

Faculty Biographies

H. Kent Aguillard is in private practice at H. Kent Aguillard Attorney at Law in Eunice, La., and has more than 34 years of legal experience. His practice includes litigation and representing debtors, creditors, committees, trustees as local counsel in cases under all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Aguillard received his B.S. in business administration from McNeese State University in 1976 and his J.D. from Louisiana State University in 1979.

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Paul N. DeBaillon is a member of DeBaillon & Miley in Lafayette, La. He was appointed to the panel of chapter 7 trustees in 1987 and has since served as a panel member for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division. He has also served as successor trustee in more than 600 chapter 7 cases in the Eastern District of Louisiana and as receiver and liquidator in numerous Louisiana state court proceedings. Mr. DeBaillon is a former president of the Southwest Louisiana Bankruptcy Bar Association and has served on the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees' board of directors. He was nominated for the Director of the Executive Office of the U.S. Trustees' 2003 Directors Award and has been named a *Louisiana Superlawyer* in bankruptcy since 2007. He received his B.S. in psychology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1977 and his J.D. from Loyola University School of Law in 1981.

Robin R. De Leo is a managing member of The De Leo Law Firm, LLC in Mandeville, La., where she focuses her practice on bankruptcy. She represents both businesses and individual debtors, as well as creditors and trustees. Ms. De Leo is certified in Consumer Law by the American Board of Certification, ABI and the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. She serves as secretary for the Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission and won the Pro Bono Project Award in 2010, 2012 and 2013. She also received the Pro Bono Publico Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association in 2011 and was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services' Pro Bono Project. She received her J.D. *cum laude* from Tulane Law School in 1990.

Hon. Douglas D. Dodd is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, appointed in May 2012. He also serves as adjunct associate professor of law at Tulane University, where he teaches advanced bankruptcy law. Previously, Judge Dodd practiced law with the firm of Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittmann & Hutchinson, LLP for nearly 20 years. He received his

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Douglas S. Draper is a member of Heller, Draper, Patrick, Horn & Dabney, LLC in New Orleans, where he focuses his practice on litigation and business negotiation. He represents bondholders, creditors' committees and debtors in large commercial and business cases. Mr. Draper has represented clients in successful reorganizations of hotels, grocery chains, apartment complexes, office buildings, oil companies, shipyards, clothing stores, an oil refinery and fast food franchises. He is a frequent speaker and a member of the American, Louisiana, Colorado and Federal Illinois Bar Associations, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1989 and was recognized by *Super Lawyers* as one of the "50 Best Lawyers in Louisiana." Mr. Draper received his B.A. from Syracuse University in 1971, his J.D. from Tulane University in 1975 and his LL.M. in taxation from New York University in 1978.

Elizabeth J. Futrell is a co-chair of Jones Walker LLP's Committee on Practice Standards and is its principal loss-prevention partner in New Orleans. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is an expert witness on bankruptcy and creditors' and debtors' rights in the federal courts. Ms. Futrell is a frequent speaker and has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. She is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and is AV Preeminent Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Futrell received her B.A. in history with honors from the University of Tennessee in 1978 and her J.D. with honors from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1981, where she was a comment editor for the *Mississippi Law Journal* and a member of Phi Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Craig M. Geno is a partner in the Law Offices of Craig M. Geno, PLLC in Ridgeland, Miss., where his practice consists of representing secured and unsecured creditors, unsecured creditors' committees, chapter 11 debtors in possession and bankruptcy trustees in chapter 7 and 11 cases. He was previously a partner at Harris Jernigan & Geno, PLLC. Mr. Geno is a member of the American, Mississippi and Federal Bar Associations and the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference. He is also a member of ABI, the Business Bankruptcy Subcommittee of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association, and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Geno is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and serves on its Board of Directors. In addition, Mr. Geno is a frequent writer and lecturer on various bankruptcy topics. He received his liberal arts and law degrees from the University of Mississippi and served on the Moot Court Board while in law school.

Neil C. Gordon is a partner in the bankruptcy and reorganization department at Arnall Golden Gregory LLP in Atlanta. For more than 30 years, he has focused primarily on bankruptcy, business reorganization, fraud investigations and creditors' rights. Mr. Gordon chaired the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association from 1992-93 and has been a panel trustee since 1994, administering approximately 25,000 chapter 7 and 11 cases. He was first elected to the board of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees in 2000 and has held every office, including president (2011-12). He is also on the editorial board of the journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. Mr. Gordon has authored or co-authored more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters on bankruptcy law-related topics and has been a speaker at more than 85 seminars throughout

the country. He co-chairs ABI's Legislation Committee and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, as well as a Lifetime Member of ABI and a Master of the Bench in the Georgia Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. After graduating from the University of Georgia's Lumpkin School of Law in 1979, Mr. Gordon served for two years as a law clerk in Atlanta for U.S. District Court Judge Robert L. Vining, Jr.

Jan M. Hayden is a shareholder with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC in New Orleans, where she focuses her practice on chapter 11 reorganizations and has represented creditors and debtors in mass tort bankruptcies. She represents trustees, debtors-in-possession, committees and creditors across a variety of industries. Ms. Hayden has served on the local Bankruptcy Rules Committee and served two terms as the Chair of the Consumer Protection, Lender Liability and Bankruptcy section of the Louisiana State Bar Association, for which she has also co-chaired its Continuing Legal Education committee. Ms. Hayden is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and the American Bar Foundation. She received the Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award from the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation in 2011 and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *New Orleans City Business*, *New Orleans Magazine* and *Chambers USA*. Ms. Hayden received her B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1976 and her J.D. from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1979, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and its law review.

Henry E. Hildebrand, III has served as standing chapter 13 trustee for the Middle District of Tennessee in Nashville since 1982 and as standing chapter 12 trustee since 1986. He is also Of Counsel to the Nashville law firm of Lassiter, Tidwell, Davis, PLLC. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and the Nashville Bar Foundation. Mr. Hildebrand is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He chairs of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT) and sits on the board of directors for the NACTT Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education, Inc. He is an adjunct faculty member of the Nashville School of Law and St. John's University School of Law. Mr. Hildebrand graduated from Vanderbilt University and received his J.D. from the National Law Center of George Washington University.

David W. Houston, IV is a partner with Burr & Forman LLP in Nashville, Tenn., where he practices in the firm's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy group. He concentrates on commercial bankruptcy matters, including the representation of secured and unsecured creditors, committees, defendants in preference actions, corporate debtors and parties involved in out-of-court restructurings, including the representation of lenders initiating receiverships in federal and state courts. Mr. Houston has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law since 2010 and is a member of the Turnaround Management Association. He is a former advisory board member of ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and is a former co-chair of ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation Committee, as well as past director of the Mid-South Commercial Law Institute. He is also a past chair of the executive council for the Tennessee Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section, past chair of the Nashville Bar Association's Bankruptcy Court Committee and past chair of its local rules subcommittee. Mr. Houston is licensed in Tennessee and Mississippi. He earned his J.D. and his B.P.A. in criminal justice administration from the University of Mississippi.

Raymond L. Landreneau, Jr. is a sole practitioner with his main office in Houma, La., and a branch in New Orleans. He focuses his practice on consumer bankruptcy and is certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Landreneau is a member of the Terrebonne Bar Association, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and ABI. He is also a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the bar associations for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana. Mr. Landreneau received his B.A. from the University of New Orleans in 1977 and his J.D. from Louisiana State University in 1980.

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Hon. Elizabeth W. Magner is Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans. She was sworn in in 2005 and appointed chief judge in 2011. Previously, Judge Magner was a partner with the law firm Lemle & Kelleher, LLP. In 1995, she resigned from the firm to form her own practice. She is an associate editor of the *Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*, and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants. Judge Magner was vice chair of the ABA subcommittee on Bankruptcy Jurisdiction and Venue from 2005-07 and a member of the New Orleans Pro Bono Project. She is a frequent speaker and in 2007 was named "Woman of the Year" by *New Orleans CitiBusiness*. She received her B.S. in accounting from Louisiana State University in 1980 and her J.D. from the Paul Herbert Law Center in 1983.

Hon. Margaret A. Mahoney is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama in Mobile, appointed in December 1993. She has also been a bankruptcy judge in the District of Minnesota and the Southern District of Texas. From 1989-93, Judge Mahoney was a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges's Houston and Dallas offices. She is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, was editor-in-chief of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs. Judge Mahoney graduated from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., Phi Beta Kappa and received her J.D. with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Louisiana in Shreveport sworn in in August 2014. Prior to his appointment, he was appointed as a Chapter 13 Trustee for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division on May 19, 2011, where he served for three years. Judge Norman has more than 26 years of experience as a bankruptcy attorney in the Southern District of Texas, representing consumer and business debtors as well as creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy. Judge Norman is board certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and the American Board of Certification. He is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has lectured on a variety of bankruptcy topics. In addition, he is authored *Bankruptcy Road Map* (Texas State Bar Books, 2010). Judge Norman received his B.A. from Houston Baptist University in 1982 and his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1985.

Patricia A. Redmond is a shareholder in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Department of the Miami office of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA and is a past ABI president. She has practiced in the insolvency field in Miami for more than 30 years and has appeared in many reorganizations and out-of-court workouts in all industries. Ms. Redmond has represented developers, financial institutions, public and private owners and distressed-asset purchasers. She has particular experience in the representation of creditors' committees, secured creditors and debtors in chapter 11 cases. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and served on its Board of Directors (2005-08) and as Secretary (2008-present). Ms. Redmond has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy Debtor/Creditor Rights since 1995. She was also recognized as a Band I attorney by *Chambers USA* in 2010, and has been listed as a top lawyer in the *South Florida Legal Guide* and in *Florida Trend Legal Elite*. She is admitted to practice before the Bars

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