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Marc E. Albert is a partner with Stinson Leonard Street LLP in Washington, D.C., and chairs its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group. He has concentrated over the past 35 years in the areas of financial restructuring, insolvency and creditors' rights. Mr. Albert has represented debtors, creditor committees, lenders and other creditors. He has been appointed by the Office of the U.S. Trustee as operating trustee in chapter 11 and 7 cases, and he has been on the Chapter 7 Trustee Panel in the District of Columbia for over 30 years. He also serves as counsel in a variety of bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters, including representing numerous clients who have tax problems with the Internal Revenue Service or state tax authorities. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Albert was litigation counsel with the Tax Division of the Department of Justice. With three other attorneys, he started a boutique bankruptcy law firm that grew to become one of the leading bankruptcy firms in Northern Virginia. Mr. Albert maintains an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, and before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the District of Columbia, American and Virginia Bar Associations, and the Walter Chandler Inn of Court, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, ABI, World Affairs Council – Washington, D.C., and the George Washington University Law School Mentoring and Recruitment Program. He was recognized in 2015 with the Founders Award from World Affairs Council and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2011-17 for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy, *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers* from 2012-17 for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, and the 2015 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in Bankruptcy/Restructuring. Mr. Albert received his B.A. in 1970 and his J.D. in 1973 from George Washington University, and his M.L.T. in 1984 from Georgetown University.

Wesley H. Avery is a sole bankruptcy practitioner with the Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC in Pasadena, Calif., and a member of the California State Bar. He is also a chapter 7 panel trustee and a chapter 12 trustee for the Central District of California. Mr. Avery is certified as a specialist in Bankruptcy Law by the State Bar of California and the American Board of Certification. He is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell and 10.0 by Avvo, and has been a *Super Lawyer* since 2006. Mr. Avery is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, all Federal District Courts of California, other federal courts and the California Supreme Court. He previously served as a major in the U.S. Army from 1996-97, at which time he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a member of the ABA Subcommittee on Legal Specialization, was chairman of the California State Bar Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission (2004-05) and was chairman of the State Board of Legal Specialization (2010-11). Mr. Avery received his B.A. with highest honors in economics and in political science from the University of California at Davis in 1980 (where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa), his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1984 and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991.

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*.

Kevin W. Barrett is an attorney with Bailey & Glasser LLP in Charleston, W.Va., and concentrates his practice in business reorganizations and bankruptcies. He has more than 15 years of experience representing debtors, creditors, stockholders and virtually every other type of interested party in some of the country's largest and most complex business reorganizations and bankruptcies. His practice involves complex commercial and bankruptcy litigation, corporate and banking transactions, and corporate governance, as well as general advice and planning in debtor/creditor relations, business reorganizations and bankruptcy cases. Prior to joining Bailey & Glasser, Mr. Barrett practiced law in New York at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he represented debtors in a wide variety of industries, including Texaco, Eastern Airlines, MCorp, R.H. Macy's, Best Products and Primary Health Systems. He also represented large secured creditors such as Citibank, Toronto-Dominion Bank and General Electric Capital Corp. in the business reorganizations and bankruptcy cases of, among others, Federated Department Stores, NVR/Ryan Homes, Pandick Press and Van Dusen Airport Services, as well as unsecured creditors such as DC Comics. Mr. Barrett has represented banks and other financial institutions in initiating new loans, negotiating workouts on existing credits, and navigating chapter 11 bankruptcies. He has represented corporate acquirers and represented both plaintiffs and defendants in fraudulent-transfer and other litigation arising out of bankruptcy cases and workouts. Of particular note, Mr. Barrett has overseen the firm's representation of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and various other state agencies in the chapter 11 cases of, among others, Alpha Natural Resources, Patriot Coal, WP Steel, Freedom Industries, Appalachian Fuels and Trinity Coal. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Sixth and Ninth Circuits, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of New York and the Eastern District of Michigan. Mr. Barrett received his B.A. in history in 1982 from the University of Colorado, his M.B.A. in 1986, Beta Gamma Sigma, from Washington University Graduate School of Business, and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1987 from Washington University School of Law, where he served as managing editor of the *Washington University Law Quarterly*.

Peter J. Barrett is a partner in Kutak Rock LLP's Richmond, Va., office, where he concentrates his practice on financial restructuring matters. He represents unsecured and secured creditors, trustees, equityholders, distressed investors and corporate debtors in insolvency matters, including chapter 11 reorganizations, business liquidations and out-of-court restructurings. Mr. Barrett has experience representing interested parties in asset sales and has been involved in a number of complex chapter 11 bankruptcy cases throughout the country involving industries such as manufacturing, hospitality, construction, retail, entertainment and real estate. He also works with other firm attorneys to analyze the effects of insolvency and bankruptcy on corporate and financial transactions. Mr. Barrett is a member of the panel of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, and is licensed to practice in Virginia and California. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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 served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. He received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University and his J.D. with honors from Hamline University School of Law.

Alane A. Becket is an AV-rated attorney and managing partner of Becket & Lee LLP, a Malvern, Pa., law firm providing comprehensive nationwide representation of financial institutions in bankruptcy matters, with a focus on consumer lenders and debt-purchasers. In addition to client and industry relations, she focuses on litigation strategy, and Becket & Lee has been lead or co-counsel in some of the most influential decisions in consumer bankruptcy over the last 20 years. In addition to her duties at the firm, Ms. Becket is ABI's President-Elect, and she formerly chaired its Consumer Committee and has served on its Board since 2009, most recently as Vice President-Publications. She is currently co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section and of the Professional Standards and Grievance Committees of the National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA), and is a member of the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT). Ms. Becket has written and lectured extensively on consumer bankruptcy issues for a variety of professional organizations, including ABI, the Federal Judicial Conference, NACTT, NABT, *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, NCBA, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a host of local and regional organizations. She also served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Ms. Becket graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

Ryan W. Blackney is a partner in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group of Freeborn & Peters LLP in Chicago, with a focus on trial work. He is an experienced trial attorney, having tried more than 200 cases and personally handling 52 jury trials, litigating over 100 evidentiary motions. In 2017, Mr. Blackney first-chaired a week-long trial before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas, and in 2018, he tried a two-week jury trial in the Northern District of Illinois. He focuses his practice on complex commercial and bankruptcy litigation, especially on commercial fraud, fraudulent transfers, and objection to discharge adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court. Mr. Blackney assists his clients in high-end asset- and debt-recovery work, often involving wealthy debtors intent on hiding their assets. Prior to joining Freeborn, he was an Assistant State's Attorney for eight years, and from 2007-11, he was a special prosecutor for McHenry County, Ill., where he handled the most high-profile crimes in McHenry County from indictment to verdict. Mr. Blackney is co-chair of ABI's Commercial Fraud Committee and a member of the McHenry County Bar Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) and the International Bar Association (IBA). He received his B.A. from Miami University and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was on the Dean's List and was a CALI Award Recipient in Legislative Advocacy.

Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment on Feb. 11, 2013, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate (2003-08) and then a partner (2008-12) with Winston & Strawn LLP, where she focused her practice on creditors' rights litigation in state and federal court, including bankruptcy court. From 2001 to 2003, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate with Murphy Sheneman Julian & Rogers LLP, where she represented debtors, creditors and trustees in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. She served as a law clerk to Hon. Charles M. Caldwell of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division) from 1998 to 2001, and from 1997-98, she represented the State of Ohio's interests in bankruptcy cases as an assistant attorney general with the Revenue Recovery Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Judge Blumenstiel sits on ABI's Board of Directors. She received her J.D. from Capital University Law School in 1997 while working full-time for the Columbus Bar Association as director of its *pro bono* initiative, "Lawyers for Justice," and her B.A. from Ohio State University in 1992.

Edward C. Boltz is a partner at the Law Offices of John T. Orcutt, P.C. in Durham, N.C., where he has represented clients in not only chapters 7 and 13, but also in related consumer-rights litigation, including fighting abusive mortgage practices and developing solutions for student loans. He is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, where he has been certified as a specialist in consumer bankruptcy law, and he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Districts Courts in both the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina. Mr. Boltz served as the president of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA) from 2013-16 and remains on its board of directors and as co-chair of its Legislative Committee. He also serves on the Bankruptcy Council for the North Carolina Bar Association and was a commissioner of ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Mr. Boltz is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy issues at both national and local seminars, including at NACBA conventions and workshops, past NCLC Workshops and the North Carolina Bankruptcy Institute. In April 2008, he testified on behalf of NACBA in Congress regarding the need for changes to the Bankruptcy Code to protect National Guard and Reservists from the harsh results of the means test, which was enacted as the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act. Mr. Boltz is president of the Monti, a North Carolina organization that produces live storytelling shows; recordings of his and others tales can be heard at www.themonti.org. He received his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1993 and his J.D. from George Washington University in 1996.

Sarah Robinson Borders is a partner with King & Spalding in Atlanta, where her practice focuses on developing, structuring, documenting and closing financing transactions, representing borrowers and lenders in debt restructurings, workouts and forbearance arrangements and representing debtors, lenders, purchasers and unsecured creditors in chapter 11 reorganization cases. She has served multiple terms on the firm's policy committee and has led its Financial Restructuring and Real Estate practice groups, as well as the firm's lateral partner program. Ms. Borders's practice spans a number of industries, including infrastructure, real estate, energy, health care, manufacturing, retail, restaurant, hospitality and transportation. She is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of its Board of Regents, and is a former law clerk for the late Hon. Henry A. Politz of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Borders has been recognized in *Chambers & Partners* (ranked as Bank 1 and Star Individual), *The Best Lawyers in America* (Georgia Lawyer of Year for Bankruptcy Litigation), *Legal 500* (Real Estate), *The Deal* (Leading Individual Debtor Lawyer), *International Who's Who Legal* (Insolvency) and *Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*. She received her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and her J.D. from the Uni-

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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. Bovitz received his J.D. in 1980 from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

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 also prepares a quarterly update of consumer cases for the Federal Judicial Center, which distributes those materials to all bankruptcy judges, and he is a speaker at the Federal Judicial Center's annual seminars for bankruptcy judges. Judge Brown speaks regularly at seminars throughout the U.S. on consumer bankruptcy topics. He currently serves as the editor and adviser to the Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education, the education arm of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, and he served as co-chair of ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. In 2011, Judge Brown received the Excellence in Education award from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and in 2012, he received the Judicial Excellence Award from ABI and Thomson Reuters Publishing Company. He received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

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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.

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

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Rudy J. Cerone is a member of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in New Orleans and is co-chair of the firm's Creditors' Rights, Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy practice group. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1979 and to the Louisiana Bar in 1984. Mr. Cerone is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (2001) and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification (1993) and by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (1997). Mr. Cerone is a long-time member of ABI and served as a commissioner on the ABI Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy and as a co-chair of the Caribbean Insolvency Symposium. Previously, he served as ABI's Secretary and an Executive Committee member (2010-15) and co-chair of its Bankruptcy Litigation Committee (2005-06). He also chaired ABI's Hospitality, Entertainment Venues and Gaming Subcommittee (2001-05) and sat on the advisory board of ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference (2003-11). He also is former chair, president and board member of the American Board of Certification. Mr. Cerone is a member of the State Bar of California and the Louisiana State Bar Association, for which he served as chair of its Consumer Protection and Bankruptcy Section (1994-97), and a member of the Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission of the Board of Legal Specialization, the Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit and the American Bar Association. Mr. Cerone is an author and frequent lecturer on both business and complex consumer bankruptcy issues. He received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of California at San Diego and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and received a "Best Law Review Editor" award as executive editor of the *Boston College International & Comparative Law Review*.

Scott B. Cohen is a shareholder with Engelman Berger, PC in Phoenix and is licensed to practice in Arizona and California, where he focuses on commercial bankruptcy, loan workouts, business turn-arounds, receiverships, bankruptcy litigation and commercial litigation. From 2011-12, he chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Arizona. For over a decade, Mr. Cohen has been Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and sits on ABC's Board of Directors. He contributes a chapter for *Norton's Bankruptcy Law and Practice* (3rd ed.) and has written numerous articles on bankruptcy law, co-authoring "A Primer on the Valuation of Affordable Housing in Chapter 11," which was published in the *ABI Journal* (May 2013). In 2015, he revised the chapter "Bankruptcy in Construction Law" for the State Bar of Arizona's *Construction Law Manual*. In 2016, he published "Involuntary Bankruptcy Petitions and Bad Faith as Grounds for Dismissal" in *Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*. In 2017, he co-authored "Uneven Dischargeability Standards" for *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law & Practice*. Mr. Cohen has served as faculty at ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, the ABA Business Law Section, Norton Bankruptcy Litigation Institute, WestLegalEdcenter, Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Bankruptcy and Real Estate Sections of the State Bar of Arizona. He currently serves on the editorial board for *Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*. Mr. Cohen received his B.A. in political science in 1989 and his J.D. with distinction in 1992 from the University of Iowa, where he was an articles editor with the *Iowa Law Review*.

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Hon. Daniel P. Collins is a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed on Jan. 18, 2013. He served as chief judge from 2014-18. 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.

Adam Crane is a senior associate with HSM Chambers in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, where his practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation, insolvency, restructuring and asset-recovery matters. He acts for clients on complex cross-border litigation and insolvency matters, including acting for the Joint Official Liquidators of two feeder funds of the Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund, and acting for the Joint Official Liquidators of various Cayman Islands funds formed by Bah-

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