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## **Faculty Biographies**

**Spencer Abraham** is a principal with Blank Rome Government Relations LLC in Washington, D.C. He served as the tenth Secretary of Energy in U.S. history from 2001-05, during which time he helped Former President Bush devise America's first national energy plan in over a decade and oversaw its implementation. Prior to being named a cabinet member, Secretary Abraham served as a U.S. Senator from Michigan for six years, authoring 22 pieces of legislation that were signed into law. In this capacity, he served on the Judiciary, Budget and Commerce Committees. In addition, he was chairman of two subcommittees: Manufacturing and Competitiveness, and Immigration. Secretary Abraham is a member of the board of directors of Occidental Petroleum, NRG Energy, PBF Energy and Two Harbors Investment Corp. He received his B.A. from Michigan State University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he co-founded the Federalist Society.

**Eric W. Anderson** is a partner in bankruptcy group of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta, where he concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, workouts, financial restructuring and commercial finance. He represents lenders and other parties in bankruptcy and financial restructuring matters both in and out of bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession financing, purchase and sale of assets of distressed companies, and various related transactions. A frequent writer and speaker, Mr. Anderson is a member and past chair of the advisory board for ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and has contributed articles to the *ABI Journal* and other publications. He is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and chairman of the College's 11th Circuit Educational Programs Committee, and is a member of the boards of directors of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and of Meritas, a worldwide law firm organization. He also served on the board of directors of the Atlanta Bar Association and is a past chair of the Atlanta Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Anderson was selected as one of Georgia's Legal Elite in 2007-14, and has been listed as a "Georgia Super Lawyer" in *Atlanta Magazine*. He is also recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of America's leading lawyers for business, and by *The Best Lawyers in America*. In addition, he is a Master of the Bench in the W. Homer Drake, Jr. Georgia Bankruptcy Inn of Court. Mr. Anderson received his undergraduate degree with distinction in 1982 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1986 from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

**Philip D. Anker** is co-chair of WilmerHale's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group in New York and has more than 20 years of experience in insolvency practice. He has represented debtors, chapter 11 trustees, trustees of post-confirmation trusts, creditors' committees, secured creditors, debtor-in-possession lenders, unsecured creditors, equityholders, investors and purchasers of companies and assets in bankruptcy. Mr. Anker also has substantial experience in out-of-court workouts and has played a leading role in some of the largest, most prominent bankruptcy-related litigation matters in recent years, including actions arising out of the *Adelphia*, *Enron*, *Global Crossing*, *Lyondell*, *Tribune* and *Refco* chapter 11 cases, as well as several consumer bankruptcy class actions. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law from 2005-14, as well as in the 2010-13 editions of *Benchmark Litigation*. Mr. Anker received his Bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in 1978 from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. in 1982 from George Washington University Law School.

**Weston Anson** is chairman of CONSOR Intellectual Asset Management in La Jolla, Calif., and specializes in licensing valuation and marketing. He has been involved in programs at firms such as Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Playboy Enterprises and Hang Ten International. Mr. Anson is active in all

of the major international trademark and intellectual property associations as a speaker and an officer. He is a prolific author on the subject of licensing and intellectual property and has published more than 150 articles in the U.S. and overseas. Since founding CONSOR more than 20 years ago, Mr. Anson has constructed and implemented numerous licensing programs for major corporations and has performed valuations of hundreds of intellectual property components. He received his M.B.A. with honors from Harvard University.

**Elizabeth J. Austin** is a member and chair of the Bankruptcy Section of Pullman & Comley, LLC's Litigation Department in Bridgeport, Conn., where she represents financial institutions, creditors' committees, debtors and trustees in both reorganizations and liquidations and related bankruptcy court litigation. Previously, she was the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Southern District of New York, where she oversaw all chapter 11 proceedings filed in the district, including such major cases as *Refco*, *Delta Airlines*, *Northwest Airlines*, *Delphi*, *Calpine* and *Dana Automotive*. She argued crucial motions in major cases, including the U.S. Trustee's motions for examiners and trustees in the *Refco*, *Delta* and *Adelphia* cases. She also oversaw the appointment of creditors' committees, including equity committees, in all major cases. Before joining the Office of the U.S. Trustee, Ms. Austin had been chair of Pullman & Comley's Bankruptcy Section, where she represented major creditors in the chapter 11 cases of three airlines, debtors and creditors' committees, official committees of working interest and royalty owners in numerous oil company bankruptcies, and debtors and creditors in real estate cases involving shopping centers, apartment complexes and office buildings. She has trial experience in both state and federal courts and has written on many aspects of bankruptcy law. Most recently she was a contributing author and editor to Examiners in *Bankruptcy Cases: A Guide for Examiners, Courts and Practitioners, 2013-2014 Edition*, published by Thomson Reuters Westlaw. She also wrote a case study titled "Alternatives to Bankruptcy for Insolvent Nursing Homes," published by the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review*, and on matters related to bankruptcy fraudulent transfer avoidance, the bankruptcy collection process, bankruptcy ethics and the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994. She also has lectured on bankruptcy law before numerous professional groups. Ms. Austin received her B.A. from University of Nebraska at Lincoln 1979 and her J.D. from the University of Nebraska School of Law in 1982.

**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. He also serves as a director of the Judicial Leadership Development Council and is a member of the NCBJ Committee on Judicial Security. He previously was a member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. Judge Barash is a frequent panelist on bankruptcy law issues and has been a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law. He has also 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 and immediate past president of the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a national, non-partisan 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

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**Lisa G. Beckerman** is a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in New York, where her practice focuses on representing debtors, informal groups of creditors and official creditors' committees in chapter 11 cases and out-of-court restructurings in a variety of areas, including manufacturing, airlines, media, retail, energy and real estate. Some of her recent representations include Walter Energy, Inc., Chassiz Holdings, Inc., YRC Worldwide, Metro Affiliates, Inc., Journal Register Co., Pinnacle Airlines Corp., Nortel Networks Inc., WCI Communities, Inc., Delta Air Lines and Bear Sterns. Ms. Beckerman has been recognized by *Chambers USA* from 2005-15 and was in the *Practical Law Company's* list of top bankruptcy attorneys in the U.S. She was also recognized in *Who's Who Legal for Insolvency & Restructuring* in 2014-16. Ms. Beckerman serves on ABI's Board of Directors and is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. She also serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for Boston University School of Law. Ms. Beckerman is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, New Jersey and New York, and before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. She received her B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago in 1984, her M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1986 and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1989.

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**Leyza F. Blanco** is a founding shareholder in the Miami office of GrayRobinson, P.A., where she concentrates on complex business litigation, bankruptcy and insolvency matters representing creditors, receivers, assignees, trustees and debtors. She has served as mediator, custodian, examiner, receiver, special master and as an expert witness in federal and state court proceedings, and her practice in the area of restructuring and creditors' rights is currently focused on complex business and cross-border bankruptcy and commercial litigation matters. She is also a certified civil court mediator. Ms. Blanco is currently vice chair of Finance for the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and vice chair of the Litigation Committee of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section. She also serves as Special Projects Leader for ABI's Asset Sales Committee. Ms. Blanco is a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar of the Southern District of Florida and past chair of the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee and Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee. She was awarded the Key Partners Award by the *South Florida Business Journal* in 2012 and was recently recognized in the *Wall Street Journal* as being among the Top 50 Women Attorneys in Florida in 2016 and Top 100 Lawyers in Miami-Dade County. Ms. Blanco is a 2014 Fellow for the Legal Council in Legal Diversity and a member of Leadership Florida Class XXXII. She is ranked in *Chambers USA*, and has been named a *Florida Super Lawyer* and Top Lawyer by *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*. Ms. Blanco received her B.A. from Miami College of Arts & Sciences and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami Law School, where she was articles and comments editor for the *Inter-American Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif.

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**Brad Boe** is director of credit at Performance Food Group in Denver and a member of its Mergers and Acquisition team. He has years of in-depth experience in receivables management, reduction of working capital, credit risk and portfolio management, banking relationships, remote deposit capture, EIPP, NACHA, autocash integration, contract administration, Uniform Commercial Code, Bankruptcy Code, total quality management, credit management process improvement, systems implementation and integration projects. Mr. Boe specializes in debt restructuring, workouts, secured transactions, chapter 11s and unsecured creditors' committees, preference defense, § 503(b)(9) and PACA claims, and IT system development and implementation. He has been a project manager for a credit and AR overlay system that ties 22 disparate core legacy systems into one integrated solution, from EIPP to credit management to cash application. Mr. Boe received his B.S. in business administration from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

**Peter L. Borowitz** is a mediator with Mangrove Mediation in Bonita Springs, Fla. After three decades at Debevoise & Plimpton, he retired from the partnership in 2007 so that he could focus exclusively on acting as mediator in all types of commercial disputes, with particular emphasis on disputes arising in domestic and cross-border bankruptcies and out-of-court restructurings. In recent years, Mr. Borowitz has served as mediator in connection with a number of chapter 11 cases, including mediation of chapter 11 plan issues in the *Energy Future Holdings*, *Tousa* and *US Capital* cases and the mediation of adversary proceedings in connection with the *Madoff*, *Lehman*, *Adelphia*, *BearingPoint*, *Polaroid*, *Refco*, *Rhodes Companies*, *SemCrude* and *360networks* cases. He joined Debevoise & Plimpton in 1978 and became a partner in 1986. While his career initially focused on the representation of debtors in bankruptcies and workouts (such as Chrysler, Western Union and Baldwin United), in later years he primarily represented creditors in restructurings in and out of court (including such domestic cases as *Orion Pictures*, *TWA*, *Enron*, *USGen*, *Calpine*, *Kmart*, *Oregon Arena* and *Dulles Greenway*, and such cross-border cases as *Sea Containers*, *Parmalat Canada*, *LJ Hooker*, *AeroMexico*, *Mexicana*, *Kvaerner*, and *Burmeister and Wain*). Mr. Borowitz received his A.B. *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 1974 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1978, where he was a member of the *Harvard Law Review* and a recipient of the Sears Prize.

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**William (Bill) A. Brandt, Jr.** is the founder and executive chairman of Development Specialists, Inc. in New York and has been involved in thousands of insolvency and restructuring cases. In 2015, he finished his third consecutive term serving as chair of the Illinois Finance Authority, having first been

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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, appointed on Jan. 25, 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 the Third Circuit representative on the Administrative Office’s Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and a member of the Third Circuit Judicial Council’s Facilities and Security Committee. Judge Carey is the immediate past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is an ABI Board member. 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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**Hon. Daniel P. Collins** is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed as bankruptcy judge on Jan. 18, 2013, and as chief judge on March 17, 2014. 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 chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona from 1995-96 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 he 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, and he has served for more than 20 years on the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Panel. 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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