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Hon. Martin R. Barash is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills, sworn in on March 26, 2015. He brings more than 20 years of legal experience to the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Barash had served as a partner at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles since 2001, where he counseled parties in chapter 11 cases and litigated chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Procter R. Hug, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1992-93. Judge Barash is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He has participated as a panelist for these and other legal education organizations, and has served as a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law and as an adjunct professor of business law at the California State University at Northridge. Judge Barash has been involved in the local legal community as a pro bono attorney with the Public Counsel Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Hearing Clinic, and has been a volunteer judge for a course on negotiating and confirming chapter 11 plans at the UCLA School of Law and with UCLA's Mock Trial Competition. He currently serves as a director of the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a national, nonpartisan organization sponsoring civics education programs for high school students. Judge Barash received his A.B. *magna cum laude* in 1989 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1992 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as member, editor, business manager and symposium editor of the *UCLA Law Review*.

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Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, first appointed in 2005 and serving as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, beginning in 2001. Judge Carey began his legal career clerking for Hon. Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Committee on Space and Facilities of the Judicial Conference of the U.S., and sits on the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. He is the immediate past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, and is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Carey is a part-time adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program, and is a contributing author to the *Collier Forms Manual* and *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

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