

# Faculty Biographies

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**Hon. Gloria M. Burns** is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey in Camden. She was initially appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge on Feb. 4, 1993, and appointed as Chief Judge in August 2012. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Burns spent 13 years in private practice. She spent four years with the firm of Teich, Groh, Robinson, Kline & Frost, where she successfully practiced in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law, and was also with the firm of Davis, Reberkenny & Abramowitz in Cherry Hill, N.J., where she practiced in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation. She then became a stockholder and director in the firm prior to her judicial appointment. Judge Burns is admitted to the state bars of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as to the District Courts of New Jersey, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Burns is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Camden County Bar Association, and received the *Honorable Cecelia H. Goetz Women in Achievement Award from the New York Institute of Credit*. She received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and her law degree from Rutgers University School of Law.

**Hon. Thomas J. Catliota** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner in the firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman and a member of its insolvency group, where he represented debtors, creditors and committees in bankruptcy courts across the country and focused on all aspects of insolvency law, with broad experience in real estate, technology, health care and other bankruptcy cases. Judge Catliota lectures frequently on many bankruptcy topics, including landlord/tenant rights in bankruptcy, the acquisition of assets from a bankruptcy estate and the law of letters of credit in bankruptcy. From 1993-96, he was the co-editor of *The Fourth Circuit and District of Columbia Bankruptcy Court Reporter*, which contained the full text, synopses and summaries of bankruptcy court opinions published in the federal courts of the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Catliota received his B.S. from Marquette University, his J.D. from Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, where he received the Faculty Award as well as other academic awards, and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.

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**Roberta A. DeAngelis** serves as the U.S. Trustee for Region 3 in Philadelphia, encompassing Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Prior to her appointment in June 2010, she served as the Acting U.S. Trustee for two years. Until June 30, 2008, she served as the Acting General Counsel for the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, and before that as the Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 3. Ms. DeAngelis joined the U.S. Trustee Program in July 1999 as the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of New Jersey, and from 2001-02 she served as the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware, where she was instrumental in opening the Wilmington, Del., office of the U.S. Trustee Program. Prior to her tenure with the Office of the U.S. Trustee, she was a partner in the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP in New Jersey, where she practiced in its creditors' rights department. She was a bankruptcy practitioner in private practice for 20 years, having started her career in a bankruptcy boutique firm representing business and consumer debtors, trustees and creditors' committees. Ms. DeAngelis is a former trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, former president of the Mercer County Bar Association and a former chair of a District Ethics Committee of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. She also previously served as a mediator of cases filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Ms. DeAngelis is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. She received her J.D. from Seton Hall University in 1978.

**Ramona D. Elliott** is general counsel and deputy director for the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Trustees in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for facilitating the formulation of the U.S. Trustee Program's national legal policies and strategies, implementing program legal priorities and resolving significant legal issues. In directing the USTP's appellate practice, she and her staff are involved in 120 appeals annually to advance consistency and uniformity in the interpretation and application of bankruptcy law, and she has worked with the Department's Office of the Solicitor General in 11 cases before the Supreme Court since 2008. Ms. Elliott was a member of the intergovernmental team responsible for negotiating the historic national mortgage settlement reached in early 2012 among the Department of Justice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 49 states and the nation's five largest mortgage servicers that addressed mortgage servicing, foreclosure and bankruptcy abuses. Her previous government experience includes

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**Hon. Richard E. Fehling** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Reading, appointed in February 2006. Prior to taking the bench, he was a shareholder with Stevens & Lee, where he co-chaired the firm's Bankruptcy/Workout Department and concentrated his practice in bankruptcy and commercial litigation, representing banks and other institutional creditors, commercial and consumer debtors, trade creditors and utilities. Judge Fehling is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and has served on its Ethics Committee Business Law Section task force on Pennsylvania insolvency laws, as well as its editorial board. He was also an active member in the Berks County Bar Association, for which he chaired the Bench-Bar, Judicial Evaluation and Bankruptcy Committees. Judge Fehling is a member of ABI and the Business and Litigation Sections of the American Bar Association, and is a lifetime member of the American Bar Foundation. He received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Dickinson School of Law, where he graduated first in his class, receiving the Walter Harrison Hitchler Award for highest cumulative grade point average through three years of law school.

**Hon. Jean K. FitzSimon** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, appointed on June 28, 2006. Prior to her appointment, she was executive vice president and general counsel with Whitehall Jewellers Inc., general counsel with Bridge Associates LLC, and chief compliance officer and vice president-law for Compliance, Business Risk and Regulatory Affairs with Sears, Roebuck and Co. Judge FitzSimon started her career in the U.S. Department of Justice supervising litigation under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, developed federal legal policy in a variety of areas and served as the U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Illinois. She spent the next several years in private practice in Phoenix. Judge FitzSimon writes and lectures on bankruptcy, governance and compliance issues. She is a member of the American Law Institute, co-chairs the ABA Business Section's Leadership Development Committee, chaired the Committee on Bankruptcy Court Structure and Insolvency Processes from 2011-14, and is vice chair of the Business Bankruptcy Committee's Subcommittee on Government Powers.

Judge FitzSimon received the ABA's Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award in 2014 for "high accomplishment in business law." She received her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School and her B.A. from St. Johns College in Annapolis, Md.

**Hon. Rosemary Gambardella** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey in Newark, sworn in on May 3, 1985, to become the first woman to serve on its bankruptcy court. She served as Chief Judge from 1998-2005. From 1980-85, Judge Gambardella was senior staff counsel to Hugh M. Leonard, then U.S. Trustee for the Districts of New Jersey and Delaware. She is a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, a member and former president of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Inn of Court and a member of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Third Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts - Gender Commission. In addition, she is a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, and is a former member of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Judge Gambardella was the bankruptcy judge representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States (2009-11) and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. She received her B.A. in history in 1976 from Rutgers University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After receiving her J.D. from Rutgers Law School-Newark in 1979, Judge Gambardella served as law clerk to the late Chief Bankruptcy Judge Vincent J. Commisa from 1979-80.

**Prof. Jackie A. Gardina** is a professor at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vt., where she specializes in bankruptcy with a special emphasis on environmental obligations in bankruptcy, as well as sexual orientation and gender-identity issues. Upon graduating from law school, she clerked for Chief Judge William Young of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and then for Hon. Levin Campbell of the First Circuit Court of Appeals. She also worked as an associate at the Boston firm of Choate, Hall and Stewart, where she practiced in its commercial litigation department. Prof. Gardina has spoken and written on the intersection of the Defense of Marriage Act and the Bankruptcy Code, including in "The Perfect Storm: Bankruptcy, Choice of Law, and Same-Sex Marriage," 86 *Boston Univ. L. Rev.* 881 (2006); *The Defense of Marriage Act, Same-Sex Relationships & the Bankruptcy Code* (Federal Judicial Center, Spring 2011); and "Same-Sex Marriages in Bankruptcy: A Path Out of the Public Policy Quagmire," 2013 *Ann. Surv. of Bankr. Law* 14 (2013). Prof. Gardina received her B.A. in political science from the University of Iowa, her M.S.W. in social work from Boston University and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from Boston College Law School.

**Alfred T. Giuliano** is the founding member of Giuliano, Miller & Company LLC in West Berlin, N.J., and has more than 35 years of experience as a certified public accountant. He holds several certifications in the areas of bankruptcy and forensic accounting and is a chapter 7 panel trustee for the District of Delaware, having administered several hundred asset cases. Mr. Giuliano has liquidated assets ranging from entire operating entities to individual assets for companies located throughout the U.S. He has also served as a court-appointed examiner, liquidating trustee and state court receiver. His more notable cases include *Hospital Partners of America*, *Getty Petroleum Marketing*, *Hard Rock Park*, *Ritz Camera*, *National Envelope*, *Think Equity*, *Evergreen Aviation* and *National Wholesale Liquidators*. Mr. Giuliano has advised many companies in formal reorganization processes and in out-of-court turnarounds and liquidations, and he has evaluated their opera-

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**Hon. Kevin Gross** is Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, initially appointed as bankruptcy judge on March 13, 2006, and named Chief Judge on July 1, 2011. Previously, he practiced general litigation, represented shareholders and was a director for Rosenthal, Monhait & Goddess PA in Wilmington, Del., which he joined in 1985. He most recently served as an ombudsman for the U.S. District Court from 1977-2006 and was a member of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Delaware Supreme Court from 2005-06. He was also the chair of the Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court of Delaware from 1995-2005. Judge Gross has been listed several times in *The Best Lawyers of America* and was awarded the first annual Caleb R. Layton III Service Award by the district court in 1996. He has mediated many cases pending in bankruptcy court, district court, Superior Court and the Court of Chancery. His recent cases include the *Los Angeles Dodgers*, *NewPage Corp.*, *Friendly's Ice Cream Corp.*, *Nortel Networks Corp.*, *Boscov's*, *Pierre Foods*, *Mervyn's Holdings*, *Sharper Image*, *Cadence Industries*, *Dynamerica Manufacturing*, *Intermet Corp.*, *Source Interlink Cos.*, *Aventine Renewable Energy*, *Fisker*, *Tuscany Holdings* and *Greenfield Energy*. Judge Gross received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware in 1974 and his J.D. in 1977 from American University Washington College of Law, where he was a member of its law review. He subsequently clerked for the Delaware Court of Chancery.

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**Hon. Michael B. Kaplan** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey in Trenton, appointed on Oct. 3, 2006. Prior to taking the bench, he served as a standing chapter 13 bankruptcy trustee. Judge Kaplan is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of International Trade and various federal district courts. He has spoken to numerous bar associations and business organizations for 25 years, including the New Jersey Judicial College, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Turnaround Management Association, New York Institute of Credit, Bloomberg, L.P., American Conference Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, National Business Institute and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He is also an adjunct professor at the Newark and Camden campuses of Rutgers University School of Law, has authored several articles relating to bankruptcy issues and is a co-author of West's *Consumer Bankruptcy Manual*. Judge Kaplan is the recipient of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees' 2006 Distinguished Service Award and the New Jersey State Bar Association's 1999 Legislative Recognition Award. In December 2009, he was appointed by the director of Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to a four-year term as the Third Circuit representative to the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, and was most recently selected as the bankruptcy judge representative on the AOUSC's Human Resources Advisory Council. Judge Kaplan received his A.B. from Georgetown University in 1984 and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1987.

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**Hon. Cecelia G. Morris** is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in Poughkeepsie. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served as an assistant district attorney in the Child Support Recovery Unit of the Spalding Judicial District Attorney's Office in Griffin, Ga. She also worked in private practice and served as clerk of court for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York from 1988-2000, the first bankruptcy court to implement electronic filing of original documents to the court. Judge Morris has led efforts to implement a model chapter 13 plan and order, as well as a detailed worksheet that requires disclosure of arrearages and other current mortgage information as part of a motion seeking relief from the automatic stay concerning residential real estate and cooperative apartments. She also collaborated with other judges and practitioners to develop loss-mitigation procedures for residential real estate, resulting in the adoption of a court-supervised program that is the first of its kind in the U.S. Judge Morris is a frequent writer and lecturer on issues related to bankruptcy, with particular emphasis on mediation, the consumer credit counseling requirement in bankruptcy and cross-border insolvency cases under chapter 15. She has also authored several articles on electronic filing, including a chapter on electronic case filing in *Collier on Bankruptcy*. Judge Morris is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and teaches bankruptcy ethics for St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program. She has testified before Congress and served on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Board to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and she currently serves as a member of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Committee on Information Technology, as well as various other commit-

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tees to the Second Circuit and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She is also an active member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Commercial and Litigation Section, ABI and the Coalition for Consumer Bankruptcy Debtor Education. Judge Morris currently serves as a member of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Committee on Information Technology and is a permanent member of the Global Restructuring Organization's Scientific Committee. She recently received the Annual Conrad B. Duberstein Memorial Award for Excellence and Compassion in the Bankruptcy Judiciary and the *New York Law Journal* Impact Award for pioneering the use of e-filing in federal court. Judge Morris is admitted to practice in Georgia and the District of Columbia. She received her B.S. from West Texas State University and her J.D. from the John Marshall Law School.

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