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Hon. Janet S. Baer is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. She also acts on a regular basis as the presiding judge in the Northern District of Illinois for naturalization ceremonies. Previously, Judge Baer was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the country. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters, and she also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. She is currently judicial chair of ABI's Seventh Circuit Eugene R. Wedoff Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Membership Services and Marketing Committees, a Seventh Circuit representative-elect of the NCBJ Board of Governors, a board member of the Chicago chapter of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, chair of the Northern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Committee, a board member of Chicago CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) and a member of the Chicago Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee. She is also a frequent speaker for ABI, ABA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and the Turn-around Management Association. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

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Hon. James W. Boyd is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed in May 2014, and presides over bankruptcy matters in Grand Rapids and Traverse City. Prior to his appointment, he was 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. From 1988-2014, he served as a chapter 7 panel trustee and as a chapter 11 operating and liquidation trustee in many cases. While a trustee, he served on the board of directors of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees from 1999-2013 and was the president of that organization in 2010. Judge Boyd has 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 IICLE's *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies*. He is 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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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 Quarles & Brady in Chicago, where he had a national practice in commercial and patent-infringement law, as well as bankruptcy litigation, and represented chapter 11 debtors in possession, creditors' committees, individual creditors and chapter 11 trustees. Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for

Chief Judge John R. Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before returning to Chicago to practice law. Judge Cassling has written and lectured extensively on the UCC, banking law and commercial litigation and has testified as an expert witness on the Illinois UCC. From 2003-11, Judge Cassling wrote “Banking Briefs,” a banking litigation column for *The Banking Law Journal*, and served as a member of its board of editors. He has also participated as a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and was selected as an *Illinois Super Lawyer* from 2009-12. Judge Cassling earned his A.B. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

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Manual (Pinnacle Books) and is a contributing author to *Construction Law*, Chapter 16, “Bankruptcy.” She is also the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property and litigation topics. Judge Furay has served on the Board of Governors and various committees of the State Bar of Wisconsin, including its Executive and Finance Committees. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, serving as the Seventh Circuit representative on the Board of Governors and as a member of the Finance Committee, and she has served on the NextGen and Technology Committees of NCBJ. Judge Furay is an ABI member and currently serves on the advisory boards of ABI’s Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and the Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference. She is also a member of the Turnaround Management Association and currently is president-elect of its Certification Oversight Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Judge Furay received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

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Hon. LaShonda A. Hunt is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on Jan. 6, 2017. She previously served as general counsel of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, chief legal counsel of the Illinois Department of Corrections, and an assistant U.S. attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Hunt began her legal career as a litigation associate at a national law firm, followed by service as a staff attorney for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and a clerkship with Hon. William J. Hibbler of the Northern District of Illinois. She also worked in-house in the utility industry overseeing commercial litigation and bankruptcy matters, and later transitioned to regulatory affairs. Judge Hunt is an active member of the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. and served as its president in 2015, vice president in 2014 and board member at large in 2013. She is also active in the Chicago Bar Association, where she was co-vice chair of the Federal Civil Practice Committee and a member of the Judicial Evaluation Investigations Committee. Judge Hunt is a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow (Class of 2013). She served on the board of Just the Beginning, a pipeline organization, and chaired Youth Programs for the 2012 Biennial Conference. Judge Hunt is actively involved with the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) and a frequent speaker at PILI events, as well as a mentor to many law students. She received her B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Hon. Thomas M. Lynch is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Rockford, appointed in January 2013. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law in Chicago for many years and served on numerous advisory panels to courts and regulatory agencies. Before entering law school, he worked in public finance as an economic analyst and finance agency executive. Judge Lynch received his undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton, his Master's degree from the University of Chicago and his J.D. from Northwestern University's School of Law, for which he is a member of its adjunct faculty.

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