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John A. Anthony is the managing member of Anthony & Partners in Tampa, Fla., where his practice focuses on chapter 11 reorganizations, complex chapter 7 liquidations, assignments for the benefit of creditors, loan restructures, state court loan enforcement litigation and lender-liability defense in state and federal courts. Previously, he chaired a statewide 22-lawyer creditors' rights department of a large law firm. Mr. Anthony served for four years on the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association's Board of Directors, and served for two years as an editor of its newsletter, *The Cramdown*. He frequently speaks and writes regarding matters of importance to financial institutions and other creditors, and he has been AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell for 25 years, with regular appearances on *Florida Trend's* "Legal Elite." He is a member of the Florida Bar Association's Corporate Banking and Business Law Section, as well as the Federal, American, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy, Polk County and Lakeland Bar Associations and the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida. He has been AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 1983, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Anthony received his B.A. from Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences in theology and political philosophy in 1984 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987.

Paul J. Battista is an attorney with Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami, where he specializes in complex commercial bankruptcy, restructuring and insolvency matters both in and out of court, including related bankruptcy litigation and transactional work. He routinely represents chapter 11 debtors in possession (DIPs), creditors' committees, DIP lenders, purchasers of assets and trustees in large and complex restructurings, workouts, and bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. He also has substantial experience in the representation of franchisors in numerous franchisee bankruptcies around the country. Mr. Battista has insolvency experience in such industries as real estate development, quick-service restaurants, casual dining, retail, insurance, aviation and franchising, and he has litigated a wide variety of bankruptcy-related claims and issues at both the trial and appellate levels, including fraud and Ponzi schemes and bankruptcy avoidance actions. He also represents lenders and borrowers in all aspects of secured lending. Mr. Battista is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy, business reorganizations and creditors' rights, having also been named "Lawyer of the Year" in Miami for 2012. He has also been ranked as a "band 1" Florida bankruptcy attorney in *Chambers & Partners USA* and as one of Florida's top lawyers by *Florida Trend*, *South Florida Legal Guide* and *Who's Who Legal: Florida*

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Russell M. Blain is a shareholder with Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler P.A. in Tampa, Fla., and has led the firm’s representation of clients in numerous large chapter 11 cases. His practice, which involves out-of-court workouts and consultation with and advice to clients, as well as litigation in bankruptcy courts, is statewide, and he has served as lead counsel in the representation of debtors in possession in the largest cases ever filed in the Northern District of Florida. Mr. Blain is the immediate past chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar and is a past president of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. He also is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is recognized by *Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the Top 100 lawyers in the State of Florida. In addition, he is listed in the bankruptcy and insolvency category by *The Best Lawyers in America*, by *Chambers & Partners America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, by *Florida Trend* magazine’s “Florida Legal Elite,” and by *Who’s Who - Legal*. He has spoken on bankruptcy topics for The Florida Bar and various other seminar sponsors. Mr. Blain was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1977. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1974 from Vanderbilt University and his J.D. from the University of Florida in 1977, where he served as senior executive editor of the *University of Florida Law Review*, and his law review note was selected for publication and received the Gertrude Brick Law Apprentice Award. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Robert B. Branson is an attorney with BransonLaw, PLLC in Orlando, Fla., who has focused on consumer and small business bankruptcy rights for nearly 30 years. Since 1990, he has been a mediator in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida’s Orlando Division and became a Florida Circuit Mediator in 2014. In 2010, he participated in the working group to assist in the implementa-

tion of the Residential Mortgage Modification Program in the Middle District of Florida's Orlando Division. As a mediator, Mr. Branson has performed countless adversary and sanction mediations and over 800 residential mortgage mediations. As debtor's counsel, he has completed more than 600 mortgage modifications since the program's inception. A leader in the area of mortgage modification mediation through bankruptcy, Mr. Branson has been teaching attorneys and their staff throughout Florida and other states around the country to understand the various Federal mortgage modification programs, and how to effectively obtain these modifications through Residential Mortgage Modification Mediation, since 2011. Throughout his career, he has provided *pro bono* legal services to those in need, and his firm has frequently interceded on behalf of pro se debtors at the request of the bench and chapter 13 trustee's office. His firm also assisted with the formation of the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division *Pro Se* Clinic. Mr. Branson served in the U.S. Army from 1978-83. He received his B.A. from the University of Central Florida in 1985 and his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law in 1988.

G. Eric Brunstad, Jr. is a partner with Dechert LLP in Hartford, Conn., and is currently involved with the pending reorganization of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He has argued 10 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, has worked on more than 40 other matters in the Court, and argues cases regularly in the various federal courts of appeals. In addition to his practice, he is an adjunct professor of law at NYU and a visiting lecturer in Law at the Yale Law School, where he teaches courses on bankruptcy, secured transactions, commercial law, argument and reason, federal courts, and other subjects. He began teaching at Yale in 1990 and has also taught at the Harvard Law School and the Georgetown Law Center. He is a contributing authority to the Collier treatise on bankruptcy law. His scholarly work has been cited by numerous courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Brunstad published a textbook entitled *Secured Transactions, Teaching Materials*. He has been recognized in *Leading Lawyers in Appellate Law*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Connecticut Super Lawyers*, *International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* and *Leading Lawyers in Bankruptcy Law*. Mr. Brunstad has been recognized as a leading lawyer in numerous venues, including *Leading Lawyer in Appellate Law*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Connecticut Super Lawyers*, *International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* and *Leading Lawyer in Bankruptcy Law*. His scholarly work has been cited or quoted by many courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Brunstad received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Connecticut College in 1983, his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986, where he was an associate editor and contributing editor of the *Michigan Law Review*, and both his LL.M. in 2011 and his J.S.D. in 2014 from Yale Law School.

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Hon. Roberta A. Colton is a bankruptcy judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, the first bankruptcy judge to be appointed under a memorandum of understanding between the Eighth and Eleventh Circuit Courts. She also serves as a member of the mediation team involved in the Puerto Rico PROMESA cases. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Colton practiced at Trenam Law in Tampa, Fla., where she was a shareholder and a member of the firm's Executive Board. Her practice areas included business reorganization, bankruptcy litigation, foreclosure/lender liability, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustee representation, commercial litigation and bankruptcy asset sales. Prior to joining Trenam Law, she served as a judicial law clerk for Hon. James C. Hill of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta. During her more than 30 years in practice, Judge Colton has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights, Bet-the-Company Litigation and Bankruptcy Litigation. She was also featured as a "Tampa Best Lawyer of the Year" in bankruptcy law. Prior to her appointment, Judge Colton was named one of the top 10 *Super Lawyers* in Florida from 2011-16. She has served as Eleventh Circuit Regent for the American College of Bankruptcy, chair of the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Middle District of Florida, and chair of the Grievance Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She also is the former chair of the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, as well as the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. Judge Colton has taught numerous CLE programs over the past 20 years, both for the Florida

Bar and for bankruptcy programs across the country, on topics ranging from specific bankruptcy and foreclosure issues, workout issues, mediation, and trial and discovery issues. She received her B.A. in commerce with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1979 and her J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 1982, where she served on its law review and was a national moot court finalist.

Robert A. Cox, Jr. is a partner in the Charlotte, N.C., office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, where he focuses his practice on financial restructuring and insolvency, including bankruptcy matters, creditors' rights, commercial workouts, receiverships, bankruptcy-related litigation and distressed-asset acquisitions. He represents corporate debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees, unsecured creditors, asset-acquirers, lessors, equityholders, and other parties-in-interest in bankruptcy cases and out-of-court workouts throughout the U.S. Mr. Cox is active in ABI, for which he serves on the advisory board for its Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, and in the North Carolina Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section, having chaired the section from 2011-12. He is listed in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Cox clerked for Hon. J. Craig Whitley, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in 1992 and his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1995.

Hon. Robert N. Davis is Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, first appointed on Dec. 4, 2004, and named Chief Judge on Oct. 9, 2016. Prior to his judicial appointment, he was a full tenured professor of law at Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Fla. Chief Judge Davis joined the Stetson law faculty in August 2001 after teaching for 13 years at the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he was a tenured full professor. He has also held teaching positions at the University of South Florida, Georgetown University Law Center, the University of Memphis and Washington and Lee University. In addition, he has taught in summer programs at the University of Hawaii; Downing College, England; and Concordia International University, Estonia; and has lectured at Makerere University School of Law in Uganda and at the University of Papua New Guinea. Chief Judge Davis has taught constitutional law, administrative law, national and international security law, alternative dispute resolution, counterterrorism, and international and domestic sports law. He is the founder of the *Journal of National Security Law* and has held positions of leadership with the American Bar Associations' Standing Committee on Law and National Security, the Federalist Society and the American Association of Law Schools. In addition, he has written numerous articles on a variety of subjects, including a recent article published by the *Texas Tech Law Review* titled, "Veterans Fighting Wars at Home and Abroad." He has been a frequent commentator on television and radio and in newspapers regarding national security, terrorism, constitutional law and elections issues. While teaching in Mississippi, he was appointed by the governor as a Mississippi Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Chief Judge Davis has experience as an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association. He was a mediator with the U.S. Postal Service and was an arbitration panel member with the U.S. Olympic Committee. Chief Judge Davis presides over the veterans court as a decorated Navy veteran. During his Navy career as an intelligence officer, he took a variety of active-duty assignments around the world. Chief Judge Davis practiced as an appellate attorney for five years with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, D.C., and spent four years with the U.S. Department of Education in its business and administrative law division. He also briefly served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia as part of a federal agency exchange program. Chief Judge Davis received

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Hon. Caryl E. Delano was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa on June 25, 2008, and was appointed Presiding Judge of the Fort Myers Division in July 2012. Previously, she practiced before the bankruptcy courts of the Central District of California for 14 years. In 1994, she returned to Tampa and most recently practiced law with the firm of Addison & Delano, P.A., where she concentrated her practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Judge Delano has represented debtors and creditors in numerous chapter 11 cases and related adversary proceedings. She is immediate past-president and counselor of the J. Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court and the liaison judge to the Local Rules Lawyers' Advisory Committee for the Middle District of Florida. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the State Bar of California, ABI, the Federal Court Practice Committee and the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, the Hillsborough County Bar Association and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. Judge Delano received her B.A. in English *cum laude* in 1976 from the University of South Florida and her J.D. in 1979 from Indiana University School of Law, having completed her final year of law school at Emory University School of Law.

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insurance companies and pensions, as well as individual property owners. He has also been an expert court witness and has testified as a real estate expert (trial testimony and/or deposition) some 90 times in cases ranging from eminent domain, family law, lease disputes, arbitration, bankruptcy, deficiency and fraud in both circuit and federal courts. He is an expert consultant with extensive experience in valuation and diminution-in-value issues and writing and/or preparation of damage studies relating to frontage roads, site utility, power lines, gas pipelines and more. Mr. Engelmann is a designated member of The Appraisal Institute (MAI) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS), as well as being one of only three designated members of the Society of Golf Appraisers (SGA) in the state of Florida. He is also affiliated with the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), National Golf Foundation (NGF), Real Estate Investment Council (REIC), Southeast Mortgagees Advisory Council (SMAC), The International Association of Collaborative Professionals (collaborative divorce) and other various local and national professional associations. In addition to his MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute, he is a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser in the States of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, as well as a Florida-licensed real estate salesperson. Mr. Engelmann received his B.S. in real estate from Florida State University, where he maintains a longstanding commitment by serving as a member of the Florida State University Real Estate Board (currently serving his third two-year term) and participating in numerous panels during the annual Real Estate Networking Trends Conference.

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Gilbert received the Founders' Award from the International Insolvency Institute. He served as president of the Eleventh Circuit Historical Society and is a member of the American Law Institute. He also has served as a director of ABI, the International Insolvency Institute, the American Bar Foundation and ALI-ABA. Mr. Gilbert frequently speaks on legal topics pertaining to insolvency issues and has lectured extensively at programs throughout the U.S., Europe, South America and Asia. He has written for various law reviews, was an editor of *Collier on Bankruptcy*, has lectured for The Florida Bar, the American Bar Institute, Sections of the American Bar Association, PLI, the International Bar Association and the International Insolvency Institute, and has participated in various projects at the World Bank. He also serves as a mediator in insolvency and non-insolvency matters. Mr. Gilbert is *Chambers USA*-ranked for Bankruptcy/Restructuring and is ranked in *The Best Lawyers in America* in multiple practice areas. He is also recognized and profiled in *America's Leading Business Lawyers Who's Who Legal* and the *World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*. Mr. Gilbert received his B.A. from Emory University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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Hon. Paul "Bill" M. Glenn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Jacksonville, appointed in 1993. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District from March 2003 through September 2011. Prior to his appointment, he practiced corporate and commercial law in Jacksonville and Miami, and had been the chief executive and administrative officers of two insurance companies. Judge Glenn has been a featured speaker or panelist at continuing legal education sessions for the American Bar Association, ABI, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American College of Bankruptcy, the Turnaround Management Association, the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association, the Florida Bar, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and local bar associations. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Florida and Stetson University

Colleges of Law, and at Florida Coastal School of Law. He is also a contributing editor for the *Norton Handbook for Bankruptcy Trustees, Debtors in Possession, and Committees*. In 2005, Judge Glenn was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2007 he was honored by the Hillsborough County Bar Association with the Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award. He has traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, on an international judges visitation, and he has spoken to visiting judges from Russia. He has also been a speaker at international seminars in Budapest, Hungary, and in Toronto. Judge Glenn has served as president and a director of the Ferguson-White American Inn of Court in Tampa, Fla. In 2010, he was elected to the National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation. He recently served as president of the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court in Jacksonville, which was awarded Platinum status in the Achieving Excellence Program. In 2013, Judge Glenn was appointed to the Budget Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States and served until 2017. In 2014, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Bankruptcy Inn Alliance of the American Inns of Court at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Glenn received his B.A. *cum laude* from Florida State University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gold Key, and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where he was president of the Law School Student Body.

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Hon. Shon Hastings is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of North Dakota in Fargo, appointed in September 2011. She is also designated to preside over bankruptcy cases in the District of Nebraska and the District of Minnesota. Judge Hastings began hearing cases in the District of Nebraska in early 2014 and is currently assigned 20 percent of chapter 7, 11 and 12 bankruptcy cases in Nebraska. She also serves as a mediator for bankruptcy cases in the District of Minnesota. Prior to her appointment, Judge Hastings served as a federal judicial law clerk for two years, associate attorney for a civil litigation firm in Minneapolis for several years and Assistant U.S. Attorney in Fargo for almost 14 years. She was appointed Chief of the Civil Division in January 2009. While working as an AUSA, Judge Hastings served on several Department of Justice working groups, and she frequently spoke on financial litigation issues as a faculty member at the DOJ National Advocacy Center. She received her undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of North Dakota.

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Hon. Cynthia C. Jackson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando, appointed on March 3, 2015. Prior to her appointment, she was a member of Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., and she limited her practice to bankruptcy and insolvency matters throughout the U.S. She had represented debtors, creditors, committees and trustees in both commercial and consumer cases. Judge Jackson is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell and is recognized in *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and in *The Best Lawyers in America*. She attended Tulane University and received her B.S. from Florida State University in 1981 and her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

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Hon. Mindy A. Mora is U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in West Palm Beach, appointed on April 6, 2018. In 2014, she was named a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2016, in light of her professional achievements in the area of commercial finance, she was named a Fellow in the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys. She also previously chaired the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. Previously, Judge Mora was active in the development of Florida's commercial laws, having chaired the Florida Bar Task Force that sponsored the 2007 revisions of the Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Statute (chapter 727, Florida Statutes); co-sponsored the 1997 revisions to Article 8 and the 1999 revisions to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (chapters 678 and 679, Florida Statutes); led a task force for the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar on revisions to Florida's foreclosure laws, which resulted in the enactment of Fla. Stat. §702.12; and served on a committee studying the Uniform Commissioner's proposed Uniform Real Estate Receivership Act. She has often lectured and published articles about insolvency, restructuring, and commercial lending. Judge Mora continues to serve on the Eleventh Circuit Council of the American College of Bankruptcy and is a member of the Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association and The Florida Bar, as well as the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of South Florida, the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves on its Technology and New Member Committees. She received her B.B.A. from George Washington University in 1979 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1982.

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