

Faculty Biographies

Prof. Daniel A. Austin is an associate professor at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, where he teaches bankruptcy and commercial law. He is the author of “Bankruptcy and the Myth of ‘Uniform Laws,’” 42 *Seton Hall Law Review* 1081 (2012), and co-author of *Reaffirmation Agreements in Consumer Bankruptcy Cases* (ABI, 1st ed. 2009 and 2d ed. 2010), and he has written numerous articles. Prof. Austin is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and practiced bankruptcy and commercial law for 16 years prior to joining the faculty at Northeastern. He received his J.D. from Columbia Law School and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Joseph G. Butler is a sole practitioner in Westwood, Mass., where he focuses on commercial and consumer bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He represents individual, corporate and partnership debtors and creditors in all chapters of commercial and consumer bankruptcies. Mr. Butler has served as a chapter 7 trustee in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts since 1987, as a chapter 11 trustee in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and as a state court-appointed receiver of nursing homes and guardian *ad litem* in probate cases in Massachusetts. He was named a “Massachusetts Super Lawyer” in the area of bankruptcy (2005-09). Mr. Butler received his B.A. from Loyola College in Maryland and his J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Hon. Mildred Cabán was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico on March 19, 2010, and currently sits in Old San Juan. She sat at the Southwestern Divisional Office in Ponce until Aug. 31, 2011. Judge Cabán is chair of the Hispanic National Bar Association Liaison Committee and vice chair of the Public Outreach Committee for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She clerked for Hon. Héctor M. Laffitte of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and subsequently became a bankruptcy practitioner at Brown Newsom & Córdova. She was also a partner for 11 years at Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C., where her practice focused on representing creditors in both commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. Judge Cabán has been a speaker on various bankruptcy and consumer law topics for numerous organizations and is a member of several bar associations. She received her B.A. from Barnard College in 1983 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1986.

David R. Chenelle is a bankruptcy attorney with Perkins & Anctil, P.C. in Westford, Mass., where he represents consumer, commercial and business clients in chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases. Prior to practicing law, he spent 14 years in the manufacturing industry working as an engineer for various defense contractors. Mr. Chenelle is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts (1995), the U.S. District Court of New Hampshire (1996) and the First Circuit Court of Appeals (1997). He was also appointed as a Commissioner by the Supreme Judicial Court in 2011. Mr. Chenelle is an active member of the New Hampshire Bar Association and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA), and is co-chair of the Worcester Bar Association’s Bankruptcy Section. He received his J.D. from the Massachusetts School of Law in 1995.

Joyce Leary Clark is the owner of Scarborough Legal Center in Scarborough, Maine. She began her legal career at Picher & Barrett in Scarborough, which later became Picher & Associates, and has represented many *pro bono* clients through the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project and Pine Tree Legal Assistance’s MASH (Maine Attorneys Saving Homes) program. Ms. Clark received her A.B. from Harvard University and her J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law.

Jared D. Correia is the senior law practice management advisor with the Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP) in Boston. Before joining LOMAP, he managed CLE publications and the Casemaker research engine for the Massachusetts Bar Association. He has also been a practicing lawyer in small firms, where he mostly focused on personal injury, real estate and disability law. Mr. Correia is a frequent speaker for local, regional and national lawyers' groups and is a regular contributor to local and national legal publications, including *Attorney at Work*. He also authored the American Bar Association publication *Twitter in One Hour for Lawyers*.

Eleanor Wm. Dahar practices in Manchester, N.H., with the Dahar Law Firm, where she specializes in business and consumer bankruptcy and reorganizations, commercial litigation and business law. In addition, she handles divorces often involving businesses and pre-nuptial agreements. Ms. Dahar is the immediate past president of the New Hampshire Bar Association and a past member of the Executive Council of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. She is a member of the Boston Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Bar Association, ABI and International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Ms. Dahar has been named to the list of "SuperLawyers of New England" in 2009 and 2010. She received her J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Aria Eee serves as assistant bar counsel for the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar in Augusta, Maine, where her primary responsibilities involve providing ethics advice to Maine lawyers, presenting continuing legal education programs and investigating and prosecuting lawyer discipline cases before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and the Board's Grievance Commission. Previously, Ms. Eee spent a decade as an assistant attorney general, litigating numerous cases involving at-risk children and their families. She also formerly served as a NAPIL fellow, as counsel for the Passamaquoddy Tribe's Indian Housing Authority and as a solo practitioner in Washington County, Maine. Ms. Eee is a member of the Maine State Bar Association, the Ballou Inn of Court, the National Organization of Bar Counsel and various county bar associations.

Hon. Diane Finkle is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Rhode Island in Providence, appointed on Sept. 6, 2012. Prior to her appointment, she practiced bankruptcy and state receivership law for 30 years with Winograd Shine Land & Finkle, P.C. and was a law clerk to Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Thomas F. Kelleher. Judge Finkle has represented debtors, secured creditors and creditors' committees in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and has served as counsel to bankruptcy trustees. In addition, she served as a court-appointed receiver for various manufacturing, service and retail businesses and commercial and residential real estate developments in numerous state court receivership proceedings. Judge Finkle is a former member of the Committee on Debtor and Creditor Rights of the Rhode Island Bar Association, and she had been continually listed in the *Best Lawyers* editions for Rhode Island Bankruptcy and Insolvency practitioners since 2007, as well as in the New England edition of *Super Lawyers*. She also provided legal and other services on a volunteer pro bono basis, and was honored in 2008 with a Partners in Philanthropy Award from the Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Professional Fund Raisers. Judge Finkle is admitted to the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Bars and is a member of the American Bar and the Rhode Island Bar Associations, the Rhode Island Women's Bar Association, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. She previously served on the Rhode Island Bankruptcy Court Local Rules

Committee and as chair of the Rhode Island Disciplinary Board. Judge Finkle received her B.A. from Colorado University and the University of Rhode Island, and her J.D. from George Washington National Law Center at George Washington University with highest honors.

Deirdre Keady is the senior staff attorney at Harmon Law Offices, P.C. in Newton, Mass., and has represented creditors in bankruptcy court for more than 20 years. She is a member of both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire bars, practicing exclusively in the bankruptcy courts. Prior to joining Harmon Law Offices in 1997, she worked as a bankruptcy and foreclosure attorney at Korde & Associates in Chelmsford, Mass., and before that she was self-employed as the founder of Merrimack Title Company. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from Manhattanville College and her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

Hon. Louis H. Kornreich is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Bangor. He was appointed on April 3, 2001, served as chief judge from July of 2004-11 and was redesignated as Chief Judge on July 1, 2013. Judge Kornreich is a member of the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, the First Circuit's representative on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, and a visiting judge in the District of New Hampshire. Before his appointment to the bench, he was a senior partner and head of the commercial law and bankruptcy section at the law firm of Gross, Minsky & Mogul PA in Bangor, Maine. Judge Kornreich is a member of ABI and the American Bar Association and is a past president of the Penobscot County Bar Association. He is also a frequent lecturer at programs on commercial and bankruptcy law.

David B. Madoff is a bankruptcy attorney with Madoff & Khoury LLP in Foxborough, Mass. Previously, he practiced with the New York law firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed and was a partner with Cohn Khoury Madoff & Whitesell LLP in Boston. He has also served on the panel of chapter 7 trustees for the District of Massachusetts, Eastern Division since 1997. In 2005, Mr. Madoff received the Volunteer Lawyers Project's Denis Maguire Pro Bono Award for his commitment to the representation of the indigent, and from 2005-12, he was named by *Law & Politics* and the publishers of *Boston Magazine* as a Massachusetts and New England "Super Lawyer." He received his B.A. from Columbia University and his J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

Stacie D. McHale is the law clerk for Chief Judge Frank J. Bailey in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of Massachusetts in Boston. She was admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2005 and the District Court for the District of Massachusetts in 2006. Previously, Ms. McHale served as term law clerk for Hon. Joel B. Rosenthal in the District of Massachusetts from August 2005-August 2006 and as law clerk for Hon. Arthur N. Votolato in the District of Rhode Island from October 2010-August 2011. Ms. McHale was an associate with Madoff & Khoury LLP, where she primarily represented consumer debtors in both chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcies and acted as counsel in various chapter 7 trustee matters. She is a member of the Boston Bar Association, IWIRC and ABI, and she received her B.A. from Harvard University and her J.D. from Vermont Law School.

William J. McLeod is the *pro se* law clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts, operating out of all three divisional offices: Boston, Springfield and Worcester. He helps *pro se* debtors and creditors navigate through the bankruptcy process and works with local bar leaders throughout the state on *pro bono* programs for indigent and disadvantaged persons. Mr. McLeod is a member of the Bankruptcy Section of the Boston Bar Association, where he was past co-chair of the Consumer and Education Committees, and he is co-chair of ABI's Northeast Consumer Forum. Before assuming his role as *pro se* law clerk, he practiced consumer bankruptcy law in Boston, authored articles for the *ABI Journal* and wrote ABI's *Chapter 13 in 13 Chapters* (2009). He is a graduate of Salve Regina College (n.k.a. Salve Regina University) and Western New England College School of Law (n.k.a. Western New England University).

James F. Molleur is the senior partner of the Molleur Law Office in Biddeford, Maine, where he represents primarily consumer and small business debtors. He has lectured and written materials on bankruptcy issues for ABI, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Federal District Court Conference and the National Business Institute. He is certified in consumer bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification and is a member of the York County and Maine State Bar Associations, ABI and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He was admitted to the Maine and Federal District Court Bar in 1979 and to the First Circuit in 1998. Mr. Molleur received his B.A. in economics *magna cum laude* from Bowdoin College in 1976 and his J.D. from the University of Maine Law in 1979.

Walter Oney is a solo practitioner in Fitchburg, Mass. After graduating law school, Mr. Oney clerked for Justice Francis J. Quirico in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and later joined the firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish as an associate attorney in its business department. He devotes a significant portion of his practice to *pro bono* representation of low-income bankruptcy clients through the Volunteer Lawyers Service of the Massachusetts Justice Project, and he received the 2006 Denis Maguire Pro Bono Award and the 2010 Equal Justice VLS Bankruptcy Award for his work. Mr. Oney earned his B.S. and Master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he was a member of the winning team in the Tom C. Clark Moot Court competition and a Case Comment editor of the *Suffolk University Law Review*.

John Rao is an attorney with the National Consumer Law Center in Boston, where he focuses on consumer credit and bankruptcy issues, and he has served as a panelist and instructor at numerous bankruptcy and consumer law trainings and conferences. He is a contributing author and editor of NCLC's *Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, co-author of NCLC's *Foreclosures*, and author of *Bankruptcy Basics*, *Guide to Surviving Debt* and *NCLC Reports: Bankruptcy and Foreclosures Edition*. He is also a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and the *Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*, and has authored articles for the *ABI Journal*. Mr. Rao serves as a member of the federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules, appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts in 2006, and has served as an expert witness and testified in Congress. He is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, vice president of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and a former ABI Board mem-

ber. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Boston College School of Law. Mr. Rao is a graduate of Boston University and received his J.D. from the University of California.

Jacob T. Simon is a consumer bankruptcy attorney at Liss Law, LLC in Brookline, Mass., where his practice is devoted entirely to bankruptcy work and related matters. He is an active participant in the Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court's Pro Se Debtors Clinics and the Volunteer Lawyers Project, and is a member of ABI and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Mr. Simon received his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

Christopher J. Somma is an attorney with Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston, where he is a member of its consumer financial services litigation, financial restructuring and gaming, gambling and sweepstakes law groups. He regularly defends against lender-liability claims typically involving the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), various state consumer protection statutes, the Bankruptcy Code and predatory lending statutes. He also regularly advises clients on foreclosure-related issues, proof-of-claim objections, motions for relief in bankruptcy courts, Rule 2004 exams and other chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 issues. Mr. Somma is a member of the Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire Bar Associations and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the District of New Hampshire and the District of Massachusetts, as well as the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his B.A. in religion and sociology from Bates College in 2001 and his J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2006.

Steven Weiss is a partner with Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. in Springfield, Mass., where he focuses on bankruptcy and creditors' rights. From 1986-94, he was an associate and then a partner at the firm of Cooley, Shrair, P.C. Prior to that, he served as a law clerk to Hon. Arthur J. Spector, a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, from 1984-86. He has also been a member of the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the District of Massachusetts since November 1987. Mr. Weiss is the author of several articles that have appeared in publications such as *The Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, *The Banking Law Journal* and *The Robert Morris Journal*. He is a member of the Massachusetts and Hampden County Bar Associates, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, and he has conducted several seminars and workshops for ABI and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education on a variety of bankruptcy topics. Mr. Weiss received his B.A. from Michigan State University in 1980 and his J.D. from Boston University in 1984.

Anne J. White is Of Counsel to Demeo & Associates, P.C. in Boston, where she represents debtors and secured and unsecured creditors in chapter 7, 11 and 13 proceedings. Previously, she was a partner at Klieman, Lyons, Schindler & Gross, where she worked for nearly 20 years. Ms. White is a chapter 7 and chapter 11 trustee in both individual and corporate cases by special appointment of the U.S. Trustee's office. Since 2002, *Boston Magazine* has featured Ms. White as one of a select few bankruptcy lawyers named to its annual "Best Lawyers" listing. She is also a frequent lecturer and author on a variety of bankruptcy topics and has written multiple articles for Massachusetts Legal Continuing Education. Ms. White is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the First Circuit Court of Ap-

peals. From 2003 through 2005, she served as co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section, where she participated in scores of substantive programs regarding bankruptcy law and bankruptcy law statutory changes. Ms. White received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from St. Lawrence University in 1975, her M.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1977 and her J.D. from Boston University Law School in 1980.