

Faculty Biographies

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Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington and served as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He also serves as the Bankruptcy Judge representative on the Third Circuit Judicial Council. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, began his legal career clerking for Hon. Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge Carey is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, sits on ABI's Board of Directors and is president of the Turnaround Management Association. In addition, he is a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Space and Facilities and the Council's Facilities and Security Committee, and he is a part-time adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program. Judge Carey is a contributing author to the *Collier Forms Manual* and *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.

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Hon. Shelley C. Chapman was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York on March 5, 2010. Previously, she was a partner in the Business Reorganization and Restructuring Department of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, where she represented both creditors and debtors in major business reorganizations and restructurings as Willkie's first female partner. She served on the firm's Professional Personnel Committee and *Pro Bono* Committee, and founded its Women's Professional Development Committee. With more than 25 years of experience as a litigator and bankruptcy practitioner, Judge Chapman was named one of the country's leading restructuring professionals by the *K&A Restructuring Register* from 2003-05 and has played major roles in many of the country's largest bankruptcies. Prior to joining Willkie in 2001, Judge Chapman was a partner at Sidley & Austin and served as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School from 1985-86. Judge Chapman is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and served on the Educational Program Committee for NCBJ 2012. Prior to her appointment, she served on the Executive Committee of the UJA-Federation of New York's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Group and on the Advisory Board of ABI's New York City Bankruptcy Conference, and she has been ac-

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Hon. Daniel P. Collins is a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed Jan. 18, 2013. Previously, he was a shareholder with the law firm of Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C., in downtown Phoenix, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial transactions. Judge Collins served on the State Bar of Arizona's Subcommittee on the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. He was also the 1995-96 chairman of the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona and was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Collins is a frequent speaker on such topics as professionalism and civility, fraudulent transfers, discharge litigation, trial practice, reaffirmation agreements, the intersection of bankruptcy and marital dissolution, receiverships, bankruptcy sales, bankruptcy claims classification, trustee representation, pensions in bankruptcy, bankruptcy appeals and debtor/creditor law. He is a member of ABI, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the State Bar of Arizona and the Maricopa County Bar Association, and currently serves on the board of the Federal Bar Association's Phoenix Chapter. He is also member of the University of Arizona Law School Board of Visitors and was one of the founders of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inns of Court. Judge Collins received both his B.S. in finance and accounting in 1980 and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Arizona.

Hon. Katherine A. Constantine is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota based in Minneapolis. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner in the Finance and Restructuring Department of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, for which she chaired its Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice

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