

Faculty Biographies

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Andrew M. Brumby is a partner and co-chair of the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group of Shutts & Bowen LLP in Orlando, Fla., where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and related creditor rights and commercial finance litigation issues. In addition to being a member of The Florida Bar, Mr. Brumby is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, all Florida state courts, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, all Georgia state courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of ABI, the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association and the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. Mr. Brumby is also a past chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Orange County Bar Association and past president of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, and he served on the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association from 1992-96. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Florida Super Lawyers*. Mr. Brumby received both his B.A. in economics with high distinction and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.

Hon. Caryl E. Delano was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa on June 25, 2008. Previously, she practiced before the bankruptcy courts of the Central District of California for 14 years. In 1994, she returned to Tampa and most recently practiced law with the firm of Addison & Delano, P.A., where she concentrated her practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Judge Delano has represented debtors and creditors in numerous chapter 11 cases and related adversary proceedings. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the State Bar of California, the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, ABI, the Federal Bar Association, the Hillsborough County Bar Association and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. She re-

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Prof. David G. Epstein is the George E. Allen Chair Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Va., and the Spring 2012 ABI Robert M. Zinman Scholar-in-Residence. Previously, he practiced law with King & Spalding and Haynes and Boone, served as dean of Emory University School of Law and the University of Arkansas Law School and taught at a number of other law schools. Prof. Epstein has co-authored numerous casebooks and texts for law students, including a three-volume treatise on bankruptcy, and is an elected member of the American College of Bankruptcy and the National Bankruptcy Conference. He received his B.A. from the University of Texas, his LL.B. from the University of Texas School of Law and his LL.M. from Harvard University.

Hon. Paul M. Glenn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Jacksonville. He was first appointed in 1993 in the Tampa Division and transferred to the Jacksonville Division in 2008. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he practiced corporate, commercial, banking and insurance law, as well as commercial litigation and bankruptcy law, in Jacksonville and Miami. He has also served as the chief executive and chief administrative officer of two insurance companies. In 1984, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Association of Domestic Insurance Companies. Since being appointed to the bench, he has spoken at continuing education sessions for the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, ABI, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and local bar associations, and has also been a guest lecturer at Stetson University College of Law and the University of Florida College of Law. Judge Glenn has served as a director of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Endowment for Education and is a member of its Finance Committee. He has served as president and director of the Ferguson-White Inn of Court in Tampa and is a contributing editor for the *Norton Handbook for Bankruptcy Trustees, Debtors in Possession, and Committees*. In March 2005, Judge Glenn was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and in May 2007, he was honored by the Hillsborough County Bar Association with the Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award. He was also elected to the National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation in 2010. Judge Glenn received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Florida State University, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gold Key, and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1970, where he was president of the law school student body.

Larry Heinkel is an attorney with Heinkel Law Group, P.L. in St. Petersburg, Fla., where his practice focuses on tax, business and bankruptcy law. He is licensed in the state of Florida and is admitted before the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. With his extensive experience in all aspects of taxation, particularly with resolving state and federal tax controversies, including tax court and tax bankruptcies, Mr. Heinkel has taught taxation and business law courses at the University of Central Florida and Rollins College and has been published in the *Journal of Real Estate Taxation*, *Notre Dame Law Journal* and *The Florida Bar Journal*. He has also been a guest speaker for the Florida Bar, the Florida Institute of CPAs and various local bankruptcy bar associations and other groups. Mr. Heinkel received his Bachelors' in B.B.A. with

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Hon. Jeffery P. Hopkins is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, appointed in 1996 and reappointed in 2010. He previously served as a law clerk in the Ohio Court of Appeals and practiced law at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. He has also been an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and an adjunct professor at U.C. College of Law, and was appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist to the Federal Judicial Center's Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Judge Education in 2003 and the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules in 2007. He is the 2010 Hon. William K. Thomas Distinguished Jurist Award recipient from the Moritz College of Law. Judge Hopkins is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Law Institute, an ABI board member and a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. In addition to being an active member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, Judge Hopkins also serves on several U.S. Judicial Conference committees and a number of law and community-improvement nonprofit agencies. He received his A.B. from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and his J.D. from Ohio State University's Michael E. Moritz College of Law.

Michael P. Horan is a shareholder with Trenam Kemker in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he specializes in business reorganization, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He joined the firm as a shareholder in June 2006 and leads the firm's Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy Practice Group. With more than 25 years of experience in bankruptcy and creditors' rights law in the Tampa Bay area, he has represented major creditors and creditors' committees in chapter 11 cases. He is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* for bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights law and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Horan is admitted to the bar in Florida and Texas and has held leadership positions in several professional organizations, including the American Board of Certification (board of directors) and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Association (past president and chair). Mr. Horan also served as a contributing editor to the *ABI Journal*. He received his B.S.J. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

Hon. Paul G. Hyman, Jr. is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in West Palm Beach, where he has served since October 2006. He began his law career practicing commercial litigation with the firm of Britton Cohen Kaufman & Schantz in Miami. After two years of private practice, Judge Hyman became an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In 1981, he returned to Britton Cohen Kaufman & Schantz, where he represented debtors, creditors and trustees in all types of bankruptcy proceedings. Judge Hyman subsequently joined the Denver law firm of Holme Roberts & Owens in 1983, where he specialized in bankruptcy, representing both creditors and debtors. He returned to South Florida in 1993 when he was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Hyman served as the co-chair of the Local Rules Committee for the Southern District of Florida from 2003-06 and currently serves as co-chair of the Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar. He is also a member of the Executive Council of the Business Law Section of the Florida

Bar and chair of the Archives and History Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in economics and received his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

Cynthia C. Jackson is a shareholder at Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., where she represents corporate debtors and creditors in chapter 11 and 7 cases. She is admitted to practice before the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts of the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, as well as the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Jackson has substantial experience in representing commercial landlords in bankruptcy cases throughout the U.S. and is an experienced litigator in both bankruptcy and complex commercial matters. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, ABI, the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida and the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee for the Middle District of Florida. She is also a member and past president of the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association. Ms. Jackson received her B.S. from Florida State University and her J.D. from the University of Florida.

Hon. Karen S. Jennemann is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando, initially appointed as judge in November 1993 and as chief judge on Oct. 1, 2011. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Jennemann was a shareholder in the law firm of Mahoney Adams & Criser, P.A. in Jacksonville, Fla., where she specialized in bankruptcy law. Prior to that, she was an associate at Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., and also served as a law clerk to Hon. Robert Doumar of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Norfolk. Judge Jennemann received her J.D. from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, her Masters in Liberal Studies from Rollins College and her undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University.

Hon. Charles G. Kilcoyne is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.

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Hon. Robert A. Mark is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for Southern District of Florida in Miami, appointed in 1990, and served as Chief Judge from 1999-2006. Prior to his appointment, Judge Mark

served as head of the bankruptcy department of the Miami firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson PA. He has served on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education and frequently lectures at continuing education seminars, including programs presented by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, educational programs for bankruptcy judges presented by the Federal Judicial Center and ABI programs. Judge Mark has also participated in international programs, including an Argentine-United States Judicial Colloquium in Buenos Aires in 2009 and 2010, and is presently serving on the Technical Programme Committee for INSOL's Americas Regional Conference in Miami. Judge Mark is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, an author for *Collier on Bankruptcy* and a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

Hon. K. Rodney May is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.

Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 22, 2005. She is the first female judge in her district. Prior to becoming a judge, she was in private practice for almost 23 years in Tampa and was a solo practitioner from 2001 to the date of her appointment to the bench. Before opening her solo practice, she was a shareholder of Akerman Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., formerly known as Moffitt, Hart & Herron, P.A., where she practiced law from 1982-2001 in its Tampa office, concentrating her practice on commercial litigation with an emphasis on representing parties in bankruptcy cases. Judge McEwen currently serves as vice chair of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit *Pro Bono* Committee. She is a past chair of the Florida Bar Federal Court Practice Committee, current judicial chair of the Florida Bar Business Law Section Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, and a member of the Florida Bar Business Law Section Executive Council. Judge McEwen is also a member of the Public Outreach, Endowment for Education and NBA Liaison Committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She is past chair of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, was a court-appointed bankruptcy mediator from 1989-2005, is past chair of the Local Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee and is past chair of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee (13D). An elected member of the American Law Institute, she received the Stetson University College of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007, the Hillsborough County Bar Association Jimmy Kynes *Pro Bono* Service Award in 2008, the Stetson University College of Law J. Ben Watkins Award in 2009 and the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Leaders in the Law designation in 2010. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she was a sportswriter from 1975-79 for the *Tampa Tribune* and the *Tampa Times*. Judge McEwen received her B.A. in political science from the University of South Florida in 1979 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Stetson University in 1982.

Hon. C. Ray Mullins is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Feb. 29, 2000, and named to Chief Judge in January 2012. Judge Mullins served as an instructor in the Management Department of Bowling Green State University's School of Business Administration from 1977-82, then joined the Toledo, Ohio, firm of Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer (now Cooper Walinski), focusing primarily on civil litigation. From 1984-86, Judge Mullins taught trial practice as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Toledo College of Law. In 1987, he joined Kilpatrick & Cody (now Kilpatrick Stockton LLP) in Atlanta and became a partner in 1993, practicing in the firm's Finan-

cial Restructuring Group and specializing in chapter 11 matters. He also served as a member of the Trustee Panel for the Northern District of Georgia from 1995-2000. Judge Mullins is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of ABI's Board of Directors and president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2012-13). He is a frequent speaker, and in 2009, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Judge Mullins to a three-year term as chair of the Federal Judicial Center Bankruptcy Judge Education Committee. Judge Mullins received his B.S. in business administration in 1974, his M.B.A. in 1977 from Bowling Green State University, and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1982 from the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a member of its *Law Review* and the Order of the Coif.

Kelley M. Petry is a managing attorney of Kelley M. Petry, PA in Tampa, Fla., and has practiced exclusively in the area of consumer bankruptcy since 2000, with particular experience in chapter 13 and chapter 7 cases. She is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (2000-present) and has served on its board of directors since 2004, and she is also a member of the Middle District of Florida Tampa Division Steering Committee. Ms. Petry received her B.A. in political science from Mississippi State University and her J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law - Camden.

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Hon. Karen Kinkennon Specie is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola. She received her B.A. from the University of South Florida and her J.D. from Florida State University College of Law.

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mers was a law clerk to Hon. Stephen C. St. John, a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He also interned with Hon. Alexander L. Paskay and Hon. Elizabeth Kovachevich, a U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida. He is a member of ABI, the Florida Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association and the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association. Mr. Summers has appeared before state and federal courts in 12 states, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Virginia. Mr. Summers is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named in *Florida Super Lawyers* since 2009. He is admitted to practice in the Fourth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, as well as in the state and federal courts in the State of Florida and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Summers received his B.A. *cum laude* from Hampden-Sydney College and his J.D. *cum laude* from Stetson University College of Law.

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Prof. Jack F. Williams is a tenured full professor at Georgia State University College of Law and its Middle East Institute in Atlanta, where he teaches and/or conducts research in the areas of bankruptcy and business reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, commercial law and damages models, corporate finance, financial institutions, fraud and anti-corruption, Islamic banking and finance, taxation and law, and statistics. He is also a senior managing director at Mesirov Financial Consulting, LLC in Atlanta and New York City, a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and the Scholar in Residence for the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. Prof. Williams served as ABI's inaugural Robert M. Zinman Scholar in Residence in 2001 and returned to that post in 2008. In 2009, he was recognized by ABI with its Annual Service Award (2009), which honors the extraordinary contributions of an ABI member. Prof. Williams has provided consulting and expert witness services in the areas of business restructuring, taxation, fraud and fraudulent transfers, Ponzi schemes, distressed business valuations, forensic investigations, claims estimations, avoidable preference actions, plan confirmation, directors and officers (D&O) liability matters and commercial damages. He has also worked with various U.S. and Canadian government agencies and the military to provide consulting services in homeland security, infrastructure protection, threat assessment, risk assessment, cultural awareness and cultural heritage protection with an expertise in the Middle East, North and East Africa and the Subcontinent. Prof. Williams has served as a special master in federal district court, a mediator, an arbitrator for the U.S. Olympic Committee and a co-drafter or commentator on various bankruptcy, commercial and tax codes. He is an attorney and a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA), and holds a Certification in Distressed Business Valuation (CDBV). Prof. Williams received his B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and his J.D. from George Washington University, and he is a Ph.D. candidate in archaeology and ancient histories at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom.

Hon. Michael G. Williamson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, appointed in March 2000. He served as a chapter 7 panel trustee from 1977-2000 and represented numerous chapter 11 corporate debtors, creditors' committees and trustees in bankruptcy cases pending throughout Florida. Judge Williamson is past chair of the Committee on Creditors' Rights for the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association, past chair of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and its Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, and a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

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