

# Faculty Biographies

**Joel D. Applebaum** is a member of Clark Hill, PLC's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Practice Group in Detroit, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, creditors' rights and bankruptcy-related litigation and appeals. He has represented debtors, creditor and equity committees, customers and vendors, purchasers of distressed assets, and trustees in and outside of Michigan, and has argued cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Third and Sixth Circuits. A member of the Michigan, Washington, New York and Federal Bar Associations, Mr. Applebaum is also a past co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Creditors' Rights Committee. He has authored numerous articles on bankruptcy and creditors' rights topics for various continuing legal education organizations, and is a co-author of the chapter on creditors' committees for the multi-volume bankruptcy treatise *Chapter 11 Theory and Practice: A Guide to Reorganization*, published by LRP Publications. Mr. Applebaum received his J.D. with honors from Wayne State University Law School in 1983, and his B.A. with honors from Michigan State University in 1979.

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**Hon. Janet S. Baer** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. Previously, she was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the country. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters, and she also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. She is currently the judicial chair of ABI's Chicago Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a board member of the Chicago chapter of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and a member of the Chicago Bench/Bar Liaison Committee. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

**Peggy Barlett** is a member of the Corporate/Health Care teams in Godfrey & Kahn, SC's Madison, Wis., office, where she assists various health care-related organizations in health care corporate transactions and contracting. She also has experience in the firm's Business Finance and Restructuring practice group. Ms. Barlett has dealt with commercial financing transactions, as well as insolvency proceedings, including bankruptcies, receiverships and workouts. In these capacities,

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**Hon. Timothy A. Barnes** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed May 16, 2012. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner in the Restructuring and Insolvency group of the international law firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP at its New York and London offices, where he practiced corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency law in large and complex matters. Judge Barnes began his career as a law clerk to Hon. William A. Clark, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio (ret.), and was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Chicago. He is licensed to practice in Illinois, New York and Ohio, and is a licensed solicitor in England and Wales. Judge Barnes is a Fellow of INSOL International, graduating (with honors) from the Global Insolvency Practice Course in 2011. He is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy and international insolvency issues, and teaches on the subject of corporate restructuring as an adjunct professor of law. Judge Barnes is a graduate of Miami University and received his master's degree from Ohio State University Graduate School and his J.D. from Ohio State University School of Law.

**Margaret A. Burks** is a chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, appointed in July 1992. She is a former chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee and a board member of the National Association of Ch. 13 Trustees. A frequent speaker, Ms. Burks is a former counsel of PNC Bank and clerked for Hon. J. Vincent Aug, Jr. She received her B.A. and B.S. *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and her J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law 1985, where she was a member of the *Northern Kentucky Law Review*.

**Hon. Donald R. Cassling** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, sworn in on Jan. 18, 2012. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Jenner & Block and at Quarles & Brady in Chicago, where he had a national practice in commercial and patent-infringement law, as well as bankruptcy litigation. Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for Chief Judge John R. Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before returning to Chicago to practice law. Judge Cassling has written and lectured extensively on the UCC, banking law and commercial litigation and has testified as an expert witness on the Illinois UCC. He is a co-author of *Illinois Practice: Uniform Commercial Code with Illinois Code Comments* (Thomson/West 2007) and *Illinois Practice: Uniform Commercial Code Forms Annotated* (Thomson/West 2006), and is the author of the "Joinder, Consolidation, and Severance" chapter of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, 3rd Edition* (ABA Section of Litigation/West 2011). From 2003-11, Judge Cassling wrote "Banking Briefs," a banking litigation column for *The Banking Law Journal*, and served as a member of its board of editors. He has participated as a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and was selected as an *Illinois Super Lawyer* from 2009-12. Judge Cassling earned his A.B. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

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**Stuart A. Gold** is a shareholder in the law firm of Gold Lange & Majoros, PC in Southfield, Mich. He is board certified by the American Board of Certification in both Consumer and Business Bankruptcy Law, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and has been appointed a Life Delegate by the Federal Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is currently serving on

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**Hon. James D. Gregg** is the Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids. He was first appointed by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on June 1, 1987, and was reappointed to a second 14-year term in 2001. Judge Gregg served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (2004-07) and has continued to serve on a *pro tem* basis. Prior to his appointment, he specialized in commercial law, bankruptcy and corporate reorganizations, was a partner of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett in Grand Rapids, Mich., and was designated in *The Best Lawyers in America* (1987). He also was a visiting judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of Florida (1997-99, 2001) and the Eastern District of Michigan (1997-99, 2001-03). From 2002-03, Judge Gregg was the president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and previously served as its treasurer and member of the executive committee. He has served for six years on the board of directors of ABI, for which he also served as treasurer. Judge Gregg is a co-author of *Michigan Practice Guide: Enforcing Judgments and Debts* and is a contributing editor to *Norton Bankruptcy Law & Practice 2d*. He previously taught bankruptcy law courses at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and is a Fellow (Class VIII) in the American College of Bankruptcy. He has also been an education chair, speaker and panelist at more than 100 educational seminars for many organizations nationwide. Judge Gregg received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, his master's degree from Central Michigan University and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Wayne State University.

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**Hon. Arthur I. Harris** was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland on Oct. 7, 2002. He also currently serves as a judge on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit and on the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Following law school, Judge Harris clerked for Hon. John M. Manos, a U.S. District Judge in Cleveland. He then served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for 18 years until his appointment to the bench. Judge Harris's practice in the U.S. Attorney's office covered a wide variety of federal litigation, although he focused on environmental law and bankruptcy. From 1991-93, he served as an adjunct faculty member at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1979 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1982, where he was a member of the *Michigan Law Review*.

**Hon. Pamela S. Hollis** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed to a 14-year term on Jan. 27, 2003. Before taking the bench, she concentrated her practice in business bankruptcy matters for more than 20 years as a partner in private practice with Hollis and Johnson, Hinshaw and Culbertson and the Law Offices of Pamela Hollis. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Hollis practiced with Hinshaw and Culbertson in Chicago for 10 years, focusing on commercial litigation and initiating the firm's bankruptcy practice. She then founded Hollis and Johnson, serving on the private panel of bankruptcy trustees for the Northern District of Illinois. A substantial portion of her trial and appellate work centered on representing asbestos victims in mass tort bankruptcies. Judge Hollis was a member of the Private Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees for the Northern Employment District of Illinois from 1988-2003 and is currently a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Florida Bar Association, the Union League Club of Chicago, the Federal Bar Association and ABI. She also served on the Executive Committee to implement

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**Hon. Jeffrey R. Hughes** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed in January 2000. He practiced with the law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP for 20 years prior to his appointment, specializing in bankruptcy law and litigation with a particular emphasis on bankruptcy-related litigation and complex commercial litigation. While in practice, Judge Hughes had been annually recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a regular speaker at seminars, including those sponsored by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and ABI. In addition, he appears as a guest instructor each semester at Cooley Law School's Grand Rapids campus and has participated in Michigan State University Law School's externship program by offering to selected students an advanced seminar in bankruptcy and the art of judging. Judge Hughes received his B.A. with high distinction in economics from the University of Michigan in 1977 and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Michigan in 1980, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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**Hon. J. Philip Klingeberger** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Indiana in Hammond, appointed on June 16, 2003. From 1975-85, he was in private practice in northwest Indiana, and from 1986-2003, he was the Assistant U.S. Attorney at the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Klingeberger received his B.A. from Grinnell College in 1972 and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law.

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**Hon. Keith M. Lundin** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee in Nashville, where he has been serving since 1982. He also served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit from 1997-99. Judge Lundin has been an adjunct professor for Vanderbilt University School of Law and Emory University School of Law, and a visiting professor for the University of

New Mexico School of Law. He is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference and has also been the assistant editor for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, a contributing editor for *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice* and managing editor for the *Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*. He co-authored *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy*.

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**Hon. Marci B. McIvor** was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit on March 14, 2003. She was previously in private practice until 1986, when she joined the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Michigan. As an assistant attorney general, she represented the Michigan Department of Treasury and other state agencies in bankruptcy matters. She was appointed to the Sixth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in February 2008 and made Chief Judge of the BAP in February 2012. Judge McIvor frequently speaks on consumer bankruptcy issues for ABI, ICLE and the Consumer Bar Association. She received her B.A. from Harvard in 1978 and her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School.

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