

# Faculty Biographies

**Troy J. Aramburu** is a partner with Snell & Wilmer, LLP in Salt Lake City, where he concentrates his practice in bankruptcy and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on issues surrounding creditors' rights, workouts, reorganizations and liquidations. Mr. Aramburu has represented numerous creditors in large chapter 11 bankruptcies around the country, and has represented chapter 11 debtors before bankruptcy courts in Utah, Georgia and Delaware. He was named one of *Utah Business Magazine's* 2008 Legal Elite in the areas of bankruptcy and workouts. Mr. Aramburu earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Weber State University and his J.D. *cum laude* from Brigham Young University.

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**Jason S. Brookner** is a member of Looper Reed & McGraw, PC's Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy practice in Dallas, where he represents and advises companies, buyers, creditors, trustees, committees, lenders and other constituents in all aspects of distressed, insolvency and restructuring scenarios. He has broad experience representing debtors, trustees, committees, individual creditors and sellers/purchasers of assets. Mr. Brookner has been profiled as one of the leading "Bankruptcy/Restructuring Lawyers in Texas" by *Chambers USA* (2005-13) and as a "Texas Super Lawyer" in *Texas Monthly* (2004, 2008-11), and has been named one of "Best Business Lawyers in Dallas in Bankruptcy" by *D Magazine* (2009). He was a law clerk to Hon. Charles N. Clevert, Jr., formerly the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Mr. Brookner chaired the Dallas Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section (2007), as well as co-chaired ABI's Commercial Fraud Committee (2010-12). He currently co-chairs ABI's Technology and IP Committee and is a frequent speaker and writer on bankruptcy issues. Mr. Brookner received his B.A. from the University of New York at Binghamton and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was the articles editor of the *Hofstra Property Law Journal*.

**Hon. Sidney B. Brooks** was appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge on Jan. 4, 1988, for the District of Colorado in Denver and served as Chief Judge from February 2003 to January 2007. In addition, Judge Brooks lectures, teaches courses, conducts seminars and writes for numerous professional organizations, schools and publications. Judge Brooks has been assisting with the development of judicial training and court-management programs on behalf of various government and nongovernment organizations, including the U.S. Russia Foundation, Library of Congress' Open World Leadership Program, the Central and East European Law Initiative, the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference, the U.S. Department of State and The World Bank. He has also worked with and advised judicial officials from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, the People's Republic of China, Poland, Romania, Macedonia, Thailand, Mexico, India, Canada, Armenia, Egypt, Brazil, Argentina and the Czech Republic with regard to international and commercial and insolvency law, as well as court administration and judicial affairs. Judge Brooks has been a member of or served as an officer or board member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Rotary Club of Denver, Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law, Denver Committee on Foreign Relations, ABI and the U.S. Russia Foundation. Judge Brooks previously served as assistant attorney general for Colorado and was in private practice for 16 years, with an emphasis on bankruptcy and reorganizations, litigation, commercial transactions and general business law. He is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law.

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**Vernon L. Calder** is a director and head of the bankruptcy tax practice of Berkeley Research Group, LLC in Salt Lake City. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Insolvency and Reorganization Advisor, and for the last 20 years he has specialized in bankruptcy tax compliance and planning. His practice focuses on special tax issues in corporate, partnership and individual bankruptcy, the formation of and tax compliance for liquidating trusts, the representation of taxpayers before federal and state taxing authorities, tax consulting with regard to change-of-ownership issues, tax consulting and compliance for U.S. companies operating internationally, tax consulting and compliance for corporations with multistate income using the "water's edge" method, analysis of deductible ordinary and necessary business expenses and the supervising of tax compliance for high-technology companies. Mr. Calder is a frequent author and speaker, and he co-authored *2005 Bankruptcy Revision, Implications for Business and Financial Advisors*, published jointly by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors in 2005. He received his B.S. and M.P.A. from Brigham Young University.

**Hon. A. Bruce Campbell** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado in Denver. Following law school, Judge Campbell entered private practice with the law firm of Davis, Graham & Stubbs in Denver, where he worked from 1971-85. In 1985, he moved to the Denver law firm of Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, where he practiced until his appointment to the bankruptcy bench in 2001. Judge Campbell received his B.A. in sociology from the University of Colorado in 1967 and his J.D. from Cornell University in 1970.

**Kenneth L. Cannon, II** is a shareholder in the law firm of Durham Jones & Pinegar in Salt Lake City, where he specializes in commercial bankruptcy law and is head of the firm's bankruptcy section. Mr. Cannon has represented debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, shareholders, trustees and examiners in workouts, chapter 11 reorganization cases and chapter 7 cases. Besides acting as a mediator in the resolution of substantial disputes, he has advised clients with respect to bankruptcy issues in a variety of commercial transactions, including securitization of assets and structured financings, and has issued critical opinions related to those transactions. Admitted to practice in Utah and New York, he has served on several federal court committees and currently serves as chair of the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah. For a number of years, he was an adjunct faculty member at J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, where he co-taught debtor/creditor and chapter 11 reorganization courses. Mr. Cannon has served on the Advisory Board of ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* since the mid-1990s. He also was named *Best Lawyers'* "2010 Salt Lake City Lawyer of the Year in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Law," is a published author and a frequent lecturer at seminars on a variety of bankruptcy topics, and has contributed chapters to leading bankruptcy treatises. Mr. Cannon received his B.A. *summa cum laude*, his M.A. in American history and his J.D. *cum laude* from Brigham Young University, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. In 1985, he served as a senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Helsinki, where he conducted research on Scandinavian insolvency law.

**Hon. Leif M. Clark** is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio, appointed in 1987. He has authored more than 300 opinions, some of which have been seminal decisions on emerging issues in both consumer and business bankruptcy. In addition, Judge Clark has published scholarly articles in law reviews, including a series on bankruptcy jurisprudence in the Fifth Circuit in the *Texas Tech University Law Review*. Judge Clark testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission regarding Article III issues relating to bankruptcy and has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy issues at seminars nationwide. In addition, he served as an ABI director and officer for many years and was instrumental in the formation of ABI's Endowment Fund. Judge Clark is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He has taught short courses in American constitutional law to foreign students as part of the International Master of Laws Program for McGeorge School of Law, in Salzburg, Austria. He also helped to design and then administer a judicial training program for USAID, training judges in Poland, Romania, Latvia and the Ukraine, and taught basic and advanced courses in bankruptcy law for the University of Texas School of Law as an adjunct professor. Judge Clark participated in the development of international insolvency regimes, serving as part of the advisory committee to the U.S. delegation to UNCITRAL's drafting of the Model Cross Border Insolvency Law. In addition, he served on ABA's delegation to UNCITRAL as it developed its legislative guide for insolvency law, participating in working group sessions in Vienna, Austria. He also was an active participant in the working group that developed the Transnational Insolvency Guide for ALI-ABA. Judge Clark completed his undergraduate work with honors at the University of Maryland in College Park, obtained a master of divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and received his J.D. from the University of Houston School of Law, where he graduated with honors and was a published editor in the *Houston Law Review*.

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ings, as well as workouts and restructurings outside of court. He provides bankruptcy advice in conjunction with a variety of commercial transactions. He also has experience in oil and gas, debtor/creditor, and commercial litigation. Mr. Cohen is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Colorado and Wyoming. He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* from the Colorado College of Business Administration and his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School.

**Kathryn A. Coleman** is a partner in Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP's New York office and a member of its Corporate Reorganization group. She has more than 25 years of experience representing companies in restructuring matters, both in and out of court. In addition, she represents equity sponsors and financial and strategic buyers in the restructuring arena. Ms. Coleman has substantial expertise in advising boards of directors on corporate governance and fiduciary duty matters. She co-chairs ABI's annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program and frequently speaks on bankruptcy law and distressed investing. Named one of the "100 Most Influential Women in Business" by the *San Francisco Business Times*, she is ranked by *Chambers USA* as a leading restructuring lawyer. Ms. Coleman graduated *magna cum laude* from Pomona College and earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law (U.C. Berkeley), and subsequently clerked for Hon. C. Martin Pence, U.S. District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

**Tom H. Connolly** is an attorney at Connolly, Rosania & Lofstedt, PC in Louisville, Colo. He founded the firm in 1993, currently serves on the boards of directors of several industrial corporations and was formerly a director of Colorado National Bank in Glenwood Springs, Colo. Mr. Connolly's practice includes extensive experience in chapter 11 matters, including service as debtor's counsel, creditors' committee counsel and chapter 11 trustee. In addition to serving private clients, he has been a member of the panel of trustees for the District of Colorado. Mr. Connolly is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Colorado School of Law. He is also a frequent speaker at bankruptcy seminars and events and is chairman of the Bankruptcy Liaison Committee of the Faculty of Federal Advocates for the District of Colorado. He is licensed to practice law in Colorado, California and Ohio. Mr. Connolly received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University, taught science for two years, then received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Ohio State University School of Law. While in law school, he served as the law school dean's research aide, was a member of the *Ohio State Law Journal* editorial board and was awarded the Order of the Coif and best senior article writer's award.

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**Hon. Mary Grace Diehl** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed in February 2004. Prior to taking the bench, she was a partner in the litigation section of Troutman Sanders LLP, where she chaired its Bankruptcy Practice Group. Judge Diehl has chaired the bankruptcy sections of both the Atlanta Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia, and she is a Fellow in and a member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy. She

was also president of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and chaired the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association. Judge Diehl received the “Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award” in 2008 from the International Women in Restructuring Confederation. In addition, she serves on the Certification Oversight Board for the Turnaround Management Association, is the treasurer of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, serves on ABI’s Civility Task Force, and is a trustee of Canisius College. She was also a member of Emory University’s Board of Visitors from 2008-11, where she is currently an adjunct professor of law. Judge Diehl received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and her J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

**Daniel F. Dooley** is a principal and CEO at MorrisAnderson in Chicago, where he is an operational, financial and transactional specialist. He has successfully managed projects and assumed such interim management positions as CRO, CEO, COO and CFO for publicly and privately owned companies in the manufacturing, distribution and service sectors. Mr. Dooley has negotiated numerous transactions involving sales, refinancing and recapitalization of companies. He also has experience in the development and implementation of cost-reduction and restructuring plans, as well as lender and key-supplier restructuring negotiations. Prior to joining MorrisAnderson in 1997, he served as an executive with several Fortune 500 manufacturers in both general-management and financial-management capacities, including Illinois Tool Works, an industrial manufacturer, and Allied Signal, an automotive electronics and aerospace manufacturer. In 2011, Mr. Dooley was honored with the Turnaround Management Association’s “Turnaround of the Year - Small Company” award for Analytics, Inc., an independent research laboratory in St. Louis, Mo. He has also served on boards of directors and been a key advisor to corporations and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Dooley is a Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP), a former board member and vice president of the International Turnaround Management Association, and a contributing author to *The Chief Restructuring Officer’s Guide to Bankruptcy: Views from Leading Insolvency Professionals* (ABI, 2013). He received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in finance at the Carlson School of Management from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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**Susan M. Freeman** is a partner at Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP in Phoenix, where her bankruptcy practice includes representing debtors in possession, secured and unsecured creditors, committees, trustees and asset-buyers. She served as the liquidating trustee of the Oregon Arena Corporation liquidating trust in Portland, Ore. Ms. Freeman is a Fellow and former director and vice president of

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**Hon. Joel T. Marker** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, sworn in on July 1, 2010. Previously, he was a shareholder in the Salt Lake City law firm of McKay, Burton & Thurman, where his practice focused on bankruptcy law. Judge Marker also served on the panel of chapter 7 trustees in the District of Utah (1997-2010), representing individuals and businesses in a variety of proceedings before the state and federal courts. He has served as chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Utah State Bar and as president of the Utah Bankruptcy Lawyers Forum, and he is an ABI member. Judge Marker earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and his J.D. from the University of Utah.

**Hon. R. Kimball Mosier** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed in February 2009. Prior to taking the bench, he represented and provided legal advice to debtors, creditors, bankruptcy trustees, examiners and committees. Judge Mosier served as a member of the standing panel of chapter 7 trustees of the District Court, Central Division for more than 25 years, and served as trustee in numerous chapter 11 cases. He received his B.A. in economics and his J.D. from the University of Utah.

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**Hon. Gregg W. Zive** was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Reno on Jan. 23, 1995, and was reappointed in 2009. He is admitted to the Bars of California (1973) and Nevada (1976) and to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Zive is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (inducted in 2005) and Master Emeritus of the Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is also a member of the Washoe County Bar Association (president, 1992-93), the Nevada State-Federal Judicial Council and the State Bar of Nevada Advisory Commission on Law Related Education. Judge Zive has been a member of the Ninth Circuit Public Information and Community Outreach Committee and the Ninth Circuit Standing Committee on ADR. He is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and chaired the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges from October 2005 to September 2006. Judge Zive received his B.A. in journalism from the University of Nevada in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1973, where he was a member and editor of its law review.