

Faculty Biographies

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Hon. Stuart M. Bernstein was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York on Nov. 24, 1993, and served as Chief Judge for 10 years. He also served as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System from 2006-12, and currently serves as a member of the of Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bernstein practiced with the Manhattan law firm of Kensington & Ressler P.C. and also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In addition to his judicial duties, he has served as an adjunct professor of law at the Cardozo Law School and St. John's Law School, authored several articles and lectured on behalf of ALI-ABA, ABI, the New York State Bar Association and the Georgetown Law Center. Judge Bernstein is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the American Bar Association and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. In addition, he is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the International Insolvency Institute and INSOL International. Judge Bernstein received his B.A. *cum laude* from Queens College and his J.D. *cum laude* from Fordham Law School, where he was a member of its law review.

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, including out-of-

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After three decades at Debevoise & Plimpton, **Peter Borowitz** 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, Tousey and US Capital cases and mediation of adversary proceedings in connection with the Madoff, Lehman, Adelphia, BearingPoint, Polaroid, Refco, Rhodes Companies, SemCrude and 360networks cases. 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. Mr. Borowitz 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).

Hon. Mildred Cabán was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico on March 19, 2010. She sat at the Southwestern Divisional Office in Ponce, P.R., until Aug. 31, 2011, and is currently sitting in Old San Juan. Judge Cabán is chair of NCBJ's Public Outreach Committee and chaired its HNBA Liaison Committee. She is also part of the District Examination Committee for the Federal Bar in Puerto Rico, and she serves as the First Circuit representative for the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and as faculty for the Education Committee for the Federal Judicial Center. Previously, Judge Cabán clerked for Judge Laffitte of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, then practiced bankruptcy law at Brown Newsom & Córdova. She was then a partner for 11 years at Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C., where her law practice focused on

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José R. Carrión has served as the standing chapter 13 trustee for Puerto Rico in San Juan since Oct. 1, 1998, and as the standing chapter 13 and 12 trustee for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands since 2002. An attorney and public notary with more than 25 years of practice, Mr. Carrión is admitted to practice in Puerto Rico state and federal courts, the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to becoming a trustee, Mr. Carrión held various managerial positions in the consumer banking industry and has represented banks, debtors and chapter 7 trustees in bankruptcy court. He was also an adjunct professor at the Universidad de Puerto Rico School of Law from 2007-10. Mr. Carrión received his B.A. and J.D. from the Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Katherine R. Catanese is a bankruptcy and restructuring senior counsel with Foley & Lardner LLP in New York, a member of its Bankruptcy and Health Care Restructuring team and a coordinator for the firm's Women's Network. She focuses her practice on the representation of post-confirmation trusts and trustees, and she represents investors and managers in hedge funds in onshore and offshore accounts in bankruptcy litigation, including involuntary bankruptcies and chapter 15 bankruptcy. Ms. Catanese has represented banks and trustees of bank holding companies, including litigation related to the procurement of tax refunds and disputes with the FDIC over refund ownership. She further emphasizes indenture trustee representation, including the representation of U.S. Bank as the indenture trustee for certain bonds in the American Airlines bankruptcy. She also has extensive experience in the representation of trustees regarding resolution and objection to bankruptcy claims, pursuit of fraudulent transfer and preference actions, as well as litigation related to bad-faith bankruptcy filings, Ponzi schemes and 363 sales. Previously, Ms. Catanese was an associate at Alford & Fish, P.C., where she represented corporate debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and trustees in all aspects of bankruptcy litigation, including chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases. She was selected for inclusion in the 2014 *New York Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" list and is devoted to pro bono legal work. Ms. Catanese was formerly a visiting professor teaching research and writing at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a member of the International Women's Restructuring and Insolvency Confederation (IWIRC), ABI and the Turnaround Management Association (TMA), and served on the ABA Task Force on Attorney Discipline. Ms. Catanese is admitted to practice in New York and Michigan. She is also a lifetime member of the Michigan State University alumni association and a member of the MSU Law Alumni Board. Ms. Catanese received her B.A. in psychology *summa cum laude* in 2001 and her J.D. *cum laude* in 2004 from Michigan State University. During law school, she clerked for Hon. David L. Jordon.

Rudy J. Cerone is a member of McGlinchey Stafford in New Orleans and a former chair and president of the American Board of Certification. A frequent lecturer on both business and complex consumer bankruptcy issues for more than 20 years, he also served as on ABI's Executive Committee as Secretary, co-chaired ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation Committee from 2005-06 and chaired its Hospitality, Entertainment Venues and Gaming Subcommittee from 2001-05. He was also a

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Gustavo A. Chico-Barris is special counsel with Ferraiuoli LLC in San Juan, P.R., and a member of the bankruptcy team in the firm's litigation division. Previously, he clerked for Chief Judge Hon. Enrique S. Lamoutte in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico and was a partner in a Puerto Rico law firm litigating before federal and state courts, agencies and arbitration forums, primarily in commercial litigation, insurance regulation, bankruptcy and real estate transactions. Mr. Chico-Barris is a member of the American and Federal Bar Associations and ABI, and is admitted to practice in Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., Massachusetts, the U.S. Supreme Court, the First Circuit Court of Appeals and Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Puerto Rico and Massachusetts. He received his B.A. in international relations in 1999 from Tufts University and his J.D. in 2002 from American University School of Law.

Hon. Leif M. Clark is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio, appointed in 1987, and is with MWI in Boston. He has authored more than 300 opinions, some of which have been seminal decisions on emerging issues in both consumer and business bankruptcy. A frequent speaker and lecturer throughout the U.S., he has also published a number of academic papers on insolvency issues. Judge Clark presided over one of the earlier cross-border matters, Inverworld, guiding the case to a successful resolution. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to Working Group V of UNCITRAL from 2005-13 and continues as a delegate on behalf of the ABA. Judge Clark is a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, authoring a chapter on chapter 15. His publications and writings have been cited at the circuit level in matters involving cross-border insolvency. Judge Clark has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Law, as well as at the McGeorge International LLM program in Salzburg. He also helped design a judicial training program for judges in the CEE countries in the late 1990s, and personally co-lead training programs in Latvia, Poland, Romania and Ukraine. Since 2005, he has participated in the work of Working Group V of UNCITRAL. He currently consults on behalf of the IMF and the World Bank, and is a principle of CBIInsolvency, a firm offering consulting services on cross-border issues. Judge Clark is a member (and past executive committee member) of the National Bankruptcy Conference, the American College of Bankruptcy, ABI (for which he is a past officer and member of its Executive Committee), INSOL International and the International Insolvency Institute. He completed his undergraduate work with honors at the University of Maryland in College Park, obtained a master of divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and received his J.D. from the University of Houston School of Law, where he graduated with honors and was a published editor in the *Houston Law Review*.

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Hon A. Jay Cristol is chief judge emeritus for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in Miami. He was appointed on April 17, 1985, and served as the district's chief bankruptcy judge from 1993-99. From 1959-65, he served as a special assistant attorney general of Florida and as a trustee in bankruptcy from 1977-85. He is the past president of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association and served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami. Judge Cristol is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law, where he has taught an advanced bankruptcy course for more than 20 years. Judge Cristol has served on the Bankruptcy Committee of the Eleventh Circuit and on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. He has also taught internationally under various programs for the State Department, USAID, ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Cristol has published numerous articles on law, aviation, history and other subjects, and wrote a book, *The Liberty Incident*. He also served as a captain in the Naval Reserve, with 38 years of service as a pilot and a lawyer. Judge Cristol received his B.A. from the University of Miami and his J.D. *cum laude* from the

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