservation International and World Land Trust- USA, and sits on the Board of Trustees of both Island Conservation and Turtle Survival Alliance. Dr. Mitchell is Chair and Executive Secretary of the Beneficia Foundation. He is a member of the Explorer's Club, and a Fellow of The Linnean Society of London.

Katherine "Cissie" Chatwin Mitchell is an artist, nature enthusiast, avid traveler, and animal lover.

The Mitchells' interests include bird watching, natural history, art and travel. They have four children and reside in New York City.

## Glenn Close



Glenn Close is an Emmy, Golden Globe, and Tony Award-winning actress. She currently headlines the critically acclaimed television show, *Damages*, for which she won an Emmy last year. She has received Oscar nominations for her work in five films, including *The World According to Garp*, *The Big Chill*, *The Natural*, *Fatal Attraction*, and *Dangerous Liaisons*. Ms. Close has worked on dozens of film, television, and professional theatre endeavors, and won Tony Awards for her stage performances in *The Real Thing* and *Death and the Maiden*. She has been honored with a Crystal Award from Women In Film; a GLAAD Media Award; a People's Choice Award; the National Association of Theatre Owners' Female Star of the Year award at ShoWest and a Gotham Award for her contributions to the New York independent filmmaking community. Ms. Close is a Trustee Emeritus of The Sundance Institute, having served as a Board Member for 16 years.

Ms. Close recently participated in the launch of [BringChange2Mind.org](http://BringChange2Mind.org), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to confronting the stigma associated with mental illness. She also actively supports Puppies Behind Bars and their program, *Dog Tags: Service Dogs for Those Who've Served Us*.



## Jane Alexander



A distinguished stage and screen actress, Jane Alexander has performed in more than one hundred plays and 55 films. Notable work includes the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *The Great White Hope*, for which she received a Tony Award and an Academy Award nomination for the movie version. Additional theatre work includes *The Sisters Rosensweig*, *First Monday in October*, and, most recently, *Chasing Manet* and *A Moon To Dance By*. She received Academy Award nominations for her work in *All the President's Men*, *Kramer vs. Kramer*, and *Testament*. She won Emmys for her roles in the made-for-television movie *Playing For Time* and HBO's *Warm Springs*. As Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, under President Clinton, Ms. Alexander successfully prevented elimination of the agency by the 104th Congress. Her book, *Command Performance; an Actress in the Theatre of Politics*, chronicles those years (1993-1997).

Ms. Alexander is committed to saving wildlife and wild places. Birding is one of her passions. She has served as a Trustee of the Wildlife Conservation Society and a Board member of the American Bird Conservancy, and currently serves on the Board of the American Birding Association. She also serves as a Commissioner of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Taconic Region.

## Jonathan Powell



Jonathan Powell is a Managing Director and Senior Adviser at Morgan Stanley in London, and a negotiator and Senior Adviser on different conflicts across Europe and Asia for the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva. He also works with Tigris Financial Group, Tony Blair Associates, Save The Children, and the Institute for Strategic Dialogue. Mr. Powell was Chief of Staff to former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and was responsible for coordinating all political and non-political work in No.10 Downing Street. He was the principal negotiator on Northern Ireland from 1997 to 2007, and was instrumental in bringing about a lasting peace in that troubled province. He played a key role in the formulation of the Blair government's foreign policy and political strategies.

In April 2008, Mr. Powell published *Great Hatred, Little Room: Making Peace in Northern Ireland*, a firsthand account of the ten years of negotiation that led to the Northern Ireland peace settlement. He has conducted a lecture tour on the lessons learned from the Northern Ireland peace process.

Before joining Tony Blair, Mr. Powell was a British diplomat for sixteen years and played a central role in the negotiations with China on the return of Hong Kong, the CDE arms control negotiations in Stockholm, and the CSCE human rights negotiations with the Soviet Union in Vienna, among others. He began his career as a journalist with the BBC and Granada TV.



## Matthew Bostock



Matthew Bostock co-founded Lake 5 Media in June 2000 and has served as Lake 5 Media's CEO since its inception. Prior to that, Mr. Bostock worked at the National Basketball Association in the marketing and media department with direct responsibility for negotiating NBA media contracts with television and radio partners in the United States and abroad. He also served as Chief of Staff for the CBS Olympic Research Department at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics.

From 1992 to 1993, Mr. Bostock was a network television buyer for Lintas Advertising, a unit of the Interpublic Group of Companies, where he oversaw the commercial inventory purchased on behalf of The General Motors Corporation, as well as other clients. He received an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School, Class of 2000, and a B.A. degree from Duke University in 1991.



## Nicole Wallace



Nicolle Wallace served as Senior Advisor and spokesman for the McCain-Palin campaign from May to November 2008. Prior to joining the McCain campaign, she worked as a political analyst at CBS News where she provided on-air commentary. Ms. Wallace served President George W. Bush as an Assistant to the President and Director of Communications for the White House during his second term, as Communications Director for President Bush's 2004 re-election campaign, and as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Media Affairs at the White House, where she oversaw regional press strategy and outreach.

Ms. Wallace was Florida Governor Jeb Bush's Press Secretary in 1999 and served California's Assembly Republican Caucus from 1997 to 1998. She resides in New York City and Roxbury, Connecticut with her husband, Mark, and is a regular contributor to the website "The Daily Beast."



## Paul Klotman



Dr. Paul Klotman is President and CEO of Baylor College of Medicine. Formerly, he served as Chairman of the Samuel Bronfman Department of Medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, as well as a Professor of Immunobiology, a Professor of Gene and Cell Medicine, the Fishberg Professor of Medicine, and the Chief of the Division of Nephrology at Mt. Sinai. Previous to his work at Mt. Sinai, he held several positions at Duke University Medical Center. Accolades include the Henry Christian Award for Medical Research three years in a row (1991-1993), and the Upjohn Academic Achievement Award. Dr. Klotman has written approximately 240 medical publications. His interest in animals and wildlife was confirmed with his undergraduate degree, a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Michigan.