

# Faculty Biographies

**Lawrence R. Ahern, III** practices bankruptcy and commercial law with Brown & Ahern in Brentwood, Tenn. (Nashville). He has been certified since 1994 as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Certification and the Tennessee Commission on CLE & Specialization, and serves as director of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. Mr. Ahern is a long-standing member of the American Board of Certification, having served as current director and past chair, and he continues to serve the ABC as Director Emeritus. He has also served as chair of the Tennessee Commission and is a former ABI director, Tennessee director and former president of the Turnaround Management Association, among others. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (1989-present) in business reorganization, creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation, and he is listed in the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" and in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* for bankruptcy. He is a frequent speaker and an author and co-author of several national Thomson West publications, and he contributed to the "Secured Transactions and Mortgages" chapters of *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* (Thomson Reuters). He is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. Mr. Ahern serves on the advisory board of the St. John's School of Law LL.M. in Bankruptcy program and was a visiting professor at Cumberland School of Law in the fall of 2002, where he taught secured transactions and banking. Mr. Ahern is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School and has served there as an adjunct professor.

**Hon. Janet S. Baer** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. Previously, she was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the country. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters, and she also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. She currently chairs the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation Committee, and she is the judicial chair of ABI's Chicago Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a board member of the Chicago chapter of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and a member of the Chicago Bench/Bar Liaison Committee. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

**Hon. Frank J. Bailey** was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the district of Massachusetts in Boston on Jan. 30, 2009, and was named Chief Judge in December 2010. Previously, he clerked for Hon. Herbert P. Wilkins of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1980-81 and was an associate at the Boston office of Sullivan & Worcester LLP until 1987, where he practiced in its litigation and bankruptcy departments. Judge Bailey spent the next 22 years as a partner at Sherin and Lodgen LLP, where he chaired its litigation department and was a member of its management committee. His practice focused on complex business litigation and creditors' rights, and he often represented clients in medical device, pharmaceutical and high-technology businesses. Judge Bailey has been active in public-interest law organizations and was a member of the board of the Massachusetts Appleseed Center, serving as its president. He was also a member of the New England Legal Foundation and served on its Massachusetts council. In the 1990s, Judge Bailey lectured on U.S. legal systems to lawyers and business leaders in newly democratic nations such as Bulgaria and Uzbekistan. He taught legal writing and research at Boston University School of Law from

1981-93 and currently teaches business bankruptcy at New England Law. Judge Bailey received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law.

**Corinne Ball** is a partner with Jones Day in New York, where she leads the firm's European Distress Investing Initiative and is co-head of its Business Restructuring & Reorganization Practice. She has more than 30 years of experience in business finance and restructuring with a focus on court-supervised and extra-judicial complex corporate reorganizations and distressed acquisitions, including matters involving multi-jurisdictional and cross-border enterprises. Ms. Ball led a team of attorneys representing Chrysler LLC in connection with its successful chapter 11 reorganization, which won the *Investment Dealers' Digest* "Deal of the Year" award for 2009. She also leads the firm's efforts on distressed M&A and is the featured "Distressed M&A" columnist for the *New York Law Journal*. Ms. Ball is a director of the American College of Bankruptcy and ABI, is a winner of 2009's TMA "International Deal of the Year" for the restructuring of Dana Corp., and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *New York Super Lawyers*. In 2008, she was honored with the "International Turnaround Company of the Year" Award, and in 2006, *Turnarounds & Workouts* named her one of the 12 "Outstanding Restructuring Lawyers." She is listed in *Chambers Global, K&A Restructuring Register, PLC Which Lawyer?* and *Chambers USA*, and received the Anti-Defamation League New York Lawyers Division's Human Relations Award in 2011 and the IWIRC's "Woman of the Year in Restructuring" award in 2012. She is a qualified and active mediator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts of the Southern District of New York. Ms. Ball received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1975 from Williams College, where she was elected Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. with honors in 1978 from The George Washington University.

**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 was a member of the Arizona Judicial College, serving as the dean during 2010-2011, and of Arizona's Judicial Performance Review Commission. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in the law firm of Brown & Bain, P.A., where his practice focused on civil litigation and business reorganizations. He is a frequent speaker and author, and 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.

**Steven N. Berger** is a shareholder with and co-founder of Engelman Berger, PC in Phoenix, where he focuses his practice on the resolution of complex business disputes through bankruptcy and reorganization. He has particular experience representing parties involved with troubled loans or businesses, and has represented lenders, lessors, business owners, investors, asset-purchasers, creditor committees and other parties in bankruptcy and reorganization cases. He has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Southwest Super Lawyers* and *The Business Journal*. Mr. Berger is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He received his B.A. in finance from Arizona State University

and his J.D. from the University of Arizona in 1984, where he was an articles editor for the *Arizona Law Review*.

**Leslie Ann Berkoff** is a partner with Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP in New York and co-chairs the firm's Litigation and Bankruptcy practice groups. She concentrates her practice in bankruptcy and restructuring litigation and corporate workouts, and she represents a variety of corporate debtors, trustees, creditors and creditors' committees, both nationally and locally. Her practice also includes an emphasis on equipment leasing and health care law, and she has experience in commercial litigation and corporate transactions. In addition to her practice, Ms. Berkoff has served as a mediator, court-appointed examiner and guardian in several bankruptcy cases. Recently, Ms. Berkoff was appointed as an inaugural member of the Chapter 11 Lawyers and Judges Advisory Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York. She also co-chaired ABI's Health Care Insolvency Committee from April 2008-11 and is an active member of its Mediation Committee, for which she serves as co-chair of special projects. She was also co-editor of ABI's *Health Care Insolvency Manual, Third Edition*. From 2004-08, she served as chair of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and on its board of directors. In addition, she serves on the board of editors of Pratt's *Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, and speaks and publishes extensively on topics relating to bankruptcy and corporate law. Ms. Berkoff received her J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law and is a graduate of State University of Albany.

**Susan A. Berson** is a partner with Berson Law Group LLP in Leawood, Kan., where she advises taxpayers on strategies for dealing with the IRS, negotiates offers-in-compromise, responds to grand jury subpoenas and litigates disputes. She has more than 20 years of experience in IRS civil, criminal and regulatory matters. Previously, she represented the IRS as a trial attorney in the Attorney General Honors Program with the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division in Washington, D.C., where she received an Outstanding Attorney Award in 1996 for litigation and trying cases in U.S. Federal District and Bankruptcy Courts. Since entering private practice in 1998, Ms. Berson has advised taxpayers and accounting professionals on strategies for dealing with the IRS and state regulatory authorities. She is a FINRA Dispute Resolution program arbitrator and a certified mediator in the Early Assessment Program in the Western District of Missouri. Ms. Berson has authored books and articles, including the biannually updated treatise *Federal Tax Litigation* (Law Journal Press, 2001) and *The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: From Legislation to Implementation to Litigation* (ABA, 2011). She is also a contributing columnist in the *ABA Journal* magazine and is involved in various professional and community organizations. Ms. Berson received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1990 and her LL.M. from Georgetown University in 1994.

**Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate (2003-08) and then a partner (2008-12) with Winston & Strawn LLP, where she focused her practice on creditors' rights litigation in state and federal court, including bankruptcy court. From 2001 to 2003, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate with Murphy Sheneman Julian & Rogers LLP, where she represented debtors, creditors and trustees in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. She served as a law clerk to Hon. Charles M. Caldwell of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division) from 1998 to 2001, and from 1997-98, she represented the State of Ohio's in-

terests in bankruptcy cases as an assistant attorney general with the Revenue Recovery Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Judge Blumenstiel received her J.D. from Capital University Law School in 1997 while working full-time for the Columbus Bar Association as director of its pro bono initiative, "Lawyers for Justice," and her B.A. from Ohio State University in 1992.

**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 past ABI director (2008-13), and is vice chair of ABI's National Ethics Task Force and chair of its Fee and Retention subcommittee. Mr. Bowles is a former ABI director and member of ABI's Grant Committee. He also serves as co-editor of the *ABI Journal's* Straight & Narrow ethics column. Mr. Bowles chaired ABI's Chapter 11 Professional Fee Study, formerly served as co-chair of ABI's Professional Compensation Committee, currently co-chairs ABI's Individual Chapter 11 Study and is a board member of the American Board of Certification. He lectures and writes extensively on bankruptcy law and authored ABI's book *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. He is also a past editor of *The Broken Bench and Bar*, the newsletter of the Kentucky Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Bowles was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2007-14 and *Kentucky Super Lawyers* from 2007-12. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from University of Kentucky College of Law.

**Hon. Julia W. Brand** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Los Angeles, appointed in October 2011. Before taking the bench, Judge Brand was an attorney at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. She is a member of ABI, the American Bar Association and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation. Judge Brand received her B.A. from the University of California in 1981 and her J.D. from the University of Southern California School of Law in 1985.

**Gregory A. Bray** is a partner with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in Los Angeles and a member of its Financial Restructuring Group. His practice focuses on out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcies, and he regularly represents hedge funds, private-equity funds, money center banks, financial institutions, lender syndicates comprised of first- and second-lien lenders, trustees and receivers, creditors' committees and equity-securities holders. He frequently advises funds making investments in, and potential purchases of, financially distressed companies, both in and out of court. He also advises lenders in the structuring and documentation of high-risk and debtor-in-possession loans, and the boards of directors of public companies in financial distress with respect to corporate governance and fiduciary-duty issues. He is currently advising the FDIC on certain policy and structuring matters with respect to Title II of the Dodd-Frank Reform Act. Mr. Bray has been included in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*, *International Who's Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal - California (restructuring)* and *Legal 500 USA* for Credit and Syndication Transactions. Mr. Bray was selected as an "Outstanding Restructuring Lawyer" for 2007

by *Turnarounds & Workouts*. He received his B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles and his J.D. from Loyola Law School.

**Hon. William H. Brown** retired in 2006 as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee and resides in Carbondale, Colo. During his career on the bench, he had been designated to sit in the Middle District of Tennessee, Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of Michigan and Western District of Kentucky. He also served a four-year term on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit from 1999-2002. He currently conducts mediation in bankruptcy and commercial law matters, has conducted mock trials and has testified as an expert witness in bankruptcy court proceedings. Judge Brown is a member of ABI and served on its Executive Committee, and he is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He is also the author or co-author of several texts, including *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*, *2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis* (1st and 2nd editions), *Bankruptcy and Domestic Relations Manual* and the *Law of Debtors and Creditors* (all published by Thomson West), and he is a principal contributing editor for *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*. In 2008, Judge Brown joined Hon. Keith M. Lundin as co-author of *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy*, published by Bankruptcy Press. He currently serves as an advisor to the Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education, the education arm of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. He received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

**Howard Brod Brownstein** is president of The Brownstein Corp. in Conshohocken, Pa., which provides turnaround management and advisory services to companies and their stakeholders, as well as investment banking services, fiduciary services, and litigation consulting and valuation services. He is a former principal of NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc., where, in addition to leading turnaround assignments for its clients, advising senior management and fulfilling a senior management role, he had overall responsibility for the firm's transactional activities and for the marketing of its services to clients. He has served as financial advisor to debtors, lenders and creditor committees in bankruptcy proceedings, and as a litigation expert in several cases, including the landmark *Merry-Go-Round* bankruptcy. Mr. Brownstein recently served as Chief Restructuring Officer in *U.S. Mortgage*, which involved a \$138 million mortgage fraud, and led the plan administrator team in *Montgomery Ward LLC*, the largest retail liquidation in history. Mr. Brownstein has served on ABI's Board of Directors, as well as on the International Board of Directors of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and its executive committee, for which he also chaired its audit committee. A Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP), he received TMA's "Outstanding Individual Contribution" award in 2007. Mr. Brownstein co-chairs ABI's Complex Financial Restructuring Program, co-chaired its Mid Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop for several years, and is a coordinating editor of the *ABI Journal's* Problems in the Code column. He also serves on the Governing Board of the Commercial Finance Association (CFA) Education Foundation. Mr. Brownstein is a frequent author and speaker at professional and educational programs, including at Harvard Business School, Villanova Law School, Northeastern University, ABI, the American Bar Association and TMA. He is admitted to the bars of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Florida, and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. Mr. Brownstein received his B.S. and B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and the College of Arts and Sciences, and his J.D. and M.B.A. from Harvard University.

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**Babette A. Ceccotti** is a partner at the firm of Cohen, Weiss & Simon LLP in New York, where she divides her time between the firm's bankruptcy practice and employee benefits practice. She has represented labor organizations in numerous bankruptcy cases including the City of Detroit, United Air Lines, Dana Corp., Delphi Corp., Chrysler and GM, and the L.A. Dodgers. Ms. Ceccotti has participated in the representation of labor organizations and many other cases in the auto, steel, health care, textile, retail, entertainment and maritime industries. She also serves as outside counsel to the AFL-CIO on bankruptcy matters. From 1995-97, she served as a member of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, appointed by President Bill Clinton. In 2010, she testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law. She has been a contributing editor of the *Employee and Union Member Guide to Labor Law*, published by the National Lawyers Guild, and a contributing author of *Employee Benefits Law* (Second Edition). Her recent articles include "Lost in Transformation: The Disappearance of Labor Policies in Applying Section 1113 of the Bankruptcy Code," 15 *ABI Law Review* 415 (Winter 2007), and "What About My Pension: Bankruptcy Invades What Was Once a Secure World," *Business Law Today*, Volume 16, No. 2. She is also a frequent speaker and contributor to programs on employee and benefit interests in bankruptcy cases.

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**Hon. Daniel P. Collins** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge 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 served as 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.

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**Hon. Dennis R. Dow** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Nov. 10, 2003, by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, where he represented trustees in chapter 7 cases involving significant assets, individual and corporate debtors in proceedings under chapters 7 and 11, and secured, unsecured and priority creditors and lessors in chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases. He also tried numerous adversary proceedings and contested matters, including preference actions, objections to discharge, dischargeability complaints and objections to confirmation of chapter 11 plans. Judge Dow has authored or co-authored several articles, including "ERISA-Related Claims in Bankruptcy," *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Nov/Dec 1993); "'Rent to Own' Agreements in Bankruptcy: Sales or Leases?," *ABI Law Review*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 1994); and "Gramm-Leach-Bliley and the Bankruptcy/Collection Attorney," *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor* (Feb. 2002). He is a member of the Missouri and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations, as well as ABI's Board of Directors. Judge Dow has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law since 1995. He received his B.A. with honors

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