

Faculty Biographies

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Joseph A. Baldi is the principal shareholder of the Chicago bankruptcy boutique firm of Baldi Berg & Wallace, Ltd. (formerly Joseph A. Baldi & Associates, P.C.). Prior to establishing his own law firm, he was a partner in the Chicago law firms of Schwartz & Freeman and Rosenthal and Schanfield, P.C., where he was the Practice Group chair of its Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He also spent five years as a staff attorney with the Office of the U.S. Trustee. Mr. Baldi's experience includes the representation of creditors, debtors and bankruptcy trustees, and he has represented a variety of lenders, including banks, life insurance companies and other secured creditors in bankruptcy courts throughout the country in chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases. He has been involved in cases for real estate partnerships, restaurants, software vendors, trucking companies, construction firms and gas production facilities. He has also represented a number of individual debtors in chapter 11 cases. Mr. Baldi has been a chapter 7 trustee for nearly 30 years and has liquidated a broad range of business entities, including law firms, real estate ventures, steel and aluminum companies, retail firms and construction companies. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and is admitted to practice before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and many federal bankruptcy courts in the Midwest. Mr. Baldi is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and ABI, for which he is a frequent lecturer on a variety of bankruptcy topics. He received his B.A. in psychology from Western Illinois University and his J.D. *cum laude* from DePaul University College of Law.

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resented assignees, handled assignments for the benefit of creditors, and prosecuted and defended hundreds of preference cases. Mr. Berkoff is recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as one of the country's leading bankruptcy and insolvency lawyers. He has also been designated an *Illinois Super Lawyer* from 2005-14, is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights law, and is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. Mr. Berkoff received the Turnaround Management Association's (TMA) 2013 Small Company Turnaround of the Year Award and its 2010 Mid-Size Transaction of the Year Award. He received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983 and his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1986.

Hon. James W. Boyd is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed in May 2014. Prior to his appointment, he was a chapter 7 trustee and a partner in the law firm of Kuhn, Darling, Boyd and Quandt PLC in Traverse City, Mich., where he practiced in the areas of bankruptcy law and commercial litigation. Judge Boyd has extensive trustee and receivership experience in both chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases involving a wide variety of industries. He has also served as an operating and liquidating receiver under Michigan law for numerous entities. Judge Boyd is a contributing author to ICLE's *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies* and is a past president of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. He is also a member of the Federal Bar Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker. Judge Boyd received his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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Marc J. Carmel is a member of Paul Hastings LLP's corporate practice in Chicago, where he concentrates his practice in restructuring and bankruptcy law. He has significant experience representing debtors, strategic and financial investors, lenders and creditors in connection with traditional, prepackaged and prenegotiated bankruptcies, as well as out-of-court workouts, and he focuses on protecting and advancing the interests of distressed companies and parties seeking to purchase distressed assets in commercial workouts and chapter 11 reorganization cases. On the transactional side, Mr. Carmel has advised clients with respect to restructuring planning, distressed acquisitions, negotiating lending agreements, drafting and implementing chapter 11 plans of reorganization, and fiduciary duties of directors and officers. A certified public accountant (CPA), Mr. Carmel received both his B.B.A. and M.Acc. from the University of Michigan in 1994 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2000.

Hon. James M. Carr is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Indiana in Indianapolis. Previously, he was a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP and had been in private practice for 38 years, focusing on the representation of business debtors and creditors in chapter 11 cases, financial restructurings and commercial litigation. Judge Carr is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association (for which he is a past chair of its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Section) and the Indianapolis Bar Association (for which he is a past chair of its Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section). He is also a past chair and president of the Indiana Association for Corporate Renewal and chairs the annual Sig Beck advanced bankruptcy roundtable. Judge Carr was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 1987-2012 in Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Bankruptcy Litigation, and has been a panelist and chair of many seminars on bankruptcy, reorganization, creditor rights and lender liability sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Federal Bar Association and Indiana Bankers Association. He is also an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and currently serves on the law school's Board of Visitors, and is a past member and president of its Alumni Board. Judge Carr received his B.A. in English from Indiana University in 1972 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1975 from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Donald R. Cassling is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, sworn in on Jan. 18, 2012. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Jenner & Block and at

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Hon. A. Benjamin Goldgar is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed in 2003. From 1982-95, Judge Goldgar was in private practice with the Chicago firm of Keck, Mahin and Cate. In 1995, he joined the Illinois Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general in its Civil Appeals Division. He became a supervising attorney in the Division in 1997, serving there until his appointment to the bench. During his tenure with the Attorney General's Office, Judge Goldgar represented Illinois departments, agencies and officials in more than 140 appeals and original actions in state and federal reviewing courts, presenting more than 50 oral arguments. Judge Goldgar has lectured on bankruptcy, bankruptcy practice, appellate practice, appellate jurisdiction, litigation skills and brief-writing. He has taught appellate advocacy at Loyola University of Chicago Law School and is a past president of the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association, and he currently serves as an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Goldgar received his A.B. *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

Hon. Laura K. Grandy is Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois in East St. Louis, appointed in 2010. Previously, she was a principal with the law firm of Mathis, Marifian, Richter & Grandy, where she concentrated her practice in corporate reorganizations, bankruptcy and banking. She also served as a chapter 7 panel trustee for 18 years. While in private practice, she successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Grandy regularly speaks about bankruptcy-related issues and chairs the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges's Outreach Committee. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, the St. Clair County Bar Association, the Southern Illinois Bankruptcy Institute, BASIL and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trust-

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Hon. Arthur I. Harris is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland, appointed in 2002, and serves on the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He also served as a judge on the Sixth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel from 2009-13. Following law school, Judge Harris clerked for Hon. John M. Manos, U.S. District Judge, in Cleveland, then

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Hon. Susan V. Kelley is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner in the Madison, Wis., office of Michael, Best & Friedrich and also practiced with the Madison law firms of Lee, Kilkelly, Paulson & Younger and Murphy & Desmond, and the Baltimore firm of Weinberg and Green. She is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Judge Kelley is active in the State Bar of Wisconsin, having chaired its Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Section for four years, and is a former member of the executive committee of the board of governors. She has also co-chaired the Gender Equity Committee and is a member of the Convention and Entertainment Committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Judge Kelley has authored the debtor/creditor law chapter of the *Annual Survey of Wisconsin Law* for 10 years and is the editor-in-chief of the fifth edition of *Ginsberg & Martin on Bankruptcy*, published by Aspen Publishing. She is also an adjunct professor at Marquette University Law School. Judge Kelley received her J.D. from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America and her B.A. from Marquette University.

Hon. J. Philip Klingeberger is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Indiana in Hammond, appointed on June 16, 2003. From 1975-85, he was in private practice in northwest Indiana, and from 1986-2003, he was an assistant U.S. attorney at the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Klingeberger received his B.A. in political science in 1972 from Grinnell College in 1972 and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in 1975.

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Hon. Pamela Pepper is a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, appointed by President Obama in 2014. Previously, she served as a bankruptcy judge for the district, initially appointed on July 5, 2005, and named chief judge on July 1, 2010. Prior to her appointment, she was with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago and moved to the Milwaukee U.S. Attorney's Office in 1994. Judge Pepper was previously a solo criminal defense practitioner, representing clients in federal trial courts and in the Seventh Circuit, as well as in Wisconsin state court. She holds a graduate certificate in dispute resolution from Marquette University and has taught legal writing and law practice management at Marquette Law School. Judge Pepper is a former president of the Milwaukee Bar Association and a former chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors. She also served on the boards of Federal Defender Services and the State Public Defender. Judge Pepper is a member of ABI, for which she served as co-chair and education director of its Consumer Bankruptcy Committee and sits on its Board of Directors, and of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she served a term as the Seventh Circuit representative on the Board of Governors and a term as secretary for 2013-14, as well as two terms as associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. She has also served on the Human Resources Advisory Council of the Administrative Office, currently serves on the OSCAR working group for the Administrative Office, and speaks at Federal Judicial Center programs. Judge Pepper is a frequent speaker for other organizations on such topics as the rules of evidence in bankruptcy, the intersection of criminal and bankruptcy law, and litigation skills. She received her undergraduate degree in theater from Northwestern University and her J.D. from Cornell Law School, where she was a notes editor on the *Cornell Law Review* and a teaching assistant.

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