

Faculty Biographies

Dr. Daniel A. Austin teaches bankruptcy and commercial law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. He practiced bankruptcy and commercial law for 16 years before joining the faculty at Northeastern in 2009. He has also lectured at universities in China, Russia and Turkey. Dr. Austin has written many articles on consumer and business bankruptcy, most recently “The Indentured Generation: Bankruptcy and Student Loan Debt,” *53 Santa Clara Law Review* 329 (2013). He also co-authored *Reaffirmation Agreements in Consumer Bankruptcy Cases* (ABI, 1st ed. 2009 and 2d ed. 2010) and *Graduating with Debt: Student Loans under the Bankruptcy Code* (ABI, 2013), and served as ABI’s Consumer Bankruptcy Committee Task Force Leader from 2010 to 2012. In addition, he has been a speaker at many legal and academic conferences. Dr. Austin is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and is admitted to practice in federal courts in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio. He received his B.A. from Brigham Young University, his J.D. from Columbia Law School and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Alane A. Becket is a managing partner at Malvern, Pa.-based Becket & Lee LLP, a Women’s Business Enterprise as certified by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council, and is also ABI’s Vice President-Publications. AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, she specializes in litigation strategy, and has been lead counsel in some of the most successful and influential decisions on claim litigation in consumer cases over the last 10 years. Ms. Becket is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has represented creditors and debt purchasers in commercial and bankruptcy matters and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) defense. She has also lectured extensively on consumer bankruptcy issues for a variety of professional organizations, including ABI, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees, the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys, and several local and regional creditor organizations. Ms. Becket served on the editorial board of ABI’s Consumer Bankruptcy website and is a past co-chair of ABI’s Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. She also co-authored *Consumer Bankruptcy: Fundamentals of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, Third Edition* (ABI, 2011) and edited the 2011, 2012 and 2013 editions of the book series *Best of ABI: The Year in Consumer Bankruptcy*. Ms. Becket graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

David A. Bergeron is vice president of postsecondary education at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C. He previously served as the acting assistant secretary for postsecondary education at the U.S. Department of Education, where he acted as the education secretary’s chief advisor on higher-education issues and administered more than 60 grant and loan programs that annually provide nearly \$3 billion to institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. Mr. Bergeron also served as the deputy assistant secretary for policy, planning and innovation for the Office of Postsecondary Education, where he was responsible for the program budget for the federal postsecondary education programs administered by the Office of Postsecondary Education and Federal Student Aid, which has generated more than \$160 billion in financial aid to more than 25 million students enrolled at public and private postsecondary institutions. In addition, he has led key policy groups working on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, researched market-based approaches to loan subsidies under the guaranteed loan programs, and developed program regulations and other policy guidelines. Mr. Bergeron received his B.A. in political science and sociology from the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Meta Brown is a senior economist in the Research group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in New York. She is an applied microeconomist who studies labor markets and household consumption and investment choices, focusing on consumer debt, job referrals and searching, human capital investment, and late-life asset decumulation and bequests. Dr. Brown's work has appeared in the *American Economic Review* and the *Review of Economic Studies*, among other outlets, and has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute on Aging. Prior to joining the New York Fed, she was an assistant professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dr. Brown received her Ph.D. in economics from New York University.

Prof. Andrew B. Dawson teaches contracts, bankruptcy and advanced topics in bankruptcy at the University of Miami School of Law in Miami. He also serves on the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11 as reporter for the Labor and Benefits Section, and on ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium advisory board. He is currently researching topics concerning UCC revised Article 9 and bankruptcy and labor issues. Before joining the UM faculty, Prof. Dawson clerked in the Delaware Bankruptcy Court for Hon. Peter J. Walsh and in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals for Hon. Jane R. Roth, and was a Kauffman Legal Fellow at Harvard Law School. Prof. Dawson received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was senior editor of the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*. He also received the ABI Medal of Excellence in Bankruptcy and the Irving Oberman Memorial Award for best student bankruptcy paper.

Dr. Jennifer A. Delaney is an assistant professor in the higher education program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership. She is also a faculty affiliate with the Institute for Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, a faculty fellow with the Forum on the Future of Public Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a faculty affiliate with the Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education. She is also past-chair of the Council for Public Policy in Higher Education with the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Previously, she was an assistant professor of higher education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dr. Delaney has served as a consultant with the U.S. Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, and was previously a policy analyst with the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education and assistant staff director for research with the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, a joint committee of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Congress. Her research focuses on higher education finance policy, including student financial aid. Dr. Delaney received her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan, her Ed.M. in higher education from Harvard University and her Ph.D. in higher education from Stanford University.

John D. Eaton is an attorney with Shawde & Eaton, P.L. in Weston, Fla., where he focuses on creditors' rights, including the representation of creditors, trustees, debtors-in-possession, committees and other parties-in-interest in all aspects of chapter 7 and 11 cases and adversary proceedings, with a particular emphasis on bankruptcy-related litigation and contested matters. He also is experienced in commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. Mr. Eaton has been primary bankruptcy counsel or has had significant involvement in many complex chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases, representing both plaintiffs and defendants with respect to breach of fiduciary duty and other claims against directors and officers, including addressing issues involving D&O insurance policies and how they are treated and/or impacted in bankruptcy cases. In addition, he has been representing student loan

creditors in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings throughout his legal career. Mr. Eaton is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a member of ABI, the Southern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association (for which he has served as two-term secretary and director) and the Florida Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida. Mr. Eaton has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law since 2008, as a Florida “Super Lawyer” since 2006, in *Florida Trend Magazine’s* “Legal Elite” from 2007-09, as one of “South Florida’s Top Rated Lawyers” in 2012 and in the 2009 edition of *The Legal 500 United States* in Finance and Bankruptcy for the Southeast region. He received his B.S. *cum laude* from Florida State University and his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida.

Samuel J. Gerdano is the executive director of the American Bankruptcy Institute in Alexandria, Va., the nation’s largest multi-disciplinary organization in the field of insolvency. He joined ABI in May 1991. In 2007, on the occasion of ABI’s silver anniversary, he was awarded ABI’s first Lifetime Achievement Award. From 1985-91, he was the chief legal counsel to Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) and staff director for the Subcommittee on Courts and Administrative Practice of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The subcommittee had jurisdiction over the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; Mr. Gerdano has thus been involved in all major bankruptcy policy changes since 1985. Immediately prior to his service on the Senate Judiciary Committee, he was assistant chief counsel for advocacy for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, he was with a major law firm in the District of Columbia. He is admitted to practice in the federal and local courts of the District of Columbia and the U.S. Supreme Court, and was named a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy in 2001. Mr. Gerdano is the author of numerous articles on bankruptcy and other legal topics, regularly appears as a presenter at continuing legal education programs and is a frequently cited authority on bankruptcy in the national news media. He is a 1983 honors graduate of Syracuse University College of Law and received his B.A. from Syracuse.

Dr. Karen Gross is president of Southern Vermont College, a small private college in Bennington, Vt. Prior to entering legal academia, she taught at the high school and college levels and practiced law in Chicago and New York. From 2012-13, Dr. Gross was on leave from the college to serve as senior policy advisor to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) in Washington, D.C. In that capacity, she served as the DOE’s representative on the interagency task force charged with redesigning the transition assistance program for returning service members and their families, working closely with the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Labor. She was also involved in implementing President Obama’s 2020 Initiative to increase college access and success. Prior to becoming a college president, Dr. Gross was a tenured law professor for more than two decades. Her academic area of expertise is consumer finance, over-indebtedness (including student debt) and community economic development. Dr. Gross has served as a consultant to governmental and nonprofit organizations and, prior to entering government service, was on several boards, including those of Campus Compact (a national service learning organization) and The Sage Colleges. She also served on the executive committee of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges. Dr. Gross speaks frequently and writes regularly about higher-education issues for various audiences and in a wide array of publications, including *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*, *NEJHE*, *Huffington Post*, *National Journal*, *InsideHigherEd* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Smith College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a *cum laude* graduate of Temple University School of Law, having spent her final year of law school at the University of Chicago.

Prof. Susan E. Hauser teaches civil procedure, bankruptcy and business associations at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, N.C. She received the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2013, and was named Professor of the Year by her students in 2011 and 2008. In the fall of 2012, Prof. Hauser served as ABI's Robert M. Zinman Resident Scholar, and that October she received the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* Editors' Prize and was elected to the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal's* Editorial Advisory Board in 2013 (she was an ABLJ Fellow in fall 2005). Prof. Hauser publishes and presents on the treatment of student loan debt in bankruptcy, predatory lending, bankruptcy procedure, and the intersection of constitutional law and bankruptcy law, and co-authored *Graduating with Debt: Student Loans under the Bankruptcy Code* (ABI, 2013). She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina. Prior to practicing law, Prof. Hauser clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Rich Leonard and U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt, both of the Eastern District of North Carolina, then began her legal career as an attorney for Legal Aid in Robeson County, N.C. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Don Hossler is director of the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) in Bloomington, Ind., and a professor of educational leadership and policy studies. He has also served as vice chancellor for student enrollment services at IUB, associate vice president for enrollment services for the seven IU campuses, executive associate dean of the School of Education, and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. He specializes in college choice, student persistence, student financial aid policy and enrollment management. Previously, Mr. Hossler was executive director of the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center from 2010-12, and he recently served as an expert on a panel organized by the National Center for Educational Statistics to provide the U.S. Department of Education information and perspective on the potential development of the Postsecondary Institution Ratings System. A frequent lecturer, he has presented more than 130 scholarly papers and is an author, co-author or editor of more than 20 books and reports, as well as more than 80 articles and book chapters. He has served as editor of the *Enrollment Management Review* and is a founding editor of the *International Journal of Educational Advancement*. Mr. Hossler has directed projects focusing on student success and persistence funded by the College Board, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, the Lumina Foundation for Education and the Spencer Foundation. In addition, he has consulted with more than 50 colleges, universities and educational organizations, including the College Board, Educational Testing Services, the University of Cincinnati, the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the University of Missouri, Colorado State University, the University of Alabama, the State of Maryland and the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Mr. Hossler has received career achievement awards for his research, scholarship and service from the American College Personnel Association, the Association for Institutional Research, the College Board and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Hon. Laurel Myerson Isicoff has been a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Miami since Feb. 13, 2006, and serves on ABI's Board of Directors. Previously, she specialized in commercial bankruptcy, foreclosure, bankruptcy and SEC receiverships involving Ponzi schemes, and workout matters, both as a transactional attorney and as a litigator, for 14 years with the law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton after practicing for eight years with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. She holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized several times in *The Best*

Lawyers in America, *Chambers USA*'s "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" and the "2005 Client's Guide" by *Chambers & Partners* (as a leading individual in the field of bankruptcy), and as a "Top Lawyer" in South Florida by *The Florida Trend*. She was inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy in March 2006 and serves as director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation, as well as a member of the College's Pro Bono Committee. Judge Isicoff is the immediate past chair of the Public Outreach Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and continues to be active in outreach efforts to state court judges, district court judges, and in *pro se* and pro bono matters. She is also a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association (BBA) of the Southern District of Florida and chaired the BBA's Pro Bono Task Force prior to her judicial appointment, and she currently serves as judicial chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar. Judge Isicoff taught the inaugural year of the Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic at St. Thomas Law School, a program that she helped design and for which she served as a student mentor, and she also served as a student mentor to the University of Miami School of Law bankruptcy clinic. In addition, she speaks extensively on bankruptcy and pro bono service topics around the country, as well as to high school and college students in the Miami area on financial literacy. Judge Isicoff clerked for Hon. Daniel S. Pearson at the Florida Third District Court of Appeals before entering private practice with Squire Sanders & Dempsey. She received her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1982.

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Janet Lorin is a reporter with Bloomberg News in New York and writes about higher education, focusing on college admissions, financial aid and student debt. In 2012, she and a colleague won the 2012 George Polk award for national reporting for a year-long series about student debt. Since she joined Bloomberg News in 2008, she has also written about the nonprofit testing industry, university presidents who sit on corporate boards and the impact of the economic downturn on university finances. Previously, Ms. Lorin worked for The Associated Press as a Newark correspondent, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and the *Akron Beacon Journal*. She received her Bachelor's degree in

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Hon. C. Ray Mullins is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed as judge by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Feb. 29, 2000, and named chief judge in January 2012. Previously, Judge Mullins served as an instructor in the Management Department of Bowling Green State University's School of Business Administration from 1977-82, then joined the Toledo, Ohio, firm of Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer (now Cooper Walinski), focusing primarily on civil litigation. From 1984-86, Judge Mullins taught trial practice as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Toledo College of Law. In 1987, he joined Kilpatrick & Cody (now Kilpatrick Stockton LLP) in Atlanta and became a partner in 1993, practicing in the firm's Financial Restructuring Group and specializing in chapter 11 matters. He also served as a member of the Trustee Panel for the Northern District of Georgia from 1995-2000. Judge Mullins is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of ABI's Board of Directors and the immediate past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2012-13). In March 2013, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Judge Mullins to the board of the Federal Judicial Center. He is also an advisor to the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Law Journal*. Judge Mullins received his B.S. in business administration in 1974, his M.B.A. in 1977 from Bowling Green State University, and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1982 from the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a member of its law review and the Order of the Coif.

Prof. Rafael Pardo is the Robert T. Thompson Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, which he joined in 2012. He specializes in bankruptcy and commercial law, and his scholarship has been published in numerous law journals, including the *Iowa Law Review*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, the *Washington and Lee Law Review* and the *William and Mary Law Review*. Prof. Pardo began his academic career in 2003 at Tulane University Law School, where he was an associate professor of law from 2003-06. Most recently, he was professor of law and director of the Bankruptcy Client Representation Project at the University of Washington School of Law, where he received the Pro Bono Faculty of the Year Award in 2012. Previously, Prof. Pardo worked as an associate in the Business Reorganization and Restructuring Group of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in New York and clerked for Hon. Prudence Carter Beatty of the U.S. Bankruptcy

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Dr. Laura W. Perna is executive director of the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy (AHEAD), professor in the Graduate School of Education, Faculty Fellow in the Institute for Urban Research and Penn Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She is also a former vice president of the Postsecondary Education Division (Division J) of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and president-elect of the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). Dr. Perna researches the ways that social structures, educational practices and public policies promote and limit college access and success, particularly for individuals from lower-income families and racial/ethnic minority groups. Her scholarship has been published in books, journal articles and policy reports, including *Understanding the Working College Student: New Research and Its Implications for Policy and Practice* (Stylus, 2010), *Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Jobs in Metropolitan America: The Policy, Practice, and Research Issues* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012), *The State of College Access and Completion: Improving College Success for Students from Underrepresented Groups* (Routledge, 2013) and *The Attainment Agenda: State Policy Leadership for Higher Education* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014). Her research has also been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Atlantic*, *Education Week*, *Huffington Post*, several National Public Radio programs, and other media outlets. In 2003, Dr. Perna received the Promising Scholar/Early Career Achievement Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education, and in 2010, the University of Pennsylvania honored her with the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. In 2011, she received the Robert P. Huff Golden Quill Award from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and in 2014, she was named a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association. Dr. Perna received her B.S. in economics and B.A. in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and her master's in public policy and Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan.

Rep. Tom Petri represents Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District and is serving his 18th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected in April 1979, Rep. Petri is a member of both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce (formerly Education and Labor). He is also Chairman of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over all national surface transportation policy, construction and improvement of highway and transit facilities, implementation of safety and research programs, and regulation of commercial motor vehicle operations. In addition, he is a member of the Subcommittee on Aviation, for which he previously served as chairman, and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Rep. Petri is a member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. From 1987 through 1990, he served as a member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, better known as the House Ethics Committee, during which time he participated in several major investigations. His legislative initiatives have included those in the areas of student loan reform, the federal highway program, cost-sharing for federal water

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