



AMERICAN
BANKRUPTCY
INSTITUTE

2018 Annual Spring Meeting

Faculty Biographies

Derek C. Abbott is a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Del., and a member of its Business Reorganization & Restructuring Group. He has represented *Fortune 1000*, local, international and other organizations as lead or Delaware counsel in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation on behalf of debtors, creditors, official and *ad hoc* committees and transactional case constituents. Mr. Abbott regularly works with outside and inside counsel, turnaround professionals, crisis-management firms, investment and noninvestment bank professionals, and DIP and exit-financing lenders. His recent client representations include Nortel Networks, Overseas Shipholding Group, Delta Petroleum, Johnson Controls, AT&T, FKF Madison Group Owner, LLC, Lillian Vernon Corp., Hancock Fabrics, Hollinger, Inc. and Nobex Corp. Mr. Abbott has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Law & Politics* magazine and *Delaware Super Lawyers*. In 2011, he received the Caleb R. Layton III Service Award, presented by the judges of the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Delaware. Mr. Abbott is a member of the American and Delaware State Bar Associations, Turnaround Management Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker. He also serves as legal counsel for a variety of indigent clients through Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. Mr. Abbott received his B.S. in human factors psychology in 1987 from the U.S. Military Academy and his J.D. with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1995, where he was an editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Robert J. Ambrogi is a sole practitioner with the Law Office of Robert J. Ambrogi in Boston who represents clients at the intersection of law, media and technology. A news media veteran, he is the only person ever to hold the top editorial positions at the two leading national U.S. legal newspapers, the *National Law Journal* and *Lawyers Weekly USA*. He is also internationally known for his writing and blogging about the internet and technology. Mr. Ambrogi represents a range of businesses and individuals, concentrating in print and electronic media companies, and the editorial, sales, marketing and technology professionals who work in them. He also counsels businesses and individuals in employment matters. An established professional in alternative dispute resolution, Mr. Ambrogi has been an arbitrator since 1994, focusing on labor and employment and securities disputes. He is a mediator in a range of civil disputes, and completed the training required by Massachusetts law to protect confidentiality. Mr. Ambrogi received his B.A. in English and journalism in 1976 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his J.D. in 1980 from Boston College Law School.

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. He first joined the firm as an associate in 1999. Earlier in his career, Judge Barash worked as an associate of Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. in Los Angeles. He also has served as an adjunct professor of law at California State University, Northridge. Following law school, Judge Barash clerked for Hon. Procter R. Hug, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1992-93. He is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and a member of its Education Committee, and he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and a judicial director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He is also a frequent panelist on bankruptcy law issues. Judge Barash received his A.B. *magna cum laude* in 1989 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1992 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as member, editor, business manager and symposium editor of the *UCLA Law Review*.

Michael T. Bates is a vice president and assistant general counsel at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Dallas, where he provides legal advice to Chase's mortgage banking bankruptcy group. Prior to joining Chase, he was a partner in the law firm of Fox Rothschild, LLP, where he provided legal advice to the consumer financial services industry on regulatory and legal compliance issues related to bankruptcy, consumer collections and other default-related servicing issues. He also served for more than 21 years as a senior vice president and senior company counsel for Wells Fargo & Co., where he provided legal advice to all of Wells Fargo's consumer bankruptcy groups. Mr. Bates is admitted to practice in Minnesota and Iowa. He is an active member of NACTT and currently co-chairs its Mortgage Committee. Mr. Bates received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University and his J.D. with honors from Hamline University School of Law.

Camille C. Bent is an associate in BakerHostetler's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights practice group in New York, where she concentrates in the areas of corporate bankruptcy, financial restructuring and commercial litigation. She is experienced in disputes and transactions arising out of corporate insolvencies, including asset sale, fraudulent-transfer, negligent misrepresentation and wrongful redemption cases. Ms. Bent has represented debtors, creditors, trustees, committees and other interested parties in various industries. She currently represents Irving H. Picard, Securities Investor Protection Act trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC, and litigates multimillion-dollar avoidance and recovery actions against foreign and domestic entities. She also continues to represent and defend the City of New York on a pro bono basis as a part of its Public Service Program. Ms. Bent is an active member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and of BakerHostetler's Recruitment, Diversity, and Women's Steering Committees. She received her B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and her J.D. and M.B.A. from Emory University.

Patrick M. Birney is a partner at Robinson & Cole LLP (Robinson+Cole) in Hartford, Conn., and co-chair of the firm's Business Reorganizations, Bankruptcy, and Creditors' Rights group. Since 1998, he has focused his practice on complex transactional, litigation and advisory work related to the debtor/creditor relationship. Mr. Birney is a contributing editor and writer for the *ABI Journal*, has contributed to the *ABI Law Review*, and is a member of the editorial advisory board of the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*. When not focused on insolvency-related endeavors, he serves as vice chair of both the Connecticut Lottery Corp. and the Public Utilities Commission of Wallingford, Conn. Mr. Birney received his B.A. from the University of Dayton, his M.B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago, his J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law and his LL.M. in Bankruptcy from St. John's University School of Law.

J. Scott Bovitz is a senior partner with Bovitz & Spitzer in Los Angeles, where he practices both consumer and business bankruptcy law and represents debtors and creditors. He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, for which he serves as Treasurer for 2016, and he is a Certified Specialist in Bankruptcy Law for the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, which he chaired from 2005-06. Mr. Bovitz is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected as a *Southern California Super Lawyer* in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights since 2004. He sits on the Committee of Bar Examiners for the State Bar of California and chaired its Subcommittee on Operations & Management from 2013-14 and its Subcommittee on Examinations from 2012-13. Mr. Bovitz is a contributing author to *Norton Bankruptcy*

Law and Practice, a coordinating editor of the ABI Journal, and a former executive editor of *Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Practice in California*. He also served as an adjunct professor of law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and served a term as president of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, as both education and conference co-chair of the California Bankruptcy Forum, and on the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference. He is also a member of the Information Technology Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Mr. Bowitz received his J.D. in 1980 from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Marty L. Brimmage, Jr. is a trial lawyer with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Dallas and has more than 20 years of experience leading trial teams in a variety of complex commercial disputes and bankruptcy-related matters across the country. He represents commercial plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of commercial disputes, as well as debtors, creditors, hedge funds, bondholders, committees and other investors in a full range of contested matters and adversary proceedings in complex chapter 11 cases. His most recent work has been focused on energy and mining disputes, as well as cutting-edge chapter 11 bankruptcy issues. Mr. Brimmage is particularly adept at developing litigation and trial strategies to achieve the results necessary to meet the client's legal and business objectives. He has handled proceedings in bankruptcy, state, federal and appellate courts, as well as arbitration proceedings. Mr. Brimmage has been recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer* for Business Litigation every year since 2010. He received his B.B.A. *magna cum laude* and M.B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of North Texas and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Houston, after which he clerked for Hon. Robert C. McGuire, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Hon. Colleen A. Brown is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont in Burlington, appointed on April 10, 2000, and reappointed to a second 14-year term in October 2014. Previously, she was a partner in the law firm of Lawrence, Werner, Kesselring, Swartout & Brown, LLP, where her practice focused on bankruptcy, both debtors' and creditors' rights, foreclosures, workouts and matrimonial bankruptcy issues. She also clerked for Hon. Beryl E. McGuire, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of New York, as the estate administrator in that court; as the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Western District of New York; and as in-house counsel to The Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Co. Since being appointed to the bench, Judge Brown has served as a member of the Vermont Bar Association's Professionalism Roundtable and has chaired the Federal-State Law Council for the District of Vermont, Vermont's first Rule of Law Conference and the Federal Judges' Committee of the National Association of Women Judges. She has been very active in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges since her appointment to the bench, including as the Second Circuit representative to the Board of Governors, a member of two NCBJ Education Committees, chair of the NCBJ's U.S. Trustee Liaison Committee, chair of the NCBJ's Liaison Committee to the National Association of Women Judges, and chair of the NCBJ President's Special Task Force for Cost Containment. Judge Brown is an author for *Collier on Bankruptcy* (15th edition revised) and an associate editor for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, and frequently lectures on consumer and farm bankruptcy law. She received the New York State Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Service Award in 1992 and the Vermont Bar Association's Pro Bono Service Award in 2006. Judge Brown received a B.A. *cum laude* with honors in philosophy from Colgate University in 1979 and her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Buffalo Law School in 1983.

Hon. William H. Brown retired in 2006 as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee and resides in Carbondale, Colo. During his career on the bench, he had been designated to sit in the Middle District of Tennessee, Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of Michigan and Western District of Kentucky. He also served a four-year term on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit from 1999-2002. He currently conducts mediation in bankruptcy and commercial law matters, has conducted mock trials, and has testified as an expert witness in bankruptcy court proceedings. Judge Brown is a member of ABI and served on its Executive Committee, and he is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He has also authored or co-authored several texts, including *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*, *2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis* (1st and 2nd editions), *Bankruptcy and Domestic Relations Manual* and the *Law of Debtors and Creditors* (all published by Thomson West), and he is a principal contributing editor for *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*. In 2008, Judge Brown joined Hon. Keith M. Lundin as co-author of *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy*, published by Bankruptcy Press. He currently serves as an advisor to the Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education, the education arm of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. He received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Lee E. Buchwald is founder and president of Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC in New York, a boutique investment banking firm specializing in financial reorganizations. A veteran investment banker for more than 30 years, he provides financial advisory, trustee, independent director and expert testimony services. Prior to founding the firm in 2001, Mr. Buchwald had been an executive at Rothschild Inc., Salomon Brothers and Chanin Capital Partners. He received his B.A. in 1978 from Columbia College and his M.B.A. in 1982 from Columbia Business School.

Thomas A. Buck, CTP, CIRA is a partner in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group of Eisner-Amper LLP in Iselin, N.J., and is a crisis management professional with nearly 15 years of experience advising distressed businesses in a wide variety of industries. His restructuring acumen includes operational turnarounds, financial restructurings, divestiture transactions and orderly liquidations. Mr. Buck has performed debtor and creditor roles within the bankruptcy process, including such cases as *Transit Group, Inc.*, *Parmalat USA Corp.*, *Best Manufacturing Group LLC*, *North Oakland Medical Centers*, *Autobacs Strauss*, *Consolidated Horticulture Group*, *Qualteq, Inc.*, *KidsPeace Corp.* and *Saint Michaels Medical Center Inc.* He has held many interim management positions and roles for distressed companies, such as CRO and COO. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Buck was a restructuring advisor at Glass & Associates and Huron Consulting. Before his restructuring career, he was president of Filament Fiber Technology Inc., a manufacturer of extruded polymers. He has worked directly or managed consulting engagements in a variety of industries, including chemicals/plastics, textiles, automotive, industrial manufacturing, hospital management, transportation and logistics, engineering and construction, food processing, personal care products, dairy, steel, outdoor retailing, rental equipment and vending. Mr. Buck is a member of ABI, the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors and the Turnaround Management Association. He received his B.S. in business and economics from Lehigh University and his M.B.A. from Wake Forest University.

Margaret A. Burks was appointed as the chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati in July 1992. Previously, she clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Vincent Aug, Jr. from 1988-91 and was counsel to PNC Bank in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law. Ms. Burks

has served as chairperson of the CBA Bankruptcy Committee. Currently, she is on the board of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. She has also chaired the ABI Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. Ms. Burks received her B.S. and B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1985, where she was a member of its law review.

Owen Byrd is Lex Machina's chief evangelist and general counsel in Menlo Park, Calif. He provides thought leadership in the domain of legal analytics and its application to the business and practice of law via speaking engagements, publications, webcasts, blogging, social media and the press. As general counsel, Mr. Byrd is a member of the executive committee, managing Lex Machina's legal affairs and assisting with company operations. He previously led the company's sales, marketing, customer success and operations functions. He also helps lead the Legal Tech Accelerator, a joint program of Lex Machina and LexisNexis, which assisted 12 start-up companies in 2017. Mr. Byrd previously founded and led data-centric software, real estate and nonprofit ventures and operated his own law firm. He is a member of the California Bar and has spoken extensively to legal audiences, primarily focusing on the use of data and analytics to improve legal decision-making. Mr. Byrd earned his B.A. from Colorado College and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

John R. Byrnes is a former U.S. Trustee for the Western District of Virginia in Roanoke.

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 representing creditors in both commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. Judge Cabán has spoken on various bankruptcy and consumer law topics for several organizations and has judged trial and moot court competitions. She is a member of ABI and the Judicial Counsel of HNBA, and in 2014 she received the CARE Volunteer of the Year Award in honor of her work with the Credit Abuse Resistance Education organization. Judge Cabán received her B.A. from Barnard College in 1983 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1986.

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 serves on ABI's Executive Committee as Vice President-Membership and is a past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association. He is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and also serves as an associate editor for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. Judge Carey is the Third Circuit representative on the Administrative Office's Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and is a member of the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. He is also a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and *Collier Forms Manual*. Judge Carey is a part-time

adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at St. John's University School of Law in New York and at Temple University's Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. He began his legal career in 1979 as law clerk to Bankruptcy Judge Thomas M. Twardowski, then clerked for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge Carey received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

Marc J. Carmel is a director of Longford Capital in Chicago, a private investment company that provides capital to leading law firms, public and private companies, universities, government agencies, and other entities involved in large-scale, commercial legal disputes. The firm considers investments in subject-matter areas where it has developed considerable expertise, including business-to-business contract claims, antitrust and trade regulation claims, intellectual property claims (including patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret), fiduciary duty claims, fraud claims, claims in bankruptcy and liquidation, and domestic and international arbitrations, among others. Mr. Carmel is responsible for investment sourcing, underwriting and monitoring, with an emphasis on claims controlled by distressed companies and estate fiduciaries, including committees, receivers, trustees and assignees. Prior to joining Longford Capital, he was Of Counsel at Paul Hastings LLP and a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in its bankruptcy and restructuring practices. Mr. Carmel has nearly 20 years of experience leading representations in restructurings and bankruptcies involving companies in varied industries. He has counseled distressed companies in out-of-court and in-court restructurings throughout the U.S., advised private-equity funds and strategic companies in acquiring assets of distressed companies as well as minimizing exposure to affiliates facing distress, and represented other constituencies involved in restructuring matters. 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, appointed in 2013. 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 and is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and the American Bar Foundation. 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, served 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.

B. Summer Chandler is a visiting assistant professor at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta. She previously had her own practice, The Chandler Law Firm, LLC in Panama City Beach, Fla., where she focused on commercial bankruptcy, real estate-related litigation and transactions, all variety of business law matters, and business workouts and reorganizations, both in and out of bankruptcy court. Her practice has included work in every phase of real estate financing transactions — including acquisition and construction, workouts and restructurings, and defaults and enforce-

ment — and on other business transactions and disputes. She has experience in both lending and restructuring matters across a broad range of commercial real estate asset classes, including hotel, multifamily, shopping center, and golf course/single-family residential developments. Ms. Chandler frequently writes and lectures on issues relevant to her practice and is also engaged in a number of professional organizations, including ABI, the State Bar of Georgia Law School Outreach Committee, the Atlanta Bar Association and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC). She is admitted to practice in both Florida and Georgia and also co-founded the Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice Program (BAPP), a pro bono bankruptcy clinic at Georgia State University College of Law. Ms. Chandler received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Dawn M. Cica is a partner with Mushkin Cica Coppedge in Las Vegas has more than 30 years of experience working on transactions of all types, including transactional aspects of bankruptcy and creditors' rights such as strategic resolutions, workouts, restructurings, settlements, debtor-in-possession financings and asset sales. Her transactional experience also extends to a variety of other industries, particularly the complex details surrounding the gaming and real estate fields. Notably, on behalf of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Ms. Cica was part of a team that handled the negotiation of a settlement among various state and federal government agencies allowing for the confirmation of a reorganization plan in the Tronox bankruptcy that ultimately resulted in a recently approved litigation settlement of more than \$5 billion, with almost a quarter being distributed to the State of Nevada for environmental remediation. In addition to her transactional experience, she has represented creditors, committees, affiliated parties and debtors. She has also participated in bankruptcies in other states where she is licensed, as well as in Delaware. From the negotiation and execution of initial lending agreements, through modifications and forbearances, foreclosures, guarantor lawsuits and bankruptcy matters, Ms. Cica has counseled lender, guarantor and borrower clients on the full scope of their legal issues in major commercial and real estate matters and in commercial bankruptcy cases and workouts. She has also advised banks in connection with large corporate, middle-market and retail lending disputes, and she has extensive experience representing secured lenders in creditors' rights matters. Ms. Cica received her B.S. in finance and B.A. from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1984 and her J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 1987, where she was a member of the *UCLA Law Review* and participated in a moot court.

Jeffrey L. Cohen is a partner with Lowenstein Sandler LLP in New York and advises unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and debtors. His practice centers on chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations and related litigation. Mr. Cohen has served as counsel to the creditors' committee in several of the most prominent retail and technology chapter 11 cases in the country, notably retail matters such as Vestis (Eastern Mountain Sports, Bob's Stores, Sports Chalet), City Sports, Skymall, Brookstone, Blockbuster Video, Filene's Basement, Gander Mountain, Allen's, Alexander Gallo Holdings, Signature Styles (dba Spiegel, Newport News and ShapeFx), Archbrook Laguna Holdings, Oriental Trading, Claim Jumper Restaurants, Pizzeria Uno, KB Toys, Lenox China, Sports Collectibles (dba BC Sports), Goody's Family Clothing, Boscov's, Scooter Stores, Wickes Furniture, The Bombay Company, Levitz Furniture, Harvey Electronics, Bachrach Clothing, Rag Shops, Norstan Apparel Shops, Troutman's Emporium, The Walking Co., Vertis Holdings, Velo Holdings, Christopher's Men's Stores and Cornell Trading. His technology representations include Atari, Beyond Oblivion, KIT Digital, Fuhu, Aquion and HipCricket. Mr. Cohen is a certified bankruptcy mediator and an ap-

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

proved fee examiner the U.S. Trustee for Region 3. He received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Albany and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law.

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 served as chairman of the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona and was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was granted the St. Thomas More Award in 2017. Judge Collins is presently an At Large Governor of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a member of ABI's Board of Directors, on the board of the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the University of Arizona Law School's Board of Visitors. He is also a member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, State Bar of Arizona and Maricopa County Bar. Judge Collins received both his B.S. in finance and accounting in 1980 and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Arizona.

Mark D. Collins is a director of Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington, Del., and chairs the firm's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Department. For more than two decades, he has served as counsel to hundreds of large troubled companies, secured creditors, debtor-in-possession lenders, creditors' committees, boards of directors (including special or independent committees), and acquirers of businesses and assets in large corporate chapter 11 cases, prepackaged chapter 11 cases, chapter 15 cases and out-of-court restructurings. Mr. Collins frequently lectures at national corporate restructuring and bankruptcy seminars, and is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He received his B.A. from Rutgers College and his J.D. in 1991 from American University Washington College of Law.

Karen Cordry is bankruptcy and special issues counsel for the National Association of Attorneys General in Washington, D.C. She serves as a resource person to the states for all issues relating to the effect of bankruptcy on the activities of the attorneys general. In particular, she provides substantive support for the states with respect to any bankruptcy filings by tobacco companies (of which there have been six to date). Ms. Cordry conducts a yearly seminar on bankruptcy topics, maintains a large list of state and local contacts dealing with bankruptcy issues, and writes a monthly *Bankruptcy Bulletin* on recent cases of interest to government counsel. She also works with the states in several other areas, including assisting states in presenting property-damage claims in asbestos cases, maintaining liaisons with securities fraud litigators, and serving as a representative of the states on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee, which deals with the U.S. Trade Representative on world trade issues. She also maintains a contact list and conducts an annual seminar on state defensive litigation to assist the Offices of the Attorneys General in dealing with suits brought against the states in a variety of areas. Previously, Ms. Cordry was a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Detroit and with the Office of Appeals' Appellate Court and Contempt Litigation Sections in Washington, D.C. She is a frequent contributor to the Affairs of State column in the *ABI Journal*. Ms. Cordry received her B.S. in biochemistry from Michigan State University in 1973, her J.D. from Wayne State University in 1977 and her LL.M. from George Washington University in 1987.

Scott D. Cousins is a director with Bayard, P.A. in Wilmington, Del., and has more than 25 years of experience in the restructuring field. He has participated in many of the largest and most complicated business reorganizations, liquidations and distressed sales and acquisitions in Delaware's state and federal courts. He is also experienced in out-of-court restructurings and workouts and has appeared in many bankruptcy jurisdictions across the country. Mr. Cousins has experience in commercial transactions as a result of his role as in-house counsel for two large energy-related companies. From 2005 to early 2009, he served as general counsel of NextEra Energy Resources LLC, a clean energy company and one of the largest competitive energy suppliers in North America. At NextEra, he oversaw all legal aspects of the company's activities. Before entering private practice in 1996, Mr. Cousins worked in the corporate legal department for The Columbia Gas System, Inc., where he focused primarily on the chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Columbia and its subsidiary, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, until they successfully emerged from bankruptcy protection in 1995. He is AV-Peer Review-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a published author and frequent speaker on issues and developments in bankruptcy and insolvency law. Mr. Cousins has been recognized by *Chambers USA* from 2004-06 and 2010-17 as a leader in bankruptcy and restructuring, and since 2006 has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America* as one of the foremost practitioners in his field. He has also been included in *The International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* since 2011. Mr. Cousins has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* magazine as a *Delaware Super Lawyer* in business bankruptcy each year since 2013, and he authored a chapter on assets dispositions and acquisitions in conjunction with prepackaged plans of reorganization in *Bankruptcy Business Acquisitions* (ABI 1998). He received his B.S. in 1989 from Stockton State College, his M.B.A. from Widener University School of Management in 1992 and his J.D. from Widener University Delaware Law School in 1992.

Bess M. Parrish Creswell is a partner with Burr & Forman LLP in Mobile, Ala., in its Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group. She represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, committees and fiduciaries in bankruptcy cases, and she advises clients in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings, including with regard to preference claims, fraudulent transfers, bankruptcy sales and other litigation matters. She also represents a variety of clients in debt restructuring, out-of-court workouts, receiverships and foreclosures. Prior to joining Burr & Forman, Ms. Creswell clerked for Bankruptcy Judge Ray C. Mullins in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia and practiced bankruptcy law with a national law firm in Atlanta. She has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in *Super Lawyers* from 2012-17 and by the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation in 2011. She has published various articles on bankruptcy issues and spoken on a variety of legal topics throughout her career. Ms. Creswell is a volunteer lawyer for the South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program and has served as a board member and board president of Lifelines Family Counseling of Mobile. She served on the executive committee of the Mobile Bar Association in 2014 and 2015, and currently serves as a trustee of the Alabama Law Foundation. She also volunteers with the Mobile County Public Schools as a reading buddy and teaches financial literacy classes to high school students. Ms. Creswell received her B.B.A. in 2001 from Campbell University and her M.B.A. from the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business, and her J.D. in 2004 from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Allison R. Day is a practitioner with Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami and specializes in all areas of bankruptcy, business reorganization and creditors' rights. She is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. She is also named as a "Top Lawyer" in the

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

South Florida Legal Guide, Florida Trend and Florida Super Lawyers. Ms. Day is a past chair of the Florida Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and is a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and formerly taught at Barry University. Ms. Day has lectured for ABI, Pincus Professional Education, National Business Institute, Lorman Education Services, The Florida Bar and the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida. She is a member of ABI and the American Bar Association, and she received the 2007 "Put Something Back" Pro Bono "Bankruptcy" Award for providing outstanding pro bono legal services to the needy population of Miami-Dade County. Ms. Day is a member of The Florida Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Southern District of Florida. She received her B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her J.D. from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law.

Kathryn DeBord is Bryan Cave LLP's Chief Innovation Officer and co-leader of BCXponent, Bryan Cave's legal operations consulting group, in Denver. She leads the firm's Client Technology Group, which includes software developers, automation and legal technology specialists, and business analysts whose mission is to innovate the way in which the firm delivers client services. As part of the firm's commitment to adopting and driving technology-enabled practices where appropriate, Ms. DeBord also leads the firm's TechX group, a group of lawyers, technologists and related professionals who participate in technology trials and prototypes relevant to their practice areas. She also serves as an advisor to the firm's various initiatives to train its associates in legal innovation, including in the firm's internationally recognized Bryan Cave Business Academy. As part of her efforts to drive innovation in new lawyer education and training, she sits on the advisory board for the Silicon Flatirons Tech Law Accelerator Program, as well as for the Future of Law Practice. As co-leader of BCXponent, Ms. DeBord works with law departments to help them work better with their internal business clients as well as outside counsel and vendors. BCXponent works with law departments to leverage tools, proprietary technology and best practices focused on the needs of law departments, developed over the last two decades inside Bryan Cave. Common areas of consulting and technology implementation include contract management, matter management, legal spend analysis and convergence, and portfolio litigation management. Prior to her current role, Ms. DeBord was a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation Group and a trial attorney specializing in complex contract, patent and IP licensing matters, as well as consumer class action defense. She also served on the firm's Commercial Litigation Innovation Committee. Ms. DeBord received her B.A. with honors from the University of Kansas in 1996 and her J.D. with honors from The George Washington University in 2002.

Jennifer C. DeMarco is a partner in the Banking and Finance practice of Clifford Chance US LLP in New York and leads the financial restructuring practice in the U.S. She primarily represents foreign and domestic financial institutions in U.S. and international debt restructurings and bankruptcies. Complementary to her corporate restructuring experience, she is also an experienced bankruptcy court litigator, having appeared in bankruptcy courts throughout the U.S. Ms. DeMarco is listed in *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who of American Women*, and she has been recognized by *Legal 500 US*. She received her B.A. from Lafayette College and her J.D. from Fordham University.

Maria J. DiConza is a shareholder with Greenberg Traurig LLP in New York, where she focuses her practice on complex financial restructuring transactions and chapter 11 debtor representations, primarily for middle-market companies. She has restructuring experience in numerous industries, including the manufacturing, municipal, for-profit education, health care, energy and financial services sectors. Ms. DiConza is currently advising the Puerto Rico Power Authority, the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, and the City of Hartford, Conn., in their restructuring efforts. She was one of the lead attorneys for debtors SFX Entertainment, Inc. and Optima Specialty Steel, Inc. in their successful restructurings, and for Mexican satellite company Satélites Mexicanos S.A. de C.V. in its restructuring through a prepackaged chapter 11 case (which was honored with *Latin Lawyer's* 2012 Deal of the Year-Restructuring award). Ms. DiConza has been listed in *Marquis Who's Who in the World* and *The Legal 500 US*, and was a member of several teams that have received *Global M&A Network's* Turnaround Atlas Awards. She received her B.A. in government from the College of William and Mary in 1994 and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law in 1997, where she was an article and notes editor for the *St. John's Law Review* and received the CALI Award for Excellence in Corporate Taxation.

Daniel F. Dooley, CTP is a principal and CEO at MorrisAnderson in Chicago, where he manages the firm's distressed business consulting practice. He is an accomplished crisis manager, business operator and debt restructuring. Mr. Dooley has successfully managed numerous projects for middle-market companies and assumed dozens of interim management positions as CEO, CRO and CFO for client companies nationwide. During his career, he has negotiated numerous transactions involving debt restructuring, supplier accommodations and business sales. Mr. Dooley is experienced in the development and implementation of cost-reduction and restructuring plans, as well as restructuring negotiations between companies and their creditors. He educates company ownership and management on realistic business plans, implementation of cost and liquidity improvements and effective end-game strategies for clients. He also collaborates with management on issues related to turnaround, restructuring plans and business sales, and he specializes in the automotive, aerospace, capital equipment, metals, health care, transportation, food, distribution, oil and gas and real estate industries. Prior to joining Morris Anderson in 1997, Mr. Dooley served as an executive with several Fortune 500 manufacturers in both general-management and financial-management capacities, including Illinois Tool Works, an industrial manufacturer, and Allied Signal, an automotive electronics and aerospace manufacturer. In 2011, he was honored with the Turnaround Management Association's "Turnaround of the Year - Small Company" award for Analytics, Inc., an independent research laboratory in St. Louis, Mo. He has also served on boards of directors and been a key advisor to corporations and non-profit organizations. Mr. Dooley is a former board member of the Turnaround Management Association and former president of its Chicago chapter, and he sits on ABI's Board of Directors. He is also a contributing author to *The Chief Restructuring Officer's Guide to Bankruptcy: Views from Leading Insolvency Professionals* (ABI 2013). Mr. Dooley received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in finance at the Carlson School of Management from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Hon. Robert D. Drain is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in White Plains. Since his appointment, he has presided over such chapter 11 cases as *Loral*, *RCN*, *Cornerstone*, *Refco*, *Allegiance Telecom*, *Delphi*, *Coudert Brothers*, *Frontier Airlines*, *Star Tribune*, *Reader's Digest*, *A&P*, *Hostess Brands*, *Christian Brothers* and *Momentive*. He also has presided over the ancillary or plenary cases of *Corporacion Durango*, *Satellites Mexicanas*, *Parmalat S.p.A.* and its affiliated U.S. debtors, *Varig S.A.*, *Yukos (II)*, *SphinX*, *Galvex Steel*, *TBS Shipping*, *Excel Maritime*,

Nautilus, Landsbanki Islands, Roust and Ultrapetrol. He also has served as the court-appointed mediator in a number of chapter 11 cases, including *New Page, Cengage, Quicksilver, LightSquared, Molycorp* and *Breitbart Energy*. Prior to his appointment to the bench in May 2002, Judge Drain was a partner in the bankruptcy department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where he represented debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, official and unofficial creditors' committees, and buyers of distressed businesses and distressed debt in chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. He was also actively involved in several transnational insolvency matters. Judge Drain is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member and board member of ABI, a member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member and board member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He is a past member and secretary of the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He also was an adjunct professor for several years at St. John's University School of Law's LL.M. in Bankruptcy Program and currently is an adjunct professor at Pace University School of Law. Judge Drain has lectured and written on numerous bankruptcy-related topics and is the author of the novel *The Great Work in the United States of America*. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for three years.

Ford Elsaesser is a senior partner with Elsaesser Jarzabek Anderson Elliott & Macdonald, Chtd. in Sandpoint, Idaho, where he primarily practices in bankruptcy, commercial and corporate law, and serves as a chapter 7 trustee, chapter 12 trustee and receiver. He is a former ABI president and chairman and was one of the originators of Bankruptcy Law for State Court Trial Judges, a successful ABI program. Mr. Elsaesser has been involved in five cases involving Catholic dioceses and religious orders. He serves as an adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at St. John's University School of Law, and teaches bankruptcy, advanced bankruptcy and federal courts at the University of Idaho College of Law. He successfully argued against the practice of routine *vacatur* of decisions made pending appeal in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Co. v. Bonner Mall Partnership*, No. 93-714, in November 1994. Mr. Elsaesser is a Fellow of the sixth class of the American College of Bankruptcy. He received his B.A. from Goddard College and his J.D. from the University of Idaho Law School in 1977.

Ken Epstein, CIRA is an investment manager and legal counsel at Bentham IMF in New York, where he is responsible for leading the company's investments in bankruptcy and insolvency-related matters. He serves as a resource for debtors, creditors (including hedge funds, private-equity funds and alternative asset managers), bankruptcy estate representatives and other stakeholders seeking to maximize the value of litigation claims. Mr. Epstein has extensive experience advising and managing debtors-in-possession, individual creditors and creditor groups (ad hoc and OCUCs), and financial institutions in insolvency and bankruptcy-related litigation matters nationally and internationally. He began his career as a lawyer in the financial restructuring group of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. Prior to joining Bentham IMF, he was managing director in the restructuring and remediation group at MBIA, a publicly listed financial institution. Mr. Epstein taught bankruptcy law as an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School and has served as a panelist and author on bankruptcy-related topics. He has testified on several occasions before the Michigan House of Representatives' Financial Liability Reform Committee. Mr. Epstein received his J.D. *cum laude* from Brooklyn Law School in 2000, where he served on the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*.

Michael J. Epstein is the global leader for Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics' restructuring practice in New York. His practice is centered on crisis management, financial advisory services and insolvency consulting activities in both middle-market and large transactions. Mr. Epstein works with management teams, creditors, creditors' committees and boards of directors in many aspects of distressed businesses, operational reengineering and financial restructuring. Previously, he was CEO of the largest provider of software solutions for specialized asset-based finance and back-office support for lease administration. He helped found that company's first business unit outside of the U.K., and he held a board seat for the parent company for nearly six years. In 2017, Mr. Epstein was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Bankruptcy. He is the author of "Own Up to The Truth," *MediaWeek* (September 2010), "Furthering Insolvency," *Institutional Investor Corporate Governance Guide* (October 2003) and "Beyond Investor Relations: Communicating with Stakeholders in a Crisis," *Investor Relations* (Spring 2003). Mr. Epstein received his B.S. from Tufts University and his M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Holly F. Etlin is a managing director in the New York office of AlixPartners LLP and has more than 30 years of experience in providing turnaround services for companies in the retail, distribution, consumer products, financial services, media and hospitality industries. Before joining AlixPartners, she was a principal with XRoads Solutions Group. In 2007, the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) recognized Ms. Etlin with its Turnaround of the Year Award for the successful turnaround of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. In 2011, TMA once again recognized her with its Transaction of the Year Award for the successful refinancing of Neff Rental. In addition, she was named Woman of the Year in Restructuring in 2014. Ms. Etlin received her B.A. in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Matthew T. Faga is an attorney with Markus Williams Young & Zimmermann LLC in Denver, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency law, with a focus on the counseling and representation of secured and unsecured creditors, corporate debtors, purchasers and fiduciaries in bankruptcy cases and related adversary proceedings, as well as non-bankruptcy receiverships, workouts and restructurings. Mr. Faga has a wide range of experience representing various parties in chapter 11 cases from simple liquidations to complex reorganizations. Previously, he clerked for the chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado, and prior to clerking, he was an attorney at another boutique law firm in Denver. Mr. Faga is an experienced speaker and presenter on many restructuring and insolvency issues, and has remained actively engaged in the bankruptcy community for well over a decade in various roles. He currently serves as the chair of the standing local bankruptcy rules committee, is a member of the NCBJ Education Committee, co-chairs the Bankruptcy Subsection of the Colorado Bar Association and is an officer of the Business Law Section Committee, and he is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Mr. Faga was honored as a member of the 2017 inaugural class of ABI's "40 Under 40" Award. He received his J.D. in 2009 from the University of Denver College of Law.

Jeffrey Finger is a managing director with Jeffries LLC in New York. He previously was an analyst with Wasserstein Perella & Co., a managing director with Miller Buckfire & Co. LLC, and an investment banking analyst with John Nuveen & Co. Mr. Finger received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Gianfranco Finizio is an associate at Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton LLP in New York and has experience representing, among other parties in interest, debtors, indenture trustees and official committees of unsecured creditors, whose members include trade creditors, service providers, bondholders, landlords and class actions. Mr. Finizio has worked on a number of recent high-profile chapter 11 matters, including, among others, *In re Toys “R” Us, Inc.*, *In re Breitburn Energy Partners LP*, *In re Central Grocers, Inc.*, *In re Colt Holding Company, LLC* and *In re Suniva, Inc.* He was recognized as New York “Rising Star” for Bankruptcy: Business in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and he participates in a variety of pro bono matters, including immigration law for Kids in Need of Defense (KIND). Mr. Finizio received his B.B.A. *cum laude* from George Washington University and his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law, where he received a CALI Award.

Jeremy R. Fischer is Drummond Woodsum’s Practice Group Leader for Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors’ Rights in Portland, Maine, and Manchester, N.H., and is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. He represents clients in distressed commercial matters from the first sign of trouble through the most complex financial restructuring or chapter 11 bankruptcy. Mr. Fischer is experienced in bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation and bankruptcy appellate matters across northern New England and around the country. His clients include secured and unsecured creditors (including official and ad hoc committees), asset-purchasers, trustees, DIP lenders, insurance companies, contract counterparties, directors/officers and debtors. He also regularly represents parties in out-of-court debt restructurings, receiverships and debtor/creditor litigation. Mr. Fischer has written numerous articles for the *ABI Journal* and served a leadership role in ABI’s Bankruptcy Litigation Committee, and he has served on the advisory board for ABI’s Northeast Bankruptcy Conference and Consumer Forum. In 2017, he was recognized as part of the inaugural class of ABI’s “40 Under 40,” and in 2018 he co-authored and co-edited the second edition of *ABI’s Quick Evidence Handbook*. Before entering the practice of law, Mr. Fischer served three terms in the Maine Legislature, where he was House Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He now teaches business law at the University of Maine School of Law, serves on numerous civic and professional boards and committees, and regularly appears as a political analyst on local TV and radio. Mr. Fischer received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Michigan and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law.

Daniel Fisher is general counsel and corporate secretary of the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) in Minneapolis, and the primary legal advisor to the corporation and affiliates, including its executive management team and board of directors. He also provides executive oversight to the legal department, compliance department and several shared services departments. In addition to ensuring the compliance with all laws and regulations, Mr. Fisher has been critical in forming ECMC’s national bankruptcy litigation strategy. He has argued appeals involving student loan dischargeability standards, due process matters and collection cost issues. Prior to joining ECMC in 2000, Mr. Fisher served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate for six years in Georgia and the Washington, D.C., area, where his primary focus was court-martial litigation. He is admitted to practice in most federal appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Fisher received his J.D. in 1994 from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald is a shareholder with Tucker Arensberg, P.C. in Pittsburgh, where her practice incorporates service as an expert witness, consultant, mediator, arbitrator and receiver. She

retired from her position as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania after more than 25 years on the bench, during which time she served as Chief Judge for 5 years. She has since completed courses in mediation and provides ADR assistance in complex commercial and consumer cases. During her time on the bench, Judge Fitzgerald presided over high-profile cases and numerous complex commercial reorganizations, including bankruptcy mass tort cases. She also chaired technology-related committees for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Her career has included positions as judicial law clerk, Assistant U.S. Attorney and law professor. Judge Fitzgerald is active in many professional organizations, including the American Law Institute, American College of Bankruptcy and the American Inns of Court. She served as president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as an ABI Board member, and has received numerous recognitions for her efforts to enhance the practice of law through education and for her services on the bench. Judge Fitzgerald received her B.S. in psychology and B.A. in English writing from the University of Pittsburgh, and her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Elise S. Frejka is the founding member of Frejka PLLC in New York, where she concentrates her practice in the areas of creditors' rights, corporate restructuring, privacy and litigation. Her practice focuses on restructuring, crisis management, corporate governance and financings, as well as acquisitions involving distressed situations in a wide array of industries on behalf of debtors, creditors, chapter 11 trustees, creditor committees, ad hoc committees, institutional lenders, investors, hedge funds, private-equity firms, and acquirers of distressed assets and securities. Ms. Frejka has counseled clients in every significant Ponzi scheme case over the past decade. She is a certified privacy professional credentialed by the International Association of Privacy Professionals and has served as a consumer privacy ombudsman. Ms. Frejka received her B.S. from Vassar College in 1987 and her J.D. in 1990 from New York Law School.

Elizabeth J. Futrell is a co-chair of Jones Walker LLP's Committee on Practice Standards and is its principal loss-prevention partner in New Orleans. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is an expert witness on bankruptcy and creditors' and debtors' rights in the federal courts. Ms. Futrell is a frequent speaker and has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Louisiana Super Lawyers*. She is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and is AV Preeminent Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Futrell received her B.A. in history with honors from the University of Tennessee in 1978 and her J.D. with honors from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1981, where she was a comment editor for the *Mississippi Law Journal* and a member of Phi Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Edward T. Gavin, CTP is a managing director and founding partner of Gavin/Solmonese LLC in Wilmington, Del., where he leads the firm's Corporate Recovery Practice and specializes in complex bankruptcy matters, representing debtors and creditors as financial advisor, asset-sale advisor, chief restructuring officer or in other responsible party roles. In addition, he is frequently appointed liquidating trustee, litigation trustee or plan administrator over post-confirmation liquidating trusts. Mr. Gavin is an expert on rapid § 363 asset-sale processes and other matters pertinent to creditor representations, SPM gifts and the evaluation of claims against insiders. His engagements have included responsibilities as bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy financial advisor to debtors and creditors' committees, bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy interim management appointments, business viability assessments, mergers and acquisitions, business integrations and strategic sales, corporate strategy and

policy development and implementation, e-commerce and marketing strategy development, process re-engineering, and enterprise resource planning (ERP) system implementation and assessment. His roles have also included regulatory affairs management positions in FDA-regulated organizations, including the leadership of process re-engineering to remediate violations of FDA regulations. Mr. Gavin is ABI's President-Elect, co-chaired ABI's Financial Advisors & Investment Banking Committee from 2010-12 and is a former co-chair and education director of ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation Committee. He is a 30th Anniversary Circle contributor to ABI's Endowment Fund and co-chaired ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop from 2009-14. He also served on ABI's Civility Task Force and National Ethics Standards Task Force, and led that group's Committee Solicitation Protocols Subcommittee. A contributing editor for the *ABI Journal's* "Last In Line" and "Financial Statements" columns, Mr. Gavin also writes the "Turnaround Tactics" blog for *Forbes* and has written extensively for such publications as *The Journal of Corporate Renewal*, *Business Credit Magazine*, *Credit & Collections Risk Magazine*, *ABF Journal*, *ABL Advisor* and the *Daily Bankruptcy Review*, among others. A member of the Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals and the Turnaround Management Association, and an associate member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, he attended the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, studying music theory and education.

Craig M. Geno is a member of the Law Offices of Craig M. Geno, PLLC in Ridgeland, Miss., where his practice consists of representing secured and unsecured creditors, unsecured creditors' committees, chapter 11 debtors in possession and bankruptcy trustees in chapter 7 and 11 cases. He was previously a partner at Harris Jernigan & Geno, PLLC. Mr. Geno is a member of the American, Mississippi and Federal Bar Associations and the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference. He is also a member of ABI, the Business Bankruptcy Subcommittee of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association, and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Geno is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and served on its board of directors for eight years. Mr. Geno served as the Mississippi State Bar special counsel for the Committee on Character and Fitness from 1984-87 and was a committee member from 1987-2013. He has served as a trustee in chapter 11 cases. In addition, Mr. Geno is a frequent writer and lecturer on various bankruptcy topics. He received his liberal arts and law degrees from the University of Mississippi, where he served on the Moot Court Board.

Matthew T. Gensburg leads Gensburg Calandriello & Kanter, P.C.'s bankruptcy, commercial litigation and restructuring practice group in Chicago, with an emphasis in financial services. On behalf of secured and unsecured lenders, lessors, creditors' committees and debtors in all phases of corporate reorganizations and debt structuring, he manages breach-of-contract, settlement agreements, civil lawsuits, collections, post-judgment enforcement, and the purchase and sale of assets. Mr. Gensburg is a current member of the Chicago Bar Association's Pro Bono Bankruptcy Committee, and he was a past program chair and advisory board member of the ABI's Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, covering Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. He is a frequent lecturer on topics involving the Bankruptcy and Uniform Commercial Codes and statutory state options. Earlier in his career, he lectured as a faculty member of the American Bankers Association's National Commercial Lending School and Commercial Lending Graduate School, as well as to members of the National Business Institute on bankruptcy law and procedure. Mr. Gensburg is admitted to practice in the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern District of Illinois, the Eastern District of Michigan and the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He is

admitted to the Illinois Bar. Mr. Gensburg received his B.B.A. in 1980 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. in 1983 from Emory University.

Christopher J. Giaimo is a member in the Washington, D.C., office of Clark Hill PLC, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights, as well as litigation, representing secured and unsecured creditors, vendors and committees. He also represents investors seeking to acquire the distressed debt and assets of bankrupt and insolvent businesses, as well as the contractual interest of publicly and privately held companies in bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Giaimo's industry and issue experience in the bankruptcy context includes automotive, real estate, lending, telecommunications and retail. His active bankruptcy litigation practice includes complex valuation and avoidance action litigation. Mr. Giaimo received his B.S. from St. Joseph's University and his J.D. *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law in 1995, where he was the research editor of the *ABI Law Review*.

Leanne Gould, CPA, ABV, CFF, ASA is the owner of GOULD Consulting Services in Atlanta and is a forensic accountant and business appraiser. She has more than 20 years of experience in financial and economic damage analysis, forensic accounting, business valuation and bankruptcy consulting. Ms. Gould assists her clients and counsel to understand complex financial and valuation issues in a variety of disputed matters by listening, evaluating the facts and documents in the case, and explaining her findings clearly and in a practical manner. She has provided forensic accounting, litigation support and expert witness services in complex commercial and bankruptcy disputes across the nation. Ms. Gould has testified as an expert in economic damage calculation, business valuation and financial/data analysis at depositions, hearings and jury trials in matters before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, U.S. District Courts, superior courts and state courts in Georgia and arbitration proceedings in Georgia, Missouri and New York. She has also issued written expert reports and affidavits in disputed matters in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Delaware and Southern District of Florida, U.S. District Courts, superior courts, and state and county courts in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio and Virginia. Ms. Gould is a member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, for which she co-founded its Georgia Network. She is a member of ABI, the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (Programs Committee 2017-18) and the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and she is a nonattorney member of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and the American Bar Association. Ms. Gould leads presentations and panels for professional organizations on a variety of topics, including forensic accounting, business valuation, voidable transfers, contract damages, lost profits, and issues impacting distressed businesses and bankruptcy professionals, including cybercrime and changes in wage and hour laws. Prior to founding her own firm, she was a former director in the Litigation Support and Forensic Accounting Services group at Aprio, an accountancy firm in Atlanta. Ms. Gould received her M.B.A. from the University of Buffalo.

Darby Green is the commercial director for Litigation and Bankruptcy at Bloomberg Law in New York, where she is responsible for product development and go-to-market strategies focused on the business intelligence and legal research needs of litigators and bankruptcy lawyers. She chairs the Bloomberg Law Litigation Innovation Board, a group of 20 top litigators who provide input and consultation on product offerings. She also spearheaded the creation and launch of both Bloomberg Law Litigation Analytics, a tool that enables users to search millions of legal data points by company, law

firm or judge, and Points of Law, a solution that applies machine learning to court opinions in order to highlight language critical to a court's holding and link this language to governing statements of law and relevant on-point case law. Previously, Ms. Green practiced as a commercial litigator in New York. She received her A.B. from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Elizabeth A. Green is a partner with BakerHostetler in Orlando, Fla., and chairs its National Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group. She represents debtors, creditors and committees in a wide range of industries and has represented a number of health care-related entities, including skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, pharmacies, health care practices and health care CROs in chapter 11 cases nationally. She also has represented buyers of health care facilities in chapter 11 cases across the country. Ms. Green is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida's Legal Elite* and *Super Lawyers*. *The Best Lawyers in America* named her "Lawyer of the Year in Orlando" for bankruptcy and restructuring in 2012 and for bankruptcy litigation in 2015 and 2016. She was also selected as one of five *Law360* MVPs in Bankruptcy in 2016. Ms. Green has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law in advanced bankruptcy. She received her B.A. in 1984 from the New College of Florida and her J.D. with honors in 1986 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Kevin Gross is a Bankruptcy Judge with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, appointed on March 13, 2006. He served as Chief Judge from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2014. Previously, he practiced general litigation, representing shareholders, and was a director for Rosenthal, Monhait & Goddess PA in Wilmington, Del., which he joined in 1985. He most recently served as an ombudsman for the U.S. District Court from 1977-2006 and was a member of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Delaware Supreme Court from 2005-06. He was also the chair of the Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court of Delaware from 1995-2005. Judge Gross has been listed several times in *The Best Lawyers in America* and was awarded the first annual Caleb R. Layton III Service Award by the district court in 1996. Judge Gross's recent cases include *Nortel Networks Corp.*, *Los Angeles Dodgers*, *NewPage Corp.*, *Friendly's Ice Cream Corp.*, *Boscov's*, *Pierre Foods*, *Mervyn's Holdings*, *Sharper Image*, *Cadence Industries*, *Dynamerica Manufacturing*, *Intermet Corp.*, *Aventine Renewable Energy*, *Fisker*, *Tuscany Holdings*, *Greenfield Energy*, *Trump Entertainment*, *Magnum Hunter*, *Emerald Oil* and *DexMedia*. A former clerk for the Delaware Court of Chancery, he received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware in 1974 and his J.D. in 1977 from American University Washington College of Law, where he served on its law review.

Elizabeth L. Gunn is the bankruptcy specialist for the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, Division of Child Support Enforcement, where she represents the Division in bankruptcy matters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country. She also represents the Division in juvenile and domestic-relations courts throughout the state, and advises and prepares proposed policies for Division matters related to bankruptcy. Prior to joining the Attorney General's office, Ms. Gunn practiced with several law firms, representing creditors, lenders, asset-purchasers, official committees and other parties in interest in cases under all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code, including small and mid-size corporate debtors in all stages of chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases, as well as chapter 7 trustees

in all aspects of estate administration. She is finishing her second year as co-chair of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, is the assistant program chair for IWIRC, sits on the executive committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association, and is chair-elect of the Richmond Bar Association Bankruptcy Session, vice chair of the Virginia Bar Association Bankruptcy Section and a member of the board of the Richmond Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Ms. Gunn is a frequent author for the *ABI Journal*, is an ABI Volo circuit court website editor, and has edited two books for ABI. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from Willamette University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School.

Thomas J. Hamilton is the vice president of Strategy and Operations at ROSS Intelligence, Inc. in San Francisco, where he helps coordinate efforts across the company to assist sole practitioners, legal aid groups, law firms, state bar associations and law faculties. Previously, he was a lawyer at the Toronto office of Dentons. Mr. Hamilton speaks in both the U.S. and abroad on legal technology innovation and law firm strategy, and promotes the ability of artificial intelligence to improve access to justice worldwide. He received his Bachelor of Commerce in finance from Dalhousie University and his LL.B. and B.C.L. from McGill University.

Hon. Michelle M. Harner is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland in Baltimore, appointed in 2017. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was the Francis King Carey Professor of Law and the Director of the Business Law Program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where she taught courses in bankruptcy and creditors' rights, business associations, business planning, corporate finance and the legal profession. Judge Harner lectured frequently during her academic career on various topics involving corporate governance, financially distressed entities, risk management and related legal issues. Her academic scholarship is widely published, with her publications appearing in, among others, the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *Washington University Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *Indiana Law Journal*, *Fordham Law Review* (reprinted in *Corporate Practice Commentator*), *Washington & Lee Law Review*, *William & Mary Law Review*, *University of Illinois Law Review*, *Arizona Law Review* (reprinted in *Corporate Practice Commentator*) and *Florida Law Review*. Judge Harner has served as the Associate Reporter to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Reporter to the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, and a member of the Dodd-Frank Study Working Group for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She also served as the Robert M. Zinman ABI Resident Scholar for the fall of 2015. Judge Harner is an elected member of the American Law Institute and Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. She previously was in private practice in business restructuring, insolvency, bankruptcy and related transactional fields, most recently as a partner at the Chicago office of the international law firm Jones Day. Judge Harner received her B.A. *cum laude* from Boston College in 1992 and her J.D. *summa cum laude* from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1995.

Hon. Bruce A. Harwood is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Hampshire in Manchester, first appointed in March 2013. He also serves on the First Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Prior to his appointment, Judge Harwood chaired the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Group at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Manchester, N.H., representing business debtors, asset-purchasers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees in bankruptcy, and insurance and banking regulators in connection with the rehabilitation and liquidation of insolvent

insurers and trust companies. He was also a chapter 7 panel trustee in the District of New Hampshire and mediated disputes arising in debtor/creditor relations. Judge Harwood was program co-chair of ABI's Northeast Bankruptcy Conference for four years, served on ABI's Board of Directors (Communication, Information and Technology Committee) and was Northeast Regional Chair of the ABI Endowment Fund's Development Committee. He is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and was consistently recognized in the bankruptcy law section of *The Best Lawyers in America* and in *New England Super Lawyers*, as well as in *Chambers USA* with a "Band 1" ranking in the field of corporate/commercial bankruptcy. Judge Harwood received his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

Jerry Henechowitz, CPA, CA, CIRP, LIT is a senior vice president in the Toronto office of MNP's Insolvency & Restructuring group. Following a career in North American furniture manufacturing and distribution industry, he returned to public practice and has a wide range of practical industry experience, which allows him to recognize options and opportunities for all stakeholders within the statutory insolvency and restructuring framework. Mr. Henechowitz provides advice to various creditor groups involved in CCAA engagements, corporate restructurings and receivership proceedings, and in conducting as-set/business sale transactions through insolvency proceedings. Some of his recent engagements include acting as receiver of an Alberta-based multi-property commercial and residential real estate developer, acting as monitor in the CCAA wind-up of a \$300 million multinational investment fund, and acting as a financial advisor to employee's representative counsel in the receivership and bankruptcy proceeding of a major Canadian retail chain. Mr. Henechowitz received his B.Com. from the University of Toronto.

Hon. David W. Hercher is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Oregon in Portland. Prior to taking the bench in 2017, he was an attorney and partner at Miller Nash LLP in both their Portland and Seattle offices. Judge Hercher received his B.A. from the University of Oregon and his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

Ira L. Herman is a partner with Blank Rome LLP in its New York office, where he concentrates his practice on distressed public-debt issues, insolvency matters involving upstream and midstream oil and gas companies, and distressed M&A, in addition to traditional bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He regularly advises lenders and other clients on the management of bankruptcy risk in their transactions; indenture trustees regarding defaulted public debt issues; and lenders regarding restructuring and bankruptcy, including distressed M&A transactions and inter-creditor issues. Additionally, he provides services on the debtors' side, counseling financially distressed entities and their management on restructuring challenges pertaining to corporate governance issues, and litigating corporate governance matters, such as breach of duty in good faith and dealing. As a court-appointed mediator, Mr. Herman has been able to facilitate the resolution of controversies involving U.S. and non-U.S. parties concerning bankruptcy and commercial law issues. In addition to his restructuring and bankruptcy practice, he has been providing support to for-profit and nonprofit entities concerning data privacy and cybersecurity issues. Mr. Herman serves as an adjunct professor of law at Pace University School of Law and as an editorial advisory board member of the *Lexis Practice Advisor Journal* and *BankruptcyLaw 360*. He is also editor-in-chief of ABI's 363 Asset Sales Databank. Mr. Herman has been recognized in *New York Super Lawyers*® since 2009 and received the 2015 Pro Bono Alumni Award from Boston University School of Law. He is a member of the New York State, New York City

and American Bar Associations. Mr. Herman received his B.A. in political science *cum laude* from Yeshiva University in 1979 and his J.D. *cum laude* with distinction from Boston University School of Law in 1982, where he served as an editor of the *Boston University International Law Journal*.

Shawna Hoffman is the global co-leader at IBM Global Cognitive Legal in Orlando, Fla., of Watson-based artificial intelligence solutions and blockchain solutions for lawyers worldwide. She focuses on driving global strategy and execution across clients, legal markets and internal groups. Ms. Hoffman was certified as an IBM Thought Leader in the capability of Consulting in 2015 and has two patents pending for Detecting Clusters and Relationships in Large Data Sets (END920160377US1) and Method and System for Pattern-Based Home Network Configuration (END820160894). She co-authored the book *eDiscovery Plain & Simple* and co-founded Diversity in Blockchain at the MIT Legal Forum for AI & Blockchain in 2017. She is also co-founder of the nonprofit Women in eDiscovery, which has grown to more than 5,000 members since its founding in 2007. Ms. Hoffman co-founded and serves on the board of the Community Hope Center of Osceola County, which has helped more than 20,000 homeless families since its inception and received multiple awards, most recently the Bob Allen Award from the Walt Disney Company and the Good Neighbor Award from Bank of America for the fight against homelessness. She received her Bachelor's in business administration from Regis University and her Certificate of Leadership in national security policy studies from The U.S. Army War College.

Whitman L. Holt is a partner with Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles and has represented clients across the bankruptcy spectrum. His active bankruptcy-related appellate practice includes briefing multiple matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, most recently as counsel of record for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the National Consumer Bankruptcy Rights Center in *Midland Funding, LLC v. Johnson*. Mr. Holt co-authored *Bankruptcy and the Supreme Court: 1801-2014* (West Academic 2015) and authors a periodic series of commentaries about bankruptcy and the Supreme Court for the LexisNexis Emerging Issues Analysis project. He also is a contributing author to the *Collier* bankruptcy treatise. In 2015, Mr. Holt was elected as a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an invitation-only organization dedicated to advising Congress about the operation of bankruptcy and related laws. In 2017, he was featured in the ABI's inaugural list of "40 Under 40" bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring professionals from around the world. Mr. Holt received his B.A. *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa in 2002 from Bates College, and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2005 from Harvard Law School.

Ariane R. Holtschlag is an associate attorney with the Law Office of William J. Factor in Chicago, where her practice is focused primarily in the field of consumer bankruptcy and is equally divided among representing trustees, debtors and creditors in chapters 7 and 13. She also represents individuals and small businesses in chapter 11. Ms. Holtschlag has spoken at several bankruptcy education programs and also volunteered for CARE, speaking to high school students about credit and bankruptcy. In 2017, she was chosen as one of ABI's inaugural "40 Under 40" award recipients in recognition of her achievements. Ms. Holtschlag received her undergraduate degree in 2004 from Illinois Wesleyan University and her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 2007.

James Horgan, CTP, CPA is a director at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York, where he provides accounting and financial management services to companies undergoing significant transition in turn-

around, restructuring and sale transactions. He advises on accounting and reporting for restructurings and fresh-start and purchase accounting, as well as financial advisory services in distressed situations, including liquidity analyses, collateral assessments, distressed valuations and forensic accounting. He holds accounting and valuation certifications from the AIRA, and he was an adjunct finance professor at Montclair State University and a teaching assistant in the Department of Economics at Harvard University. Mr. Horgan received his B.S. from Montclair State University and his M.B.A. from Rutgers Graduate School of Management.

Hon. Barbara J. Houser is the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas. She serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and is a member of the Federal Judicial Center faculty that teaches new bankruptcy judges. In March 2017, Judge Houser was appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. to the board of directors of the Federal Judicial Center. Judge Houser, who lectures and publishes frequently on corporate restructuring and insolvency law, is a past chairman of the Dallas Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization, is a member of the Dallas and American Bar Associations, and is a fellow of the Texas and American Bar Foundations. She has been a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and has taught creditors' rights as a visiting professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law. Judge Houser has received a variety of awards and honors since taking the bench, including the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law in February 2011, the Judge William Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award from ABI in October 2014, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Alliance of Bankruptcy Inns of the American Inns of Court in October 2016. Before becoming a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge on January 20, 2000, she was in private practice, where she represented clients in a variety of significant chapter 11 cases across the country, including serving as lead debtor's counsel for Dow Corning Corp. Judge Houser was elected a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1994, served as an officer and member of its board of directors, and remains active in the College. In 1996, she was elected a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and after becoming a bankruptcy judge, she joined the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, served as its president in 2009-10, and continues to serve the organization in various capacities. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Houser joined Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely in Dallas and became a shareholder there in 1985. In 1988, she joined Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. as the shareholder in charge of the Dallas office and remained there until she became a judge. Judge Houser currently serves as ABI's Vice President-Research Grants. She received her undergraduate degree with high distinction from the University of Nebraska and her J.D. from Southern Methodist University Law School, where she was editor of its law review.

Hon. David W. Houston, III is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi and practices with Mitchell, McNutt & Sams in Aberdeen, Miss., where his practice is focused on commercial transactions, commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditors' rights. As a judge, he also presided over cases in the Southern District of Mississippi, Middle District of Louisiana, and the Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas. Judge Houston conducted trials in numerous consumer and complex business cases and authored hundreds of published opinions. Prior to assuming the bench, he was a partner for 11 years in the Aberdeen, Miss., law firm of Houston, Chamberlain and Houston. He also served as a special agent with the FBI in Washington, D.C., Tampa, Fla., and New York City. Due to his experience in the area of alternative dispute resolution, he is available to conduct mediation and arbitration proceedings. Judge Houston received his B.B.A. in accountancy in 1966 and his J.D. in 1969 from the University of Mississippi.

Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff is Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in Miami, initially appointed on Feb. 13, 2006, and named chief judge on Oct. 1, 2016. She also serves on ABI's Board of Directors. Judge Isicoff is immediate past secretary, and currently serves as a director, of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and is also on the board of directors of CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education). She is a member of the Pro Bono Committee of the American College of Bankruptcy and chair of its Judicial Outreach Committee. She also currently serves as judicial chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and is a member of the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Pro Bono. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Isicoff specialized in commercial bankruptcy, foreclosure and workout matters both as a transactional attorney and litigator for 14 years with the law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, after practicing for eight years with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, now known as Squire Patton Boggs. She also developed a specialty in bankruptcy and SEC receiverships involving Ponzi schemes. After law school, Judge Isicoff clerked for Hon. Daniel S. Pearson of the Florida Third District Court of Appeals before entering private practice. She is a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association (BBA) of the Southern District of Florida and, until she took the bench, chaired its Pro Bono Task Force. Judge Isicoff speaks extensively on bankruptcy around the country, and is committed to increasing pro bono service, diversity in the bankruptcy community and financial literacy. She received her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1982.

Lon A. Jenkins is the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed in September 2015. He has practiced bankruptcy law in Salt Lake City for 35 years, with the majority of his career having been spent with a large national law firm's Salt Lake City branch office. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Jenkins specialized primarily in chapter 11 reorganizations and related litigation, representing a variety of constituents in chapter 11 cases including debtors, chapter 11 trustees, creditors' committees, secured creditors and indenture trustees. He served as lead bankruptcy counsel to the chapter 11 trustee in the multiyear, multibillion-dollar *Cajun Electric* bankruptcy case based in Baton Rouge, La. In addition, upon his selection by the Securities and Exchange Commission, he was appointed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah as receiver in federal Ponzi scheme cases to administer receivership estates for the benefit of defrauded investors. Mr. Jenkins is a frequent speaker and panelist on a variety of bankruptcy-related topics. He also is engaged in community and civic organizations in the Salt Lake City area, participating on various nonprofit boards and committees. Mr. Jenkins received his J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law, where he served as a member of the *Utah Law Review*.

Christopher A. Jones is a managing partner with Whiteford Taylor & Preston, LLP in its Falls Church, Va., office, where he specializes in all aspects of chapter 11 bankruptcy law and insolvency related litigation. He regularly represents businesses in their restructuring efforts and throughout their liquidation, has served as counsel to official committees in numerous chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and represents bankruptcy trustees and liquidating agents in litigation matters. Mr. Jones has testified as an expert witness regarding the reasonableness of attorneys' fees in a chapter 11 case. In addition to his work in the insolvency arena, he also has trial experience in commercial litigation matters in federal court. Mr. Jones chairs the board of governors of the Bankruptcy Law Section for the Virginia State Bar and is vice chair of the VBA's Bankruptcy Law Section Council. He also sits on the board of the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association and is a past president. Mr. Jones has been recognized by *Chambers and Partners* as a leading bankruptcy attorney in Virginia, and is listed in *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite – Virginia's Best Lawyers" and in *The Best Lawyers in*

America. He has also been selected as a *Super Lawyer* in Virginia. Mr. Jones is AV Peer Review-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He received his undergraduate degree in 1992 from Duke University and his J.D. in 1996 from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Hon. Benjamin A. Kahn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina in Greensboro, sworn in on Feb. 3, 2014. Prior to his appointment, he was a member of Nexsen Pruet PLLC and clerked for Bankruptcy Judge Jerry G. Tart of the Middle District of North Carolina. Judge Kahn was recognized as among the Top 10 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* across all practice areas for the two years immediately preceding his appointment, was elected to the Legal Elite Hall of Fame by *Business North Carolina Magazine* in 2014 as a result of being the category winner in North Carolina for bankruptcy, and was included among Band 1 bankruptcy practitioners in North Carolina in *Chambers & Partners USA*. He is certified as a specialist in business and consumer bankruptcy law by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization and by the American Board of Certification, for which he served as a member of its board of directors until his appointment to the bench. Judge Kahn is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference and an inactive certified mediator with the State of North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. He received his B.A. in political science and history in 1990, and his J.D. with honors in 1993, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Randa J. Karambelas is a vice president at the New York offices of business advisory firm ToneyKorf Partners, LLC, where she focuses on providing crisis management, strategic business planning, operational turnarounds and transactional services, as well as other financial advisory roles. She has experience in various industries, but has most recently specialized in the health care industry. Ms. Karambelas is a member of ABI and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation. She also founded Bankrupt Talent, an annual musical charity event starring insolvency professionals that has raised several hundred thousand dollars for local charities. In addition, she has guest-starred with ABI's in-house rock band, the Indubitable Equivalents. Ms. Karambelas received her B.A. in political science from the University of Vermont.

Eve H. Karasik is a partner at Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. in Los Angeles and focuses her practice on the representation of business entities in many different industries in connection with restructuring initiatives. In addition to representing corporate debtors, she has represented creditors' committees, equity committees and significant creditors in cases pending around the country. Ms. Karasik's prior debtor engagements include Anna's Linens Inc. (Santa Ana, Calif.), Imperial Capital Bancorp Inc. (San Diego), Utah 7000, LLC, *et al.* (Salt Lake City), Falcon Products Inc., *et al.* (St. Louis), Clark Retail Group, *et al.* (Chicago), MJ Research Inc. (Reno, Nev.) and U.S. Aggregates Inc., *et al.* (Reno, Nev.). Her creditor and equity committee representations include Circus and Eldorado Joint Venture, *et al.* (Reno, Nev.), Riviera Holdings Corp., *et al.* (Las Vegas), Eurofresh Inc., *et al.* (Phoenix), USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund (Las Vegas), Aladdin Gaming Inc. (Las Vegas) and Amerco (Reno, Nev.). Ms. Karasik served as counsel to the trustee in the Securities Investor Protection Corp. liquidation proceeding of W.S. Clearing Inc. (Los Angeles), counsel to the examiner in the Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings LLC, *et al.* case (Miami) and counsel to the J.T. Thorpe Settlement Trust, Thorpe Insulation Company Settlement Trust, Plant Insulation Settlement Trust and Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Reno, Nev.). She received the Century City Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year Award for 2014 from the Century City Bar Association, and the Turnaround Management

Association's 2007 Large Company Transaction of the Year award for her work on the U.S.A. Commercial Mortgage Co. chapter 11 cases. Ms. Karasik is listed in *Super Lawyers* for Southern California and in *The Best Lawyers in America*. She also is a member of several professional organizations, including serving as a board member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (2014-16), ABI board member (2015-16) and co-chair of ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West conference (2012-16). Ms. Karasik routinely speaks and writes about complex restructuring topics. She is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for Central District of California, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Central, Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of California. Ms. Karasik received her B.A. with high honors from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984 and her J.D. from the University of Southern California in 1991, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Debra S. Katz is a founding partner with Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP in Washington, D.C., where she concentrates her practice on employment discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, Sarbanes-Oxley, corporate, environmental and other whistleblower retaliation claims, SEC whistleblower tips and contractual employment disputes. She has successfully represented dozens of whistleblowers in the nuclear, financial, pharmaceutical and medical-device industries. She also regularly handles cases involving fraud in government contracts, including most recently at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. *Washingtonian Magazine* selected Ms. Katz for its "Best Attorneys" list from 2004-15, naming her one of the magazine's top 30 "Stars of the Bar" in its biennial listings in 2009 and 2011. She was selected for inclusion in the 2006-18 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and named its 2018 and 2013 Civil Rights Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Washington, D.C., and she is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Katz was named by *Super Lawyers* as a leading Washington, D.C., lawyer from 2007-17, and was also recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a top 100 lawyer in Washington, D.C. and top 50 female lawyer in Washington, D.C. from 2009-17. She was featured in *Super Lawyer's* 2009 edition as one of the top four whistleblower attorneys in Washington, D.C., and profiled as a pioneering whistleblower attorney in the 2009 *Super Lawyer's* article "Protecting the Insider." In 2007, *Human Resource Executive* magazine named Ms. Katz one of the nation's "Top 10 Plaintiffs' Attorneys to Fear the Most." In January 2014, she was selected to the 2013-14 edition of *Lawdragon's* list of "The 500 Leading Lawyers in America." Ms. Katz serves as vice chair on the board of directors of the Project on Government Oversight (POGO), a nonpartisan independent government watchdog founded to strengthen laws and regulations to protect whistleblowers from intimidation and retaliation and to create a more accountable and effective federal government by investigating allegations of government corruption and misconduct. She is a contributing writer for *Ms.* magazine, where she writes about legal issues of importance to women, and she is co-chair of ALI-CLE's Advanced Employment Law program and a board member of *Law360's* editorial advisory board. Ms. Katz is admitted to the Bars of the District of Columbia, New York and Pennsylvania, and before the D.C. Federal District Court, D.C. Court of Appeals, Maryland Federal District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. She received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Union College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she served as a member of the *Wisconsin Law Review* and as articles editor of the *Wisconsin Women's Law Journal*.

Marjorie E. Kaufman is a managing director at Getzler Henrich & Associates LLC in Boston, where she has provided turnaround and interim management for companies for more than 30 years. She frequently serves as CRO and CFO, and has provided cash-flow-management services, conducted

business plan viability analyses, designed and steered turnaround action plans, managed debt and equity placement, and sourced refinancing. Her expertise in forensic accounting is a valuable asset in many engagements/management positions, which have spanned many industries, including retail, distribution, high tech, manufacturing, education, health care, construction, road maintenance, and food and beverage. Ms. Kaufman has worked with a number of retailers and consumer product companies, evaluating operations and identifying nonperforming stores and/or product lines. She has also performed a number of due diligence projects in the course of acquisitions, in which she has represented strategic buyers, equity firms and mezzanine funds. As part of the due diligence process, she has reviewed various business segments for viability, and analyzed policies on revenue recognition for contracts, customer profitability and working capital needs. She has also played a role in designing the financing structures of the acquisitions. Ms. Kaufman is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and she has served as the president and director of the northeast chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and is now a member of the past president's council for the chapter. She is also a member, director and programming chair of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and an ABI member. Ms. Kaufman received her B.S. in accounting from the University of Bridgeport.

Prof. Kenneth C. Kettering is presently lecturer in law at Columbia University School of Law in New York and previously taught at Case Western University School of Law, the University of Miami School of Law, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law and New York Law School, and at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Before joining academia, he was a partner at Reed Smith Shaw & McClay (now Reed Smith LLC), where his practice centered on sophisticated transactional work, including derivatives and foreign exchange transactions, syndicated lending, highly leveraged transactions, asset-based lending, structured finance and securitization, and mergers and acquisitions. He clerked for Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Prof. Kettering is a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and a member of the American Law Institute. He served as Reporter for the drafting committee that prepared the 2014 amendments to the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act (renamed the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act). Prof. Kettering received his B.S. in mathematics with University Honors from Carnegie Mellon University, and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he served as editor and Supreme Court co-editor on the *Harvard Law Review*.

Deborah B. Langehennig serves as chapter 13 trustee for the Western District of Texas in Austin. Previously, she served as judicial law clerk to Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Larry E. Kelly. Ms. Langehennig is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a coach for the University of Texas Law School Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team, and president of the Hon. Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court, as well as Special Projects Director for ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. She chaired the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, was a contributing editor for the *ABI Journal*, co-chaired the ABA Consumer Bankruptcy Litigation Committee, sat on the board of directors for the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, and served as president of both the Western District of Texas and Austin Bankruptcy Bar Associations. Ms. Langehennig is the recipient of the State Bar of Texas Distinguished Service Award, the Fifth Circuit Bench Bar Service Award, the Outstanding Woman Attorney Award from the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section and the Outstanding Service Award, Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Bar. She has written and lectured on numerous consumer and business bankruptcy topics, with articles published in the *ABI Journal*, the *ABA Bankruptcy Litigation Journal*, *Norton Advisor*, *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy*

Law and Practice, *NACFTT Quarterly* and the *Texas Bar Journal*. Ms. Langehennig received her J.D. from the University of Texas and holds a B.B.A. in accounting.

Andrew M. Leblanc is a managing partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP and is a member of the firm's financial restructuring and litigation and arbitration groups. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, financial restructuring and international arbitration, with a particular focus on contested issues arising in bankruptcy cases. Mr. Leblanc regularly represents official committees, secured and unsecured creditors, debtors and bidders in bankruptcy cases, as well as financial institutions as defendants in adversary proceedings brought as part of bankruptcy cases in courts throughout the country. His significant recent representations include lead trial counsel for the ad hoc group of noteholders in the *In re Nortel Networks* bankruptcy, Lightsquared Inc. in its bankruptcy and related litigation, the Refco litigation trustee in claims arising from the bankruptcy of Refco, LLC, the Transeastern defendants in a \$500 million fraudulent transfer case in *In re TOUSA*, the lead lenders in the Texas Rangers bankruptcy, the lead second-lien noteholders in the *In re DBSD* bankruptcy, and Vitro SAB, a Mexican glassmaker that filed a chapter 15 petition in the U.S. Mr. Leblanc has been recognized as one of the leading lawyers in America for bankruptcy litigation by *Chambers USA*, *Lawdragon* and *Benchmark Litigation*, which recognized him as one of the "Top 10 Bankruptcy Practitioners in America" and as the 2017 and 2018 "Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year." Mr. Leblanc received his B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Stephen D. Lerner is global chair of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP's Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Group in Cincinnati and New York. He has an extensive national and cross-border restructuring practice and represents debtors, unsecured creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, directors and acquirers of troubled businesses in chapter 11 cases, chapter 9 municipal restructurings, chapter 15 cases and out-of-court restructurings throughout the U.S. Mr. Lerner has led the representation of clients in the chapter 11 bankruptcies of Midway Gold, Veris Gold, Atna Resources, Patriot Coal, AmFin Financial, Station Casinos, Chrysler, Enron, WorldCom and EaglePicher, among others. He also represented the court-appointed expert in the City of Detroit's historic chapter 9 case and led Squire Sanders's representation of the American College of Bankruptcy in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Executive Benefits Insurance Agency v. Peter H. Arkison, Trustee of the Estate of Bellingham Insurance Agency, Inc.* Mr. Lerner is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, for which he has served as regent for the Sixth Circuit and currently serves as a member of its board of directors and chair of its Strategic Planning Committee. He also chairs ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. Mr. Lerner has received recognition in *The Best Lawyers in America* and since 2004 and has been listed among the best Ohio bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He has also been a guest lecturer at Harvard Business School, the University of Michigan Law School and the University of Cincinnati Law School. Mr. Lerner received his B.A. in 1982, his M.A. in 1982 and his J.D. in 1985 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Richard B. Levin is co-chair of Jenner & Block's Restructuring and Bankruptcy Department in New York. An author of the 1978 U.S. Bankruptcy Code, he is recognized internationally as one of the foremost restructuring, bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights lawyers handling complex bankruptcy litigation, transaction and special-situation matters. Mr. Levin provides clients with an

experienced perspective on challenges they face in distressed situations, including special situations in restructuring assignments (such as representation of directors and noncreditor parties in interest), large-scale bankruptcy litigation and trustee and examiner engagements, and distress M&A and distressed investing. He also advises clients with nonfinancial legal or regulatory challenges to help resolve matters without litigation. Mr. Levin's experience spans a wide range of industries, including auto and manufacturing, banking and finance, energy and electric utilities, hospitality, municipal and government finance, technology, electronics, telecommunications, gaming, retail, shipping, defense and agriculture in both domestic and cross-border situations. He is the former chair of the National Bankruptcy Conference and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He was a consultant to the World Bank and the Central Bank of Brazil regarding Brazil's 2005 bankruptcy legislation. Since 2002, he has served as a faculty member at the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Judge Workshops, and he was a lecturer in law at Harvard Law School. Mr. Levin is a sought-after speaker and author on a wide range of bankruptcy issues and is co-editor in chief of the leading bankruptcy treatise *Collier on Bankruptcy*. Mr. Levin has repeatedly been recognized as one of the country's leading practitioners of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights law by, among others, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Benchmark Litigation*. In addition, he is a member of the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. Mr. Levin received his S.B. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

John G. Loughnane is a partner in the Business Department of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston and has more than 25 years of experience focused on growing and restructuring companies, including serving as regional corporate counsel (North America) for PTC. Mr. Loughnane has served as co-chair of ABI's Technology & Intellectual Property Committee and currently serves on the Special Projects Task Force of ABI's Mediation Committee. He also serves on the board of directors of the Turnaround Management Association – Northeast Chapter as vice president. From 2013-15, he served as co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Boston Bar Association. Mr. Loughnane is an active member of the community, serving as a corporate trustee (and past co-chair of the Conservation Council) of the Trustees of Reservations, a member of the board of directors of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association, and as a board member of the George Washington University Law Alumni Association. He is a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Boston and a volunteer and leader for various youth organizations. Mr. Loughnane received his A.B. from the College of the Holy Cross and his J.D. with honors from the George Washington University Law School.

Prof. Lois R. Lupica is the Maine Law Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland, Maine, where she teaches bankruptcy, secured transactions, sales and negotiation, and is a nationally recognized scholar in the areas of consumer and commercial credit and bankruptcy law. She is currently one of three principal investigators of the Consumer Financial Distress Research Study, a randomized control trial examining the efficiency of the small claims court system, the consequences of various legal intervention programs and the value of financial education. From 2009-11, Prof. Lupica was the principal investigator for The Consumer Bankruptcy Fee Study, and The Consumer Bankruptcy Creditor Distribution Study, landmark research that examined the 2005 changes to Bankruptcy Code, and how those changes impact creditors, debtors, trustees and lawyers. Courts and bankruptcy practitioners are using the results of the study to help improve the fairness and efficiency of the system. Prof. Lupica's empirical research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, ABI's Anthony H.N. Schnellling Endowment Fund, the National Confer-

ence of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education, the Sears Consumer Protection and Education Fund, the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, Harvard University and the Arnold Foundation. She is the author of a leading casebook on bankruptcy law and *Developing Professional Skills in Bankruptcy*, a book designed to provide law students with the experience of addressing a series of problems that typically arise in bankruptcy practice. In 2012, Professor Lupica was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. She also received the Hon. Wesley W. Steen Prize for Best Bankruptcy Article in the *ABI Law Review* in 2012. Prof. Lupica sits on ABI's Board of Directors and serves on the advisory board for the *ABI Law Review*. She served as reporter for the Maine Ethics 2000 Task Force and as co-reporter for ABI's National Ethics Task Force, where she worked to develop proposals to address ethics issues encountered by bankruptcy professionals and judges. She also served as Special Counsel in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring section of Thompson & Knight LLP from 2008 to 2013. In 2015, she served as a pro bono consultant to the World Bank, where she worked with the Central Bank of Vietnam to develop a strategy for addressing their non-performing loans. Prior to joining Maine Law, Prof. Lupica was a clinical professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, where she developed a transactional clinical program that represented non-profit affordable housing developers in connection with their business and real estate transactions. She was in private practice from 1987-92, working on domestic and international transactions at the law firms of Arnold & Porter and White & Case in New York City. Prof. Lupica received her B.S. from Cornell University and her J.D. from Boston University.

Mark M. Maloney is a partner in the Atlanta office of King & Spalding LLP and a member of its Financial Restructuring Practice Group. He specializes in financial restructuring and insolvency matters, and represents a broad range of clients in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and insolvency proceedings. In addition, he represents litigants in contested matters, adversary proceedings and other bankruptcy and insolvency litigation involving creditors' rights, lender liability and alter-ego liability. Mr. Maloney is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and serves on ABI's Board of Directors. He also serves as director and program chair of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, and as master and membership co-chair of the Honorable Homer Drake Georgia Bankruptcy Inn of Court. He previously chaired the Georgia State Bar Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Maloney has been recognized as a leading bankruptcy lawyer in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Legal 500* survey of leading lawyers, *The Deal* magazine's list of top bankruptcy lawyers, *Atlanta Magazine*'s list of Georgia Super Lawyers, and *Georgia Trend* magazine's Legal Elite. He received his B.B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Mississippi and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Washington and Lee University.

Perry M. Mandarino, CPA is a senior managing director and head of Corporate Restructuring with B. Riley & Co., LLC in New York. Previously, he was a partner in the New York office of PwC and its Business Recovery Services U.S. practice leader. With more than 25 years of financial restructuring experience, he has represented over 300 companies through various out-of-court and chapter 11 proceedings. His assignments have included both chief restructuring officer and advisory roles for clients, complex debt restructurings, strategic planning, preparation of turnaround, business and plans of reorganization, and cash flow analyses. Mr. Mandarino has provided advice and executed on capital transactions, including financings, sales and investments. He has also provided operational turnaround services and led transformation initiatives. Some of Mr. Mandarino's notable assignments have included Chrysler, Filenes Basement, Hoop Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ The Disney Stores, Polaroid, Inc., Summit Global Logistics, Hoboken University Medical Center and MIIX Group. He is admitted

to the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts in the Districts of Delaware and New Jersey and in New York, where he has testified and been qualified as an expert in matters related to financial viability, valuation, general reorganization matters and financing. Prior to joining PwC in 2009, Mr. Mandarinio was a senior managing director of Traxi, LLC and was a managing director of restructuring in a boutique investment banking firm. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants and ABI. Mr. Mandarinio has lectured to various groups on bankruptcy issues and the reorganization process. He received his B.S. from Seton Hall University

Prof. Bruce A. Markell is a professor of bankruptcy law and practice at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law in Chicago. From 2004-13, he was a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the District of Nevada, and from 2007-13 he was also a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit. Before taking the bench, Prof. Markell practiced bankruptcy and business law in Los Angeles for 10 years as a partner at Sidley & Austin, and he was a law professor for 14 years. After law school, he clerked for then-judge Anthony M. Kennedy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prof. Markell is the author of numerous articles on bankruptcy and commercial law and a co-author of four law school casebooks. He contributes to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and is a member of *Collier's* editorial advisory board. Prof. Markell is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the International Insolvency Institute and a member of the American Law Institute. He is also a founding member of the NITA-trained faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute and a commissioner for ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Prof. Markell has served as an advisor on bankruptcy and secured transaction reform to the Republic of Indonesia, and recently completed a project redrafting Kosovo's bankruptcy law. He also consults regularly with the International Monetary Fund on insolvency-related issues (having been part of the IMF's missions to Ireland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Greece). Prof. Markell received his J.D. in 1980 from the University of California at Davis.

Craig Martin is a partner with DLA Piper LLP in Wilmington, Del., and has spent his legal career working on complex distressed situations. He has represented numerous parties in a variety of cases, including equity committees, committees of unsecured creditors, bank groups, indenture trustees and debtors. He has also advised purchasers of assets in bankruptcy auctions and court-approved sales and frequently provides bankruptcy-specific advice in complex mergers and acquisition situations involving distressed entities. Mr. Martin has appeared in the bankruptcy courts all across the U.S., but his work frequently focuses on cross-border situations. He has acted as counsel in cases in Canada, Germany, Ireland, Hong Kong, Spain, Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, Africa, the U.K. and Argentina. He has also acted as first-chair litigation counsel in a number of cases involving terms of bond indentures, such as x-clauses, permitted indebtedness clauses and other covenants. Mr. Martin co-authored ABI's *Chapter 15 for Foreign Debtors* and is admitted to practice in Delaware, the District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. He received his B.A. in history from Texas Christian University, his M.Sc. from the University of Edinburgh and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Houston Law Center.

Jeff J. Marwil is a co-head of Proskauer's Business Solutions, Governance, Restructuring & Bankruptcy Group in Chicago, and has nearly 30 years of experience in bankruptcy, workouts and corporate restructurings. He has developed a reputation for providing sophisticated strategic advice to

upper-tier companies in distress, as well as solving challenging legal and business issues. He concentrates his practice on hedge funds in distress, including hedge fund restructurings, wind-downs and liquidations. Mr. Marwil represents hedge funds, managers/advisers and sophisticated fund-of-fund and pension plan investors in hedge fund restructurings, wind-downs and complex litigation matters, and he recently served as lead fund counsel for a complex of several alternative-strategy funds seeking to restructure in the midst of the current unprecedented market conditions. Mr. Marwil also represented some of the largest investor creditors in the attempted restructuring, and now wind-down, of a multi-billion-dollar onshore and offshore affiliated group of multi-strategy hedge funds. In addition, he also has consulted with the bipartisan leadership of several Senate committees as they conducted oversight in pursuit of possible legislation on hedge fund registration and regulations, and handles investigations of fraud and pursues recoveries for investors and other victims of fraud. Legislation introduced in the 109th Congress contained language recommended by Mr. Marwil concerning the necessity of independent, outside auditors for hedge funds. He is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and its Development Committee as well as the Turnaround Management Association, and he is a frequent speaker at their events. Mr. Marwil is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Leading Lawyers Magazine*, *Who's Who Legal Illinois* and *Chambers USA*. He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law, where he was a member of its *Law Review*.

John D. McMickle is the founder and president of JDM Public Strategies, LLC in Washington, D.C., a boutique public policy and communications firm that specializes in civil justice reform, tax reform, financial services and intellectual property. JDM also provides assistance with congressional investigations, preparation for congressional testimony and crisis communications. From 1995-2001, Mr. McMickle was a counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. After leaving the Hill, he served for several years as a partner in the government affairs department of a major international law firm. Mr. McMickle wrote or co-wrote a number of publications, including the *Bankruptcy Code Manual* (Thomson Publishing 2004-10); "Trade-In Value and Auto Loans After Bankruptcy Reform," *The Bankruptcy Strategist*, November/December 2009 (Parts I and II); and "Living Expenses in Chapter 13: A Fresh Look at the Legislative History of Bankruptcy Reform," *ABI Journal*, February 2008. He is a frequent panelist on bankruptcy policy issues. Mr. McMickle received his B.A. from the University of Tennessee in 1989 and his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law in 1994.

Frank A. Merola is a partner in Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP's Financial Restructuring Group in Los Angeles and has more than 25 years of experience in business reorganization and bankruptcy. He has advised debtors, creditors, acquirers and equity-holders in both chapter 11 and out-of-court restructurings across a range of industries. He also focuses his practice on the representation of ad hoc and official creditor committees and equity-holders. His recent clients include Haggen Holdings, LLC, BPZ Resources, Inc., the ad hoc group of first lien banks in Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., the ad hoc group of noteholders of 21st Century Oncology, and the official committee of unsecured creditors in MModal Holdings, Inc. Prior to joining Stroock, Mr. Merola was a managing director with Jefferies & Co. Inc. in its Recapitalization and Reorganization Group and was an attorney with Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. He is regularly listed in *Super Lawyers* in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, as well as in *The Best Lawyers in America*. In 2007, he was co-recipient of the Large Company Transaction of the Year Award from the Turnaround Management Association following his work with USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund. Mr. Merola received his undergraduate

degree in business administration from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.

Robert J. Miller is a partner at Bryan Cave LLP in the firm's Phoenix office, where his practice con-centrates on commercial workouts, chapter 11 restructurings, and all aspects of commercial bank-ruptcy litigation. His practice group is well-known for representing senior secured creditors. He also regularly represents debtors, operating trustees and buyers in distressed business situations. Mr. Miller is a frequent lecturer and author on a wide range of commercial insolvency topics. He is a member of the American Bar Association, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Miller is a contributing editor to *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, as well as a number of other publications. He received his B.S. from Central Michigan University, his M.B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Michael Mills is the co-founder and chief strategy officer of Neota Logic Inc. in New York, which developed a no-code software platform with which nonprogrammers can build expert systems to automate advice, documents and processes. He is also a director of Pro Bono Net, which provides innovative technology for the nonprofit legal sector, and co-founded the Central Park Conservancy. Previously, Mr. Mills was a partner with Mayer Brown, and while practicing at Davis Polk & Wardwell, he led technology strategy, business development, knowledge management, professional development, practice support and e-discovery. He also was with Kraft & Kennedy, where he served as a technology consultant to law firms and law departments. Mr. Mills received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, after which he clerked for a U.S. district judge.

Erika L. Morabito is a partner, litigator, trial attorney and restructuring lawyer at Foley & Lardner LLP in Washington, D.C., and is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations and Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practices, as well as its Automotive Industry Team. From 2012-15, she served as the national department vice chair for Litigation, as well as the vice chair of the firm's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice. Ms. Morabito concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, debtor reorganizations and out-of-court restructurings. She represents chapter 11 debtors, creditors' committees, chapter 7 and chapter 11 trustees, and federal court-appointed receivers, and she frequently advises and represents clients in creditors' rights litigation, avoidance actions, claims disputes, out-of-court restructurings, and the purchase and sale of assets under the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, she works in the areas of complex commercial litigation, commercial real estate, including foreclosures, FDA litigation, loan transactions, insurance claims, fiduciary duty litigation, compliance work and environmental liability disputes. Ms. Morabito has extensive experience representing individuals, officers and directors, businesses, financial institutions, corporations, partnerships and other entities involved in commercial transactions, bankruptcy and litigation matters, including fraud and Ponzi scheme matters. She was recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* in 2016 for her work in bankruptcy/restructuring and was selected for inclusion in the 2014-16 *Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers* lists, as well as the 2013 *Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers – Rising Stars* list for her work in bankruptcy & creditor/debtor rights and business litigation. She was also recommended by *The Legal 500* in 2015 for her work in the area of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy. Ms. Morabito has served on several judicial interview panels and made recommendations for future appointments of judges in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She is on the board of governors for the Bankruptcy Section of the Virginia State Bar

and is a member of the American Bar Association, ABI, the Virginia, Arlington County and Fairfax County Bar Associations, the Walter P. Chandler American Inn of Court, the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Northern Virginia Women's Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar and the Federal Bar Association. She also served on the advisory boards for the ABI's 2013, 2014 and 2015 Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and is on the advisory board for the ABI/Georgetown Views from the Bench program. Ms. Morabito participates in volunteer activities for the Nation's Capital CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) Program. She is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland, and before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Federal Circuits, the Supreme Court of Virginia, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Ms. Morabito received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Oswego State University in 1995, where she was also an NCAA scholar athlete, and her J.D. *cum laude* from Syracuse University College of Law in 1999.

Prof. Juliet M. Moringiello is a professor at Widener University Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg, Pa., where she regularly teaches bankruptcy, property, sales, secured transactions and a seminar on cities in crisis. Her recent bankruptcy articles have been published in the *Illinois Law Review*, the *Washington & Lee Law Review*, the *Wisconsin Law Review* and the *Fordham Law Review*. Prof. Moringiello is the chair-elect of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Business Law Section, as well as chair of the Section's Uniform Commercial Code Committee and of the Section's Task Force for the Enactment of the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act. In the spring semester of 2010, Prof. Moringiello served as ABI's Robert M. Zinman Resident Scholar. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a Uniform Law Commissioner for Pennsylvania. Prof. Moringiello received her B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University, her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and her LL.M. from Temple University.

J. Leland Murphree is a shareholder and co-chair of the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, PC in Birmingham, Ala., and represents creditors, debtors, committees, distressed investors and fiduciaries in a wide range of complex restructurings, litigation and transactions across the country. He also frequently speaks on topics involving bankruptcy, insolvency and receiverships. Mr. Murphree has been consistently recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Bankruptcy Litigation and as a "Rising Star" in the *Mid-South* (formerly Alabama) *Super Lawyers* in the area of business bankruptcy. He currently serves as president of the Alabama Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and was chairman of the Alabama State Bar Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section from 2016-17. Mr. Murphree received his B.A. from Samford University and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Memphis School of Law.

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Louisiana in Shreveport, sworn in in August 2014. Prior to his appointment, he was appointed as a chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division on May 19, 2011, where he served for three years. Judge Norman has more than 26 years of experience as a bankruptcy attorney in the Southern District of Texas, representing consumer and business debtors as well as creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy. Judge Norman is board certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and the American Board of Certification. He is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has

lectured on a variety of bankruptcy topics, and he is authored *Bankruptcy Road Map* (Texas State Bar Books, 2010). Judge Norman received his B.A. from Houston Baptist University in 1982 and his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1985.

Michael O'Hara is a partner in the Restructuring and Special Situations Group at PJT Partners Inc. in Boston. Previously, he was a managing director in Blackstone's Restructuring & Reorganization Group, where he worked from 2006-15 on a variety of restructuring and strategic advisory assignments across a broad range of industries. Before joining Blackstone, Mr. O'Hara worked in the M&A groups of Wasserstein Perella & Co. and Stephens Inc. He is a frequent panelist at conferences and schools on restructuring related topics. Mr. O'Hara received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his M.B.A. from Columbia University Business School.

Hon. Jerry C. Oldshue, Jr. is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama in Mobile. Prior to taking the bench in October 2015, he was a shareholder in the firm of Rosen Harwood, P.A in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he served as the managing shareholder of the firm's creditor's rights department. While in practice, Judge Oldshue was admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, all U.S. District Courts in Alabama, and all Alabama state courts. His memberships included the Alabama State Bar, where he served six years on the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, serving as chairman in 2011. He is also a member of ABI and the Conference on Consumer Finance Law. In 2001, Judge Oldshue became one of only seven attorneys in the state to achieve board certification as a specialist in creditors' rights law. He received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama, and his J.D. and M.B.A., also from the University of Alabama, as one of only two people invited to participate in the school's joint degree program.

Jill D. Olsen is a solo practitioner at The Olsen Law Firm, LLC in Kansas City, Mo., practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, collections and commercial litigation. She represents both creditors and debtors and is a chapter 7 panel trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri. Ms. Olsen is admitted to practice in Missouri, Kansas, the Western District of Missouri and the District of Kansas, as well as in the Eighth and Tenth Circuits. She was on the Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Committee for the District of Kansas and the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee for the Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Court. Ms. Olsen is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Association of Women Lawyers, Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar Association, Topeka Area Bankruptcy Counsel, ABI, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and the Turnaround Management Association, and she is chair of the Kansas City Women's Bankruptcy Association. She received her J.D. with honors in 2000 from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law.

Deryck A. Palmer is the firmwide leader of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's Insolvency & Restructuring practice in New York. He has extensive experience advising domestic and multinational clients on out-of-court workouts, corporate restructurings and bankruptcy cases in a broad range of industries, including financial services, health care, construction, real estate, energy and manufacturing. Mr. Palmer has handled some of the largest and most significant matters in the country during the past three decades, including LyondellBasell Industries, Apollo Health Street and Citibank in the

Lehman Brothers chapter 11 case. Recently, he led the team that helped engineering services firm Berger Group Holdings Inc. create a first-of-its kind reciprocal investment structure that enabled the restructuring and recapitalization of the privately held firm while also preserving senior managers' ownership and control. The work was recognized by *Financial Times* for "innovation in legal expertise" and by *M&A Advisor* as the "Restructuring Deal of the Year." He was also one of the lead counsel to the U.S. Treasury Department in the General Motors restructuring, and was the lead counsel for the Detroit School System, the sixth-largest school district in the country, where he guided one of the most successful out-of-court municipal restructurings. For more than 10 years, Mr. Palmer served as a foreign advisor on U.S. bankruptcy law to the Chinese government and was instrumental in the drafting of the PRC Enterprise Bankruptcy Law, and he also was an International Law Institute delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law), advising on the development of an international model insolvency structure. Recognized by *Turnarounds & Workouts* as one of the nation's top "Outstanding Bankruptcy Lawyers," he is active in ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, as well as the American Bar Association's Business Bankruptcy Committee, and he is a member of both the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Committee on Courts and the Community. In addition, he is a former member of the Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and former co-vice chair of the American Bar Association's Healthcare Working Group. Mr. Palmer lectures at many major law schools nationwide and has been an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School, where he taught advanced topics in bankruptcy and corporate reorganization. He is the author or co-author of multiple articles and three books, *The PRC Enterprise Bankruptcy Law: The People's Work in Progress*, *History of Bankruptcy Law in the Second Circuit* and *Restructuring: The Search for Value in a Troubled Enterprise*. He is also a member of the Bureau of National Affairs Advisory Board for the *Bankruptcy Law Reporter* and is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Palmer received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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 member of ABI and formerly served as education director and chair of its Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, and currently serves on its Board of Directors and Education Committee. She belongs to the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, having served a term as the Seventh Circuit representative on the Board of Governors and a term as secretary from 2013-14. She also has served on the National Conference Education Committee and chaired that committee for the 2014 conference in Chicago. Judge Pepper completed two terms as an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. She has served on the Human Resources Advisory Council of the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts and currently serves on the OSCAR working group and the Judicial Data Working Group for the Administrative Office. She is also a member of the Bankruptcy Rules Committee of the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Judge Pepper frequently speaks at Federal Judicial Center programs, and is a former member of the Center's Bankruptcy Judges' Education Advisory Group. She also speaks at bar associations

across the country on topics such as the rules of evidence in bankruptcy, the intersection of criminal and bankruptcy law, and litigation skills. Judge Pepper 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.

Jonathan Petts is the executive director of Upsolve in New York, a tech nonprofit that helps consumer bankruptcy filers. Through technology and academic research from Harvard's Access 2 Justice Lab, the firm provides the first digital platform to automate most of the bankruptcy process for legal aid organizations. Recent awards include FastCase 50, Harvard President's Challenge, Harvard Innovation Challenge, Yale Law School Liman Fellowship and Robin Hood Foundation's Catalyst. Previously, Mr. Petts was a restructuring associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP and an associate at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. He also clerked for Hon. Allan Gropper in the Southern District of New York and Hon. Benjamin Goldgar in the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Petts received his B.A. in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 2002 and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2007.

Jeffrey N. Pomerantz is a partner with Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice includes representing companies, creditors' committees and private-equity funds in complex in- and out-of-court financial restructurings and merger-and-acquisition transactions. He has particular expertise in restructurings in the restaurant and retail sectors, and is generally focused on middle-market companies with annual revenues ranging from \$50 million to \$300 million. Mr. Pomerantz also has an active creditors' committee practice, having represented more than 20 creditors' committees over the past several years. He is ABI's President and authored "The Bare Necessities of Critical Vendor Motions—It's a Jungle Out There," 13 *Journal of Bankruptcy Law & Practice* (2004), and he has lectured or been a panelist for ABI, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the Financial Lawyers Conference and the Credit Managers Association. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and was named a "Super Lawyer" in the field of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights from 2009-12 in *Los Angeles* magazine. Mr. Pomerantz received both his undergraduate degree Phi Beta Kappa and his J.D. from New York University, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Shane G. Ramsey is a partner in the Nashville, Tenn., office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, where he focuses his practice on financial restructuring, bankruptcy and corporate trust matters. He regularly represents committees of unsecured creditors, indenture trustees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, bondholders, noteholders, liquidation trustees, plan administrators, disbursing agents and other entities in bankruptcy reorganizations, liquidation proceedings and bankruptcy-related litigation. Mr. Ramsey also has experience handling complex civil litigation matters in both state and federal courts and in alternative dispute resolution settings, including arbitration and mediation. His business litigation experience includes contract disputes, business torts, breach of fiduciary duties, officer and director liabilities, and other general litigation matters. Mr. Ramsey is admitted to practice in Tennessee, Florida and Georgia, and before the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida, the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia and the Eastern District of Michigan, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He received his B.A. magna cum laude in 2003 from the University of Tampa and his J.D. with high honors in 2006 from Florida State University College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and a senior articles editor of the *Florida State University Law Review*.

Brian M. Resnick is a partner in Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP's Insolvency and Restructuring Group in New York. He has substantial experience in a broad range of corporate restructurings and bankruptcies, representing debtors, creditors, banks, hedge funds, asset-acquirers and other strategic parties in connection with bankruptcy cases, out-of-court workouts, DIP and exit financings, bankruptcy litigation and § 363 sales. His recent significant representations include Arch Coal, Patriot Coal and James River Coal in their chapter 11 cases, the ad hoc group of bondholders of Puerto Rico's Government Development Bank, various bank and fund clients in numerous restructurings and chapter 11 cases, and a significant financial institution in connection with Dodd-Frank Resolution Planning. Mr. Resnick is a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and is a frequent author, lecturer and panelist on a broad range of bankruptcy topics. He is regularly recognized in *Chambers USA*, *IFLR 1000*, *Super Lawyers*, *Turnarounds & Workouts* and *Law360*. Mr. Resnick received his B.M. and M.M. from The Juilliard School and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a member of the *Columbia Business Law Review*.

Claire Ann Resop is a partner in the Madison, Wis., office of Steinhilber Swanson, LLP, where she concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, real estate, and commercial and claim litigation. She has served on ABI's Board of Directors, was appointed to the panel of chapter 7 trustees for the Western District of Wisconsin from 2004-11, and was formerly a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees' New Trustee Advisory Committee. She is also past chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Section and serves as co-chair of its Legislative Committee. Ms. Resop formerly served as chair of both ABI's Central States Bankruptcy Workshop advisory board and the State Bar of Wisconsin's Convention Committee, and she was a member of the Ethics Committee for the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. In 2005, she was recognized as one of the "Top 25 Female Super Lawyers," and has been named a "Super Lawyer" in *Law & Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine* since 2005. Ms. Resop received her B.A. from Marquette University in 1987 and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1993.

Lillian Rizzo is a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* and covers bankruptcy for both the *Journal* and *WSJ Pro Bankruptcy*. She previously covered retail and consumer deals for Dow Jones' LBO Wire and WSJ's Private Equity Beat. Prior to Dow Jones, she worked at Debtwire and the New York Daily News. Ms. Rizzo received her B.A. in journalism from the City University of New York-Baruch College and her M.S. in journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

William J. Rochelle, III is ABI's Editor-at-Large and resides in New York. Previously, he published for Bloomberg from 2007-15. Prior to his second career in journalism, Mr. Rochelle practiced bankruptcy law for 35 years, including 17 years as a partner in the New York office of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. In addition to writing, he travels the country for ABI, speaking to bar groups and professional organizations on hot topics in the turnaround community and trends in consumer bankruptcies. Mr. Rochelle earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Columbia University, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Judah Rose is a senior vice president and managing director with ICF, Inc., a global consulting services company in Fairfax, Va. He has 30 years of experience in the energy industry with clients such as electric utilities, financial institutions, law firms, government agencies, fuel companies and independent power producers (IPPs). Mr. Rose is an ICF Distinguished Consultant, an honorary title

given to three of ICF's 4,500+ employees. He has served on the ICF board of directors as the management shareholder representative. Mr. Rose has supported the financing of tens of billions of dollars of new and existing power plants and is a frequent counselor to the financial community. He provides expert testimony and litigation support, has addressed approximately 100 major energy conferences, and has authored numerous articles. Mr. Rose received his B.S. in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Luis Salazar is a partner with Salazar Law in Coral Gables, Fla., where he leads its Corporate Bankruptcy Team and brings two decades of experience battling for individuals and companies facing crisis, including negotiating complex financial restructuring, litigating bet-the-company disputes and defending against government investigations. He has led the chapter 11 reorganization efforts of numerous well-known companies in a variety of industrial sectors with combined assets in the billions, and has successfully conducted out-of-court restructuring, workouts and financial negotiations. During the ongoing real estate crisis, Mr. Salazar represented major financial institutions and borrowers in commercial real estate foreclosures at the trial and appellate levels. He is responsible for bringing the first constitutional challenge to the rent-capture provisions of the Florida Condo Act, and his representation of troubled internet companies during the dotcom era led him to draft and propose the Privacy Policy Enforcement in Bankruptcy Act of 2001, which prohibits bankrupt companies from misusing consumers' private information. Mr. Salazar is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected "Best of the Bar" by the *South Florida Business Journal* (2003), a "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine (2004, 2005, 2010 and 2014) and as a "Leading Restructuring and Insolvency Lawyer" by *PLC Cross-Border Handbook* (2008-12). He has also been listed in *Super Lawyers* (2006-16), *The Best Lawyers in America* (2007-17) and *Chambers & Partners USA* (2007-16). Mr. Salazar received his M.B.A. from the University of Miami, his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Drew University.

Damian S. Schaible is a partner with Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP's Insolvency and Restructuring Group in New York and regularly represents debtors, creditors, banks, hedge funds, asset-purchasers and other strategic parties in connection with pre-packaged and traditional bankruptcies, out-of-court workouts, DIP and exit financings, bankruptcy litigation, § 363 sales and liability-management transactions. His recent notable engagements include acting as counsel to a group of pre-petition noteholders in connection with the chapter 11 cases of Genon Energy, Inc. and affiliates; acting as counsel to the administrative agent for Pacific Exploration & Production Corp.'s \$1 billion revolver; a group of second-lien holders in connection with Sandridge Energy's chapter 11 cases; the administrative agent for Enduro Resource Partners' reserve-based loan; the note purchasers, exchanging noteholders and DIP lenders in connection with the debt recapitalization and then chapter 11 of Venoco, Inc.; the administrative agent for Connacher Oil and Gas Limited's first-lien credit facility in connection with Connacher's restructuring, including implementation of a Plan of Arrangement under the Canada Business Corporations Act; Tonon Bioenergia S.A. in connection with its exchange of approximately US\$300 million 9.250 percent senior notes for new step-up senior notes; a group of term lenders in connection with the restructuring of Key Energy Services; Citibank, as administrative agent and collateral agent in connection with \$692 million of debtor-in-possession credit facilities for Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. and as the agent for the debtors' pre-petition credit facilities; Citibank as the DIP Agent and pre-petition agent in connection with the chapter 11 cases of Peabody Energy; the pre-petition and DIP lenders in connection with Essar Steel Algoma's Canadian CCAA bankruptcy

proceedings; the “First Out” pre-petition lenders and DIP lenders in connection with the RadioShack chapter 11 cases; Patriot Coal Corp. and its affiliates in connection with their chapter 11 cases; Pinnacle Airlines and its affiliates in connection with their chapter 11 cases; and Frontier Airlines in its chapter 11 restructuring. In addition, he has spent significant time working with several major financial institutions on their resolution plans (“living wills”) required under Dodd-Frank. Mr. Schaible chaired the New York City Bar Association’s (NYCBA’s) Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization and currently serves on the executive committee of the board of the NYCBA as its Treasurer. He also serves on ABI’s Executive Committee. Mr. Schaible received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in political science from the College of the Holy Cross in 1998 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from New York University School of Law in 2001, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and served on the *NYU Law Review*. After law school, he clerked for Hon. Danny J. Boggs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Christy Searl is a director of Burford Capital LLC’s underwriting and investment arm in New York and has expertise in bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring. Most recently, she was a senior vice president in the Office of the General Counsel at the Lehman Estate, and before that, she was with the Litigation Group at Lehman Brothers and an associate at Chadbourne & Park LLP. Having managed scores of U.S. and global litigation and workout matters at the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estate over nearly a decade, Ms. Searl provides innovative solutions to debtors, creditors and professionals in the bankruptcy space. She received her undergraduate degree from Brown University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Steven N. Serajeddini is a partner in the Restructuring Group of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, based in Chicago. He advises companies, private-equity sponsors, distressed-debt funds, ad hoc committees, and other investors with respect to public, private and portfolio companies in financial distress, including liability management transactions, amend and extend transactions, refinancings, out-of-court exchanges and restructurings, and bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. Mr. Serajeddini has been involved in some of the largest and most complex corporate restructurings of all time. He also advises boards of directors and senior management of distressed companies regarding fiduciary duties and corporate governance. Mr. Serajeddini has expertise across a broad range of industries, including energy, oil and gas, power, retail, telecommunications, health care, manufacturing, hospitality, real estate, publishing, media and pharmaceutical. He is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, and co-authored ABI’s *A Practitioner’s Guide to Prepackaged Bankruptcy* (2011). Mr. Serajeddini received his B.A.S. in computer engineering from the University of Waterloo, his M.A. in applied economics from the University of Michigan, and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was an article editor for the *Michigan Law Review* and a semifinalist in the Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition.

Brian L. Shaw is a member of Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin LLC in Chicago and has more than 20 years of experience representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditor and equity committees, chapter 7 and 11 trustees, and plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy- and creditor rights-related litigation. He is a former ABI chairman and previously served as ABI’s Vice President-Membership, as co-chair of ABI’s Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference and inaugural Professional Development Program, and on the faculty of ABI’s Litigation Skills Symposium. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a past chair of the

Chicago Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Committee, and served a three-year term on the University of Illinois College of Law Recent Alumni Advisory Board. Mr. Shaw has authored and co-authored numerous articles for the *ABI Journal*, *Norton Bankruptcy Law Letter*, *The Bankruptcy Strategist*, *Business Credit* and *Credit Today*, as well as for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Western District of Michigan and Northern District of Indiana, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Seventh and Eighth Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also admitted to the Federal Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Shaw is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, is listed as an "Illinois Super Lawyer" in *Law & Politics* and has been selected as a "Leading Lawyer." He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Nicole Stefanelli is a partner in the Newark, N.J., office of Cullen and Dykman LLP in its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights department. She represents debtors, creditors' committees and creditors in complex chapter 11 proceedings in a broad range of industries, including transportation, manufacturing, medical, the arts and financial services. She advises companies in connection with the acquisition of distressed assets both inside and outside of bankruptcy court. Ms. Stefanelli co-chairs the New Jersey Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Prior to entering private practice, she clerked for Bankruptcy Judge Kevin Gross in the District of Delaware from 2007-08. Ms. Stefanelli was recognized for the "Restructuring Deal of the Year (\$100 million to \$500 million)" and "Industrial Goods and Basic Resources Sector Deal of the Year" by *M&A Advisor*, and also won its Emerging Leader Award in 2016. She has also been honored in New Jersey Super Lawyers (2013-17) and received the *New Jersey Law Journal* New Leader of the Bar Award in 2016. Ms. Stefanelli received her B.A. from New York University and her J.D. from Rutgers Law School, where she was managing editor of *Rutgers Law Review*.

Scott Y. Stuart is the founder and co-CEO of Esquify, Inc. in Chicago and has more than 20 years experience in the restructuring, litigation and distressed investment sectors. Previously, he was a senior director with Garden City Group, LLC in New York, where he was responsible for heading the firm's national business development efforts in the claims administration and noticing sector. He was also a senior trial attorney with the Office of the U.S. Trustee for the Eastern District of New York, department chair of Rivkin Radler's restructuring services department, and senior vice president and general counsel to TruFoods Systems, Inc., an acquisition company. Mr. Stuart is admitted to practice in the courts of New York and New Jersey and has been a mediator since the early 1990s, when he was one of the earliest participants in the Eastern District of New York's pilot mediation program. He is on the faculty of the ABI/St. John's University Forty-Hour Mediation Training Program and is one of the founding members of ABI's Bankruptcy Mediation Committee. Mr. Stuart has been appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Subcommittee under the ABA's Business Bankruptcy Committee Section, and he sits on the mediation panels of the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York and District of Delaware. He is a frequent contributor to law and trade publications including the *ABI Journal*, for which he served as an associate editor and currently serves as a coordinating editor for its Litigator's Perspective column. Mr. Stuart received his B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Morgan Suckow is a senior managing director of Guggenheim Securities in New York and has extensive experience representing companies in connection with corporate recapitalizations and reorganizations across a wide range of industries, as well as in advising clients on distressed financing and M&A transactions. In addition, he has significant expertise representing creditors and other key stakeholders in restructuring transactions. Over the course of his career, Mr. Suckow has represented clients in connection with the restructuring of more than \$100 billion in debt and the sourcing of nearly \$20 billion in financing, including the \$2 billion Kmart DIP facility and the \$5 billion Calpine DIP facility, each the largest in history at the time. Additionally, several of his transactions have been recognized by leading industry organizations, including Furniture Brands (*M&A Advisor* Consumer and Retail Deal of the Year, 2014), AMF Bowling (Turnaround Atlas Awards Mid-Market Restructuring of the Year, 2013) and Calpine (Turnaround Management Association Mega Transaction of the Year, 2008). Prior to joining Guggenheim, Mr. Suckow spent 15 years in the restructuring group at Miller Buckfire and its predecessors, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and Wasserstein Perella, most recently as a managing director. He received his B.S.E. in electrical engineering and computer science from Duke University.

Hon. James J. Tancredi is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut in Hartford, sworn in on Sept. 1, 2016. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a commercial litigation and business restructuring partner at Day Pitney, LLP (f/k/a Day Berry & Howard), where he cultivated a diverse and challenging practice that crossed major industries, moved from regional to national scope and secured material roles in prominent restructuring and bankruptcies. During his 37-year career at Day Pitney, he tried dozens of cases, represented a full range of constituents, and assembled and led innumerable teams in often highly contested, first-impression financial reorganizations. Judge Tancredi frequently lectured at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at bar association CLE programs. His professional activities included service as president and director of the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut Turnaround Management Association. Judge Tancredi has been an active member of the Connecticut Bar Association, American Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association, and he was a director of the Hartford County Bar Foundation and Connecticut Mental Health Association. He is also a Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper fellow. In practice, he wrote widely about business restructuring issues and co-authored the Connecticut chapter in *Strategic Alternatives for and Against Distressed Businesses, 2016 Edition* (Thomson Reuters). Judge Tancredi received his B.A. in urban studies and political science from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Dr. Annerose Tashiro is head of Schultze & Braun GmbH's Cross-Border Restructurings and Insolvencies Group in Achern, Germany, and advises in corporate recovery situations. She has acted domestically and internationally for many companies involved in debt restructuring and turnarounds, as well as for officeholders on several high-profile German insolvencies. She also assists financial and trade creditors in international insolvency proceedings and restructuring scenarios. Dr. Tashiro's recent reorganization mandates include advice for officeholders of a refinery group, a gas pipeline project company and renewable energy companies, and advice to an international banking consortium regarding a construction PPP, financial creditors in bank insolvencies, restructuring of a machinery company and investor consulting for supported MBO and for the purchase of a software company. She also has significant experience in representing officeholders in international fraud insolvency cases, and German banks frequently ask for her help when creating and pursuing collateral on foreign

assets. Dr. Tashiro served as the joint chief editor of turnaround magazine *Eurofenix* and is a board member of IWIRC, as well as a member of INSOL. She is also ABI's Vice President-International Affairs. Dr. Tashiro is also a frequent speaker and lecturer on insolvency law. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Düsseldorf and Keio University in Tokyo.

Carlyn R. Taylor is a senior managing director at FTI Consulting, Inc. in Denver and is the global co-leader of FTI's Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment, the Industry Initiative leader, chairperson of FTI Capital Advisors (FTI's investment banking subsidiary), and a member of the firm's executive committee. As FTI's Industry Initiative leader, she helps establish or enhance FTI's presence in energy, health care, auto and chemicals. Ms. Taylor is a widely recognized expert in financial and business consulting in the telecom, media and technology (TMT) industries. She has more than 25 years of experience leading hundreds of engagements involving strategy, business transformation, restructuring and transaction-related services. Prior to her appointment as global co-leader, Ms. Taylor founded and led the firm's TMT industry practice for more than 20 years, building a leading global TMT industry consultancy in both the U.S. and the U.K. As a trusted partner, she has led more than 140 restructuring and bankruptcy engagements, advising both debtors and creditors. She has also provided expert testimony in dozens of litigations, arbitrations and other cases. Ms. Taylor received both her B.S. and M.A. in economics from the University of Southern California.

Ervin M. Terwilliger is the founder and managing partner of Three Twenty-One Capital Partners in Marriottsville, Md., manages the firm's portfolio of engagements, interacting directly with clients, investors and Three Twenty-One Capital Partners' deal teams. He has been featured in industry publications providing financial insight on various U.S. industry sectors and the M&A landscape. Mr. Terwilliger has completed more than 120 transactions and consulting engagements in the last 10 years, with a concentration on family and founder-run businesses. He sits on the board of directors for The Maryland Proton Therapy Center and has held director positions for international manufacturing concerns, as well as interim C-level positions. Mr. Terwilliger is an active member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, and is frequently called upon to be a valuation, process and sales expert in U.S. bankruptcy courts. He received his B.S. in business administration in management and marketing from the University of Delaware.

Mary Ida Townson is the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta. She received her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Scott A. Underwood is a shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC in Tampa, Fla., and chairs its Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He concentrates his practice on bankruptcy, distressed business situations and business workouts, with a focus on chapter 11 bankruptcies and related litigation. He has represented clients in bankruptcy cases, insolvency-related litigation, director and officer liability litigation, assignments for the benefit of creditors, receiverships and out-of-court workouts and restructurings. In that capacity, he has represented distressed businesses, chapter 11 debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, bankruptcy trustees, creditors' committees, liquidating trustee and parties acquiring assets from bankruptcy cases. Mr. Underwood has represented chapter 11 debtors in the health care, hospitality, real estate, utilities, waste management and manufacturing industries. Within the Florida bankruptcy system, he has more experience with chapter 15 interna-

tional insolvencies than many practitioners, having actively litigated substantial issues concerning comity, fairness of foreign systems to U.S. creditors, and other key elements of chapter 15 relief available to foreign representatives. Beyond core chapter 11 matters, Mr. Underwood represents clients in various high-stakes litigation matters. He has been involved in substantial product-liability litigation against enterprise resource planning software systems, director and officer liability litigation, bondholder litigation, seizures of yachts and other commercial disputes. He is also experienced with assignments for the benefit of creditors, having represented assignees, assignors and creditors in such proceedings throughout Florida. Mr. Underwood is a member of ABI and is Special Projects chair of its Real Estate Committee, the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida and the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, for which he heads a subcommittee to study insurance company receivership reforms. He is also a member of Buchanan's Associates Committee, which plays a key role in developing associates and senior attorneys in the firm. Mr. Underwood is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy topics, including debtor-in-possession financing, representing chapter 11 debtors, involuntary bankruptcy strategies and chapter 15 international insolvencies. He was a contributing writer to *Inside the Minds: Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and Restructuring Strategies, 2014 ed.*, having drafted a chapter concerning strategic analysis of and planning for chapter 11 filings. Mr. Underwood is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized each year as a leading bankruptcy lawyer in Florida by *Chambers USA* since 2012, selected for inclusion by *Florida Super Lawyers* since 2009 and listed in *Florida Trend Magazine's* "Legal Elite" since 2013. He was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2018 for Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights and Insolvency & Reorganization Law. Mr. Underwood received his B.A. in 1998 from the University of Florida and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2003.

Nancy A. Valentine is a principal with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. in Cleveland and has extensive litigation and transactional experience representing financial institutions, privately held companies, receivers and individuals. She regularly leads teams of attorneys in large transactions, such as a \$100 million distressed loan package. Ms. Valentine's practice has focused on representing middle-market buyers and sellers in complex transactions. She represents secured creditors, equipment lessors, landlords, asset-based lenders and general creditors, and debtors in bankruptcy and in federal court and state court litigation proceedings, as well as civil litigation such as receiverships and collection matters. She also has particular experience in distressed real estate matters and often counsels clients on planning, managing and better protecting their companies when growing relationships with customers and suppliers. Ms. Valentine is listed in the 2015 edition of *Chambers USA: Leading Lawyers for Business* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring and in the 2013-17 editions of *Ohio Super Lawyers*, including recognition on the following *Super Lawyers* lists: Top 50 Women Ohio in 2014 and 2017, Top 50 Cleveland in 2017, Top 25 Women Cleveland in 2017 and Top 100 Ohio in 2017. She was also listed in the 2010-16 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Laws, and was listed as "Lawyer of the Year" in the Bankruptcy category in the 2014 edition. Ms. Valentine is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. She received her B.A. in European studies from Vanderbilt University in 1994 and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1998.

Elizabeth B. Vandesteeg is a legal team leader and tactical advisor for business with Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP in Chicago, where her practice is focused on risk-identification and mitigation for her clients, primarily in the areas of business continuity and business tort, data security and

privacy, and bankruptcy and restructuring. She counsels businesses in a wide variety of industries on issues such as contracting with third parties or partnership/ownership disputes and represents clients in state, federal and bankruptcy courts, in municipal and administrative proceedings, and using alternative dispute resolution processes. Ms. Vandesteege is experienced in nearly every facet of commercial bankruptcy and restructuring, having represented debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors and unsecured creditors' committees. Within the bankruptcy arena, she has prosecuted complex adversary and contested litigation matters including, among others, actions to pierce the corporate veil, to undo fraudulent transfers and to avoid liens. She also assists clients in the development of reasonable and appropriate data security and privacy programs and policies related to use of technology, mobile devices or document retention. She also advises clients on compliance with various regulatory and statutory requirements, including TCPA, CAN-SPAM, GLBA, and the newly effective New York State cybersecurity regulation applicable to financial and insurance institutions. Ms. Vandesteege received her B.A. from Columbia University and her J.D. from Boston College.

Nicolette C. Vilmos is a partner in the Orlando, Fla., office of Broad and Cassel LLP and chairs the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. She concentrates her practice on complex business litigation, including bankruptcy, intellectual property, banking law, foreclosures, lender liability, shareholder and business disputes, statutory shareholder-valuation matters, noncompete litigation and landlord/tenant matters across the state of Florida. She also has extensive appellate experience both state and federal courts. Ms. Vilmos's bankruptcy and creditors' right practice includes the representation of creditors, trustees, assignees, receivers and creditors' committees. She has been involved in such complex business bankruptcy matters as the prosecution/defense of fraudulent and preferential transfers, creditor committee representation, receiverships, cramdown defense, valuations, involuntary bankruptcies and assignments for benefit of creditors (ABC) litigation at the state, federal and appellate levels. In the area of intellectual property, she has represented clients in cases relating to patent, trademark and copyright infringement, unfair competition, trade secrets, Internet law, and related computer and technology litigation. She regularly counsels her clients on the enforcement and defense of their intellectual property rights, and also works with lenders, asset managers and servicing agents in enforcing loan documents, dealing with pooling and servicing agreements, and working out problem loans. Ms. Vilmos is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in *Chambers USA: A Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* for 2014 and 2015, was named a "Florida Super Lawyer" by *Law & Politics* magazine for 2014 and 2015, received a "Women of Achievement Award" from the Women's Executive Council of Orlando, and was named to the *Orlando Business Journal's* "Forty Under 40" list in 2009. She is also a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), an honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Ms. Vilmos serves on the board of directors for the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, is an active member of ABI and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, and serves on The Florida Bar's Business Law Section's Bankruptcy/UCC and Bankruptcy Judicial Law Committees. She received her B.A. *cum laude* in 1998 from Stetson University and her J.D. *cum laude* in 2000 from Stetson University College of Law.

Eric E. Walker is a partner in the Chicago office of Perkins Coie LLP, where he focuses his practice on all aspects of commercial litigation, financial restructuring and bankruptcy, including experience representing debtors, creditors, asset-purchasers, examiners and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings throughout the country. Eric has significant experience in the health care industry, representing stalking-horse bidders, asset-purchasers, landlords and other constituents in out-of-court restructur-

ing negotiations, bankruptcy and litigation. His successful representation of the asset-purchaser in the contentious *In re Health Diagnostic Laboratories, Inc.* bankruptcy case was awarded the 2016 Restructuring Deal of the Year (Under \$100M) by *M&A Advisors*. Mr. Walker also has particular experience in the hotel and hospitality industry, regularly representing hotel owners, developers, operators, lenders and major hotel brands in transactions, state and federal litigation and bankruptcy. He represented the petitioners before the U.S. Supreme Court in *RadLAX Gateway Hotel, LLC, et al. v. Amalgamated Bank* (Case No. 11-166), a high-profile hotel bankruptcy case involving secured creditor cramdown. Recently, Mr. Walker was named on ABI's inaugural "40 Under 40" list of leading restructuring professionals for 2017. He is the current co-chair and former education director of ABI's Real Estate Committee and sits on the advisory board for the annual ABI Central States Bankruptcy Workshop. He also served as faculty member and author for the PLI 17th Annual Commercial Real Estate Institute, and he frequently writes and speaks on issues of bankruptcy, hospitality and health care law. Mr. Walker received his B.S.B.A. in finance in 2000 from Miami University and his J.D. in 2006 from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Thomas R. Walker is a partner with McGuireWoods LLP in its Atlanta office, and his practice includes representing creditor and debtor clients in bankruptcy and pre-bankruptcy workout matters. His creditor representations include lending institutions, energy companies, real estate companies, and other secured and unsecured lenders. His debtor representations include a major health care company, a supermarket chain, and the largest auto-hauling company in North America. Mr. Walker's practice also includes representing clients in general commercial litigation matters with a primary focus on lending litigation, collections and similar matters. In addition, he represents lending institutions in loan workouts. Previously, Mr. Walker clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge James D. Walker, Jr. He received his B.A. in political science from The George Washington University in 1991 and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1995 from Tulane University Law School.

Hon. Mary F. Walrath is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, appointed in 1998. She served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2003-08. Judge Walrath previously clerked for Hon. Emil F. Goldhaber, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and was an attorney at Clark Ladner Fortenbaugh & Young in Philadelphia, concentrating in the areas of debtor/creditor rights and commercial litigation. In addition to speaking at numerous bankruptcy educational programs and panels throughout the country, Judge Walrath is a founding member and co-president of the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, a member of the Delaware Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), a member of ABI and a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. She is also an editor of the *Rutter Group Bankruptcy Practice Guide*. Judge Walrath is active in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), having served on its Board of Governors from 2007-12, as secretary from 2013-14, as chair of its Education Committee from 2014-15 and as president from 2016-17. She is currently NCBJ's immediate past president. Judge Walrath served as an associate editor and then business manager of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* from 2009-15. She also testified before the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 1667, the Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017. Judge Walrath received her A.B. in history from Princeton University and earned her J.D. *cum laude* from Villanova University, where she was a member of the *Villanova Law Review* and was awarded the Order of the Coif.

Edward J. Walters is the CEO of Fastcase, a legal publishing company based in Washington, D.C., and one of the world's fastest-growing legal publishers, serving more than 800,000 subscribers from around the world. Before founding Fastcase, he worked at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., and Brussels, where he advised Microsoft, Merck, SmithKline, the Business Software Alliance, the National Football League and the National Hockey League. His practice focused on corporate advisory work for software companies and sports leagues, and intellectual property litigation. Mr. Walters is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and at Cornell Tech, where he teaches The Law of Robots, a class about the frontiers of law and technology. From 1996-97, he served as a judicial clerk with Hon. Emilio M. Garza on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Walters received his B.A. in government from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as an editor of *The University of Chicago Law Review*.

Christopher A. Ward chairs Polsinelli PC's Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice and is the managing shareholder of the firm's Wilmington, Del., office. He is also a member of ABI's Board of Directors, as well as Polsinelli's board of directors. Mr. Ward focuses his practice on corporate bankruptcy, financial restructuring, bankruptcy litigation and distressed-asset sales, as well as non-bankruptcy alternatives. He has been recognized for excellence in Delaware Bankruptcy/Restructuring by *Chambers USA* since 2010, recognized by *SuperLawyers* in Delaware for Bankruptcy & Creditor Rights in 2012 and since 2014 and recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in Delaware since 2015. He is also a member of Mid-Atlantic Endowment Committee, chair for The Arthur H.N. Schnelling Endowment Fund, and editor and contributor to the app version of Polsinelli's *The Devil's Dictionary of Bankruptcy Terms*, which is available for free on iTunes. Mr. Ward co-authored ABI's *A Business Creditors' Guide to Distressed Vendors, Debt Collection and Bankruptcy* and was editor and co-author of ABI's *The Chief Restructuring Officer's Guide to Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. from Moravian College in 1995 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Widener University School of Law in 1999.

Prof. Jay L. Westbrook is the Benno C. Schmidt Chair of Business Law at The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas. He has also taught at Harvard Law School, the University of London and Humboldt University-Berlin. Prof. Westbrook headed the American Law Institute Transnational Insolvency Project and the U.S. Delegation to the UNICITRAL Working Group on Transnational Insolvency. Among his books and articles are *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* (Aspen 6th ed. 2009) (co-author) and *A Global View of Business Insolvency Systems* (Martinus Nijhoff 2010) (senior editor and co-author). He also co-wrote the Warren & Westbrook column for several years in the *ABI Journal* with now-Senator Elizabeth Warren (D. Mass.). Prof. Westbrook serves as a consultant to the IMF and the World Bank. He received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

Ian G. Williams is a director with RSM Restructuring in London and specializes in restructuring. He was previously with Baker Tilly Restructuring & Recovery LLP in London, where he focused on leading and expanding the firm's offerings to international clients. Mr. Williams has been admitted *pro hac vice* to the Bars of New Jersey, New York and Florida. He is a former ABI Vice President-International Affairs and represents ABI on the board of INSOL International. In addition, he has contributed to various standard texts and journals in the U.K. and the U.S. Mr. Williams has advised directors of companies in financial difficulties, primarily with regard to wrongful trading, misfea-

sance actions and director disqualification (including guiding them through such key issues as whether they should continue to trade and what steps should be taken), as well as a broad range of clients dealing with parties in financial difficulties or in formal insolvency. Mr. Williams is a former partner with SGH Martineau LLP in London and was head of the business recovery and insolvency group at a major regional law firm in Nottingham, England. He also has litigation experience in the Channel Islands, Irish Republic, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

R. Scott Williams is a partner with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, PC in Birmingham, Ala., where he concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, reorganization and creditors' rights and commercial litigation. He represents creditors and debtors in complex bankruptcy matters and has substantial experience in handling complex commercial litigation cases. Mr. Williams is active in the bankruptcy bar on both local and national levels. He currently serves as ABI's Vice-President-Membership and as co-chair of ABI's Litigation Skills Symposium. In addition, he served a term as president of the Bankruptcy Section of the Birmingham Bar Association. Mr. Williams is a frequent lecturer and author on bankruptcy and commercial law topics. He served as a contributing editor to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, and co-authored *Bankruptcy Litigation Manual: What Civil Litigators Need to Know* (American Bankruptcy Institute 2007). From 1988-92, he served as counsel to Sen. Howell T. Heflin on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts and Administrative Practice, and also served as legislative liaison to the Federal Courts Study Committee from 1989-90. While serving with Sen. Heflin, Mr. Williams played a significant role in drafting the U.S. Bankruptcy Code amendments that were enacted in 1995. He was a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn of the Northern District of Alabama from 1992-93, and is active in the bankruptcy bar on the local and national levels. Mr. Williams received his B.A. from the University of Illinois in 1985 and his J.D. from the University of Alabama in 1988, where he was an editor of the *Journal of the Legal Profession*.

Anupama Yerramalli is a special counsel at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP in New York, where she represents a diverse range of clients, including debtors, official committees, bondholders and other investors in bankruptcy cases, out-of-court restructurings and other distressed situations. Her recent representations include Subaru Corp. and Mazda Motor Corp. in connection with the Takata restructuring, the creditors' committees of CHC Group and NII Holdings, and Genco Shipping & Trading Limited in its prepackaged chapter 11 cases. Ms. Yerramalli serves on Kramer Levin's Women's Initiative Committee and previously served as an elected member of Kramer Levin's Associates Committee from 2012-16, where she represented firm associates in supporting such goals as business and professional development, mentoring, and recruitment and retention. She also currently serves on the associate board of Reading Partners New York and on the board of the Young Professionals Mentoring Program, for which she has served as a mentor for 10 years. Ms. Yerramalli was selected for ABI's inaugural class of "40 Under 40" professionals in 2017 for excellence in the insolvency profession. She received her B.A. from University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law.

Paul H. Zumbro is a partner in Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP's Corporate Department in New York and heads the firm's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization practice. His practice focuses on restructuring transactions and related financings, both in and out of court, as well as on bankruptcy M&A transactions. Mr. Zumbro's practice includes advising the firm's corporate clients on bankruptcy issues and advising on secured creditor rights in a variety of contexts. He regularly represents

agents and arrangers in debt restructurings and debtor-in-possession (DIP) financings. His debt-restructuring experience also includes work in the fields of municipal and sovereign debt restructuring. Mr. Zumbro is experienced in nondistressed leveraged finance, having represented the arranger banks in several multibillion-dollar LBO financings, including for Freescale Semiconductor, Neiman Marcus and Warner Chilcott. He also acts on the borrower side, representing sponsors and borrowers in acquisition and non-acquisition-related credit facilities. Mr. Zumbro has been recognized as a leading lawyer in banking and finance by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in 2016 and 2017; *The Legal 500* in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2016; and in *IFLR1000* from 2013-18. In 2017, he was named by *Lawdragon* as one of "500 Leading Lawyers in America." Mr. Zumbro received his B.A. *cum laude* and with distinction from Yale College in 1992 and his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1997, where he was a Stone Scholar.