

Faculty Biographies

Michael H. Ahrens is a partner in Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP's Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in San Francisco, where he specializes in business bankruptcies. He has represented debtors, creditors, creditors' committees and asset purchasers in a wide variety of industries. He has also represented lenders, creditors and committees in bankruptcies and workouts. Mr. Ahrens has served as director for the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum and is a former co-chair of the California Bankruptcy Conference's Committee to the Ninth Circuit, as well as a member of the Northern District of California Bankruptcy Advisory Committee, and has been appointed as a mediator for the past 20 years in the Northern District of California's Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Program. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and has been listed as a leading bankruptcy lawyer in *Chambers USA* from 2004-present and in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2003. Mr. Ahrens received both his B.A. in 1967 and his J.D. in 1969 from the University of San Francisco.

Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed in February 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Ballinger served as an Arizona Superior Court judge in a number of capacities, including associate presiding judge, presiding criminal judge and presiding juvenile judge. In 2000, the Arizona Supreme Court appointed Judge Ballinger to preside over both the Gila River Stream Adjudication and the Little Colorado River Adjudication. He has been a member of the Arizona Judicial College, serving as dean from 2010-11, and of Arizona's Judicial Performance Review Commission. A frequent speaker and author, his most recent publications address the legal ramifications of the judge-created economic loss rule to civil litigation. Judge Ballinger received his J.D. and M.B.A. from Ohio State University in 1979 and his LL.M. in taxation from New York University in 1981.

Craig A. Barbarosh is a partner with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Costa Mesa, Calif., where his practice focuses on financial restructuring, bankruptcy, insolvency and related corporate law. He has worked with institutional lenders, investment and private-equity funds, indenture trustees and bondholders, official and unofficial creditors' and equity committees, distressed-debt investors, trade creditors, real property and equipment lessors involving commercial, real estate and intellectual property, collateral and debtors in and out of insolvency proceedings. He represents clients in financial and operational restructurings throughout the U.S. in a variety of industries, and he serves on the firm's executive committee and board of directors. Mr. Barbarosh is a frequent speaker and serves as an independent director on the boards of Quality Systems, Inc., where he chairs the Nominating and Governance Committee and is a member of the Transaction and Compensation Committees, and of Sabra Healthcare REIT, Inc., for which he chairs its Audit Committee and is a member of its Compensation Committee. He received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara and his J.D. with distinction from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Bruce T. Beesley was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Reno on Jan. 3, 2011. Prior to his appointment, he was a practicing attorney for approximately 30 years, specializing in bankruptcy and civil litigation matters. He began his bankruptcy career in 1980 and has represented creditors' committees, trustees, debtors and creditors in bankruptcy. Judge Beesley's practice has also included civil and business litigation, as well as expert advice or testimony regarding bankruptcy and secured transactions. He has taught and been a presenter at several semi-

nars regarding various bankruptcy-related topics, and has co-authored several articles in business publications. Judge Beesley was board-certified in Creditors' Rights Law by the American Board of Certification in 2003. He is a member of ABI and a judicial chair of ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, and he has served as a lawyer representative for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. He was also a member of the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Nevada from 2000-10 and president from 2008-09. Judge Beesley is a Master Emeritus member and past president of the Bruce R. Thompson American Inns of Court. He received his B.S. in 1975 from the University of Nevada, Reno and his J.D. in 1978 from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

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Steven M. Berman is a partner in the Tampa, Fla., office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, where he practices in the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice group. Mr. Berman has more than 24 years of bankruptcy experience and has focused his practice as a business bankruptcy litigator representing creditors, trustees, committees and business entities. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Creditors' Rights and Business Bankruptcy Law, and is a member of both the Florida and California Bar Associations. Mr. Berman is an active member of ABI and serves on ABI's advisory boards for the Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, Bankruptcy Battleground West and Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar. He has also served as the Special Projects/Task Force Leader for ABI's Public Companies and Claims Trading Committee, and he is a member of the California Bankruptcy Forum, the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum, for which he serves on its board of directors. He is a frequent lecturer for ABI, the California Bankruptcy Forum and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum, and he also guest lectures for the Advanced Bankruptcy Seminars at the University of Florida Levin College of Law as well as Stetson University College of Law. Mr. Berman received his B.S. in multi-national business operations from Florida State University and his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Mikel R. Bistrow is a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP in San Diego, where she focuses on commercial finance and lending, real and personal property secured transactions, Uniform Commercial Code, creditors' collection and related remedies, bankruptcy, insolvency and work-outs. She represents lenders and borrowers in documenting, negotiating and enforcing real and personal property loans and secured transactions, including revolving lines of credit, asset-based and real property

secured loans, securitized credits and construction financing. Ms. Bistrow is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and serves on its Board of Directors. She is a frequent speaker and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1995 and in *The Best Lawyers in San Diego* in April 2001, and from 2005-14 and was named “2012 San Diego Litigation Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year” by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Ms. Bistrow is admitted to practice in California and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern, Northern, Central and Eastern Districts of California, the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Bistrow graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

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J. Scott Bovitz is an attorney with Bovitz & Spitzer in Los Angeles, where he focuses on bankruptcy litigation. He was an adjunct professor of Law at Loyola Law School from 1982-87, where he taught bankruptcy law, debtor/creditor law and the Uniform Commercial Code. Mr. Bovitz is a frequent lecturer and author and coordinating editor of the *ABI Journal*’s Chapter 8 column, and he has been a mediator for California’s bankruptcy mediation program since 1995. He is board-certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and was selected in 2013 as a “Top Rated Lawyer in Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy” by Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media. He has also been a Southern California “Super Lawyer” since 2004. Mr. Bovitz is admitted to practice in California and before the U.S. Tax Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He received his B.A. with high honors in economics and political science from the University of California in 1977, his J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1980 and his Diploma in Taxation from the University of San Diego in 1983.

Hon. Peter W. Bowie is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of California in San Diego, first appointed on March 2, 1988, and re-appointed on March 2, 2002. Following law school, he was a trial attorney in the Honors Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, followed by 14 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, the last six of which he served as the Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney. While a lawyer, and then as a judge, Judge Bowie served on the Review Department of the state bar court concerned with attorney discipline. In 1995, he was appointed by the late Chief Justice Rehnquist to the Codes of Conduct Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. After serving on the committee for eight years, he was appointed by the Judicial Conference as a liaison to the ABA's Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, which concluded its work in 2007. In the fall of 2009, he was appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee of the ABA's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. Judge Bowie is on the executive board and is a Master of the Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court (No. 9), a founding board member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego and a member of Rotary Club #33. Judge Bowie graduated from Wake Forest College (now University) in 1964, served four years in the U.S. Navy with two Vietnam tours, then attended the University of San Diego School of Law, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1971.

C.R. "Chip" Bowles, Jr. is a partner in the law firm of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in Louisville, Ky., where he concentrates his practice in the areas of distressed-asset sales, professional compensation, representation of non-attorney professionals, and debtor and creditor rights. Prior to serving as law clerk to Hon. Henry H. Dickinson, he was an associate with the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris and Author in Cincinnati. Mr. Bowles is a former ABI director (2008-13), and he is vice chair of ABI's National Ethics Task Force and chair of its Fee and Retention subcommittee. Mr. Bowles also chaired ABI's Chapter 11 Professional Fee Study, formerly co-chaired ABI's Professional Compensation Committee and was a contributing editor of the *ABI Journal's* Straight and Narrow column. He currently co-chairs ABI's Individual Chapter 11 Study and sits on the American Board of Certification's board of directors. Mr. Bowles lectures and writes extensively on bankruptcy law and authored *Getting Paid: Retention and Compensation in Bankruptcy Cases—A Guide for Non-Attorney Professionals and the Attorneys Who Represent Them*, now in its Second Edition (ABI, 2010). He is also a past editor of *The Broken Bench and Bar*, the newsletter of the Kentucky Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section

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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 also chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona from 1995-96 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. Laurel E. Davis is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Las Vegas, sworn in on July 12, 2013. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Davis practiced law for 26 years in Nevada and Arizona, representing individuals, trustees, committees and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation, commercial litigation, mediation, arbitration, workouts and restructuring. She also

served as a chapter 11 trustee. Judge Davis specialized in high-net-worth chapter 11 debtors as well as sensitive matters involving ethics issues, disgorgement and show-cause orders issued to companies, law firms and attorneys. She is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and holds an AV-Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Judge Davis has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers of America* since 2005 in Bankruptcy Creditors-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and she chaired the Nevada State Bar Bankruptcy Section in 2010 and 2011. In 2012 and 2013, she was recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as among the “Top 250 Women in Litigation in the Nation” and as a “2012 Rising Star.” While in practice, Judge Davis provided pro bono service to indigent clients through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, for which she serves on the executive committee of its Mid-Case Bankruptcy Panel. She has also served as a Nevada Transitioning Into Practice mentor, as well as on numerous bench/bar committees for bankruptcy and U.S. district courts. A 1999 graduate of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Las Vegas Program, Judge Davis received her B.S. in hotel administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1983 and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1987.

Tracy Hope Davis is the U.S. Trustee for northern and eastern California and Nevada, and is based in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment, she served as U.S. Trustee for Region 2 in New York, Connecticut and Vermont. Ms. Davis joined the U.S. Trustee Program in 1997 as a trial attorney before being named as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Southern District of New York. She has also served as the Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn) and the Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 2. Previously, she practiced bankruptcy law in New York City and clerked for Hon. Cornelius Blackshear (ret.). She received her J.D. from Rutgers Law School and her B.A. from Wells College.

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