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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 also chairs the firm's *pro bono* committee and sits on the Firm's recruiting committee. Mr. Abbott 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. He regularly works with debtors in possession and exit-financing lenders, as well as outside and inside counsel, turnaround professionals, crisis-management firms, and investment and non-investment bank professionals. His recent client representations include AT&T Inc., General Motors Corp., Quality Care Properties, Philips International, Viacom Inc., TD Bank and Nortel Networks. 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*.

Krystal M. Ahart is a partner at Kahn & Ahart, PLLC, dba Bankruptcy Legal Center™, in Phoenix and has helped numerous individuals and businesses through the bankruptcy process in chapters 7, 11 and 13 since becoming licensed in 2012. She has helped many chapter 13 debtors save their homes (through the Mortgage Modification Mediation Program and otherwise) and enjoys helping clients through the chapter 11 process. Although her practice is mostly debtor-focused, Ms. Ahart also represents landlords in bankruptcy cases. She was the fourth female to become certified as a Bankruptcy Specialist by the State Bar of Arizona and was selected for the 2020 class of ABI's "40 Under 40" program and in *Super Lawyers'* 2021 Southwest Rising Stars list. Ms. Ahart works closely with the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) on the Friend of the Court Reaffirmation program at the bankruptcy court, where she teaches law students various skills, including effective client communication, interviewing, courtroom decorum and presentation; the law students then represent *pro se* debtors at their reaffirmation hearings. She is a past-president of the Young Lawyers Division Board of the Maricopa County Bar Association and currently serves as chair of VLP's Advisory Committee and as co-executive director of the Arizona Consumer Bankruptcy Counsel. In 2014, she was the first recipient of the Hon. Sarah Sharer Curley Self-Help Center Volunteer Award in recognition of her commitment to the success of the bankruptcy court's Self-Help Center. Ms. Ahart received her B.S.A. in business administration, management and operations from DeVry University Phoenix in 2004 and her J.D. in 2011 from Arizona Summit School of Law.

Scott L. Alberino is a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on corporate restructuring matters and distressed transactions. He guides companies and creditors through evaluating, structuring and implementing in-court and of out-of-court restructuring strategies, and his experience spans a variety of industries and jurisdictions and includes cross-border reorganizations. Mr. Alberino represents debtors, official creditor committees, informal creditor groups, equityholders and other stakeholders in all aspects of corporate liability management, restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. He regularly advises boards of directors of public and private companies on issues facing financially distressed companies, including

fiduciary duties, corporate governance and executive compensation. He also regularly represents private-equity funds, hedge funds and other financial institutions that are acquiring control positions in financially distressed companies and in structuring debtor-in-possession (DIP) and exit financing. Mr. Alberino has represented public and private distressed companies, informal creditor groups, official creditor committees, providers of DIP and exit financing, acquirers of distressed assets and significant stakeholders. He is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Alberino received his B.A. in 1997 and his J.D. in 2000 from Emory University School of Law.

Vanessa Allen, CIRP, LIT is a senior vice president with MNP Ltd.'s Corporate Recovery group in Calgary, Alta. She leads both formal and informal insolvency and turnaround engagements for troubled companies in a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, retail/wholesale, manufacturing, mining, real estate, hospitality and gaming, as well as nonprofit organizations. Having worked in restructuring since 2002, Ms. Allen acts in a variety of corporate insolvency engagements, including bankruptcies, proposals, private and court-appointed receiverships, proceedings under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and chapter 15 proceedings. She also handles business review and monitoring engagements for companies experiencing poor financial or operational results. Ms. Allen is a frequent speaker and has made presentations to such professional organizations as the Canadian Bar Association, Turnaround Management Association, Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals and Risk Management Association. She received the Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 2001.

John W. Ames is a senior partner with Dentons in Louisville, Ky., and works exclusively in the business reorganization process, both in chapter 11s and state law workouts. He represents debtors, as well as creditors, both secured and unsecured. He also has served as a chapter 7 trustee for 24 years and a chapter 12 trustee for 12 years, and has been appointed as creditors' committee counsel. Mr. Ames focuses on restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy, international trade, commercial litigation and unfair competition. He is a member of the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations and ABI, for which he served as a former president. He also is a former captain in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. Mr. Ames is a frequent presenter at conferences and co-chair ABI's Veterans and Servicemembers Task Force. He was in the first class certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, and served a term as its president. Mr. Ames has been recognized in *Louisville Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" list in the area of Bankruptcy Law since 2016, recognized in *Kentucky Super Lawyers* from 2007-20, received ABI's Leadership Award in 2015, and has been selected as one of the "Top 50 Attorneys in Kentucky" in *Kentucky Super Lawyers* annually since 2009. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in international affairs from the University of Louisville in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1973 from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Hon. Kevin R. Anderson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed on Sept. 4, 2015. Previously, he served for 17 years as the standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Utah, administering more than 70,000 chapter 13 cases. Judge Anderson served as president of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT), and he also served on several national committees regarding chapter 13 legislation, rules, forms and policy. He has frequently written and presented on chapter 13 issues, including for the *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, the *ABI Journal*, the *NACTT Quarterly* and the *NACTT Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education*. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Prior to his appointment as chapter 13 trustee,

Judge Anderson practiced for 13 years as a commercial litigator with an emphasis on civil fraud, real property, and representing chapter 11 and 7 trustees. He also clerked for Hon. David N. Naugle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California. Prior to law school, Judge Anderson worked for two years as a data systems specialist testing military and commercial jet engines for General Electric. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from the J. Ruben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

Ricardo A. Anzaldua is executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at Freddie Mac in McLean, Va., where he advises on strategy, finance, governance, compliance, process controls and external and internal communications. He has more than 20 years of experience advising on legal, financial and transactional matters, corporate governance, investor relations, external and internal communications, and dispute resolution, with special expertise in insurance and banking. Prior to joining Freddie Mac, Mr. Anzaldua was executive vice president and general counsel of MetLife, Inc., from 2012-17. From 2007-12, he held senior positions in the legal department of the Hartford Financial Services Group. He began his legal career at the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP, where he became a partner in 1999. Mr. Anzaldua received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1979 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1990.

Hon. Janet S. Baer is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. She also acts on a regular basis as the presiding judge in the Northern District of Illinois for naturalization ceremonies. Previously, Judge Baer was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the country. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters, and she also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. She is a member of the ABI and NCBJ Boards of Directors, the CARE Advisory Board and the Chicago IWIRC Network Board, as well as several committees. She also is a frequent speaker for ABI, the ABA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and NCBJ, and she regularly acts as the presiding judge for the Northern District of Illinois in naturalization ceremonies. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

Hon. Martin R. Barash is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills and Santa Barbara, 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 been 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 former ABI Board member, for which he served on its Education Committee, and he is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference. In addition, he is a judicial director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and a frequent panelist and lecturer on bankruptcy law. Judge Barash received his A.B. *magna cum laude* in

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Alicia M. Bendana, CFE is a shareholder with Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard in New Orleans, where she practices business bankruptcy law and commercial litigation with an emphasis on prosecuting and defending complex and multi-layered litigation claims on behalf of trustees, debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, and other interested parties in chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy proceedings. She represents clients as lead or co-lead counsel in the prosecution of officer and director liability litigation, legal and accounting malpractice liability litigation, fraud and RICO litigation, fraudulent-transfer/preference-avoidance litigation, contract disputes, insurance disputes, the partitioning of marital property in bankruptcy court, the excepting of debts from discharge, the opposing of plans of reorganization and the proposing of competing plans, and the purchase of assets from bankruptcy estates. Ms. Bendana is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by both the American Board of Certification and the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. She is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in *Chambers and Partners USA* in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring. Additionally, she is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for her work in bankruptcy, creditor/debtor rights, insolvency and reorganization law, and bankruptcy litigation, and she is listed among *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers. She also is listed in *Super Lawyers* in the areas of business bankruptcy, business litigation and debtor/creditor rights and in *New Orleans Magazine* as one of the "Top Lawyers" in the city. Ms. Bendana has authored numerous articles for professional publications, is a frequent lecturer at professional programs, and is currently an adjunct associate professor of trial advocacy at Tulane University School of Law. She received her B.A. in 1986 from Hollins College and her J.D. in 1992 from Tulane University Law School.

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Evan B. Blum is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal in New York, where he provides financial advisory, interim-management and turnaround consulting services. He has more than 20 years of experience representing domestic and international clients on restructuring matters, including assignments in and out of court. Mr. Blum is experienced in both the operational and financial aspects of restructurings and has managed liquidity and business plan issues. He has assessed organizational restructurings as well as negotiated complex balance-sheet restructurings, and has advised boards on strategic alternatives. Mr. Blum represented the debtor in the AmTrust bankruptcy, the holding company of a \$16 billion bank. His engagements include representing the debtor in the U.S. Coal and Gas Mart bankruptcies. He also served as CRO of several companies during his career, where he was responsible for global operational restructurings, and has served as financial advisor to numerous middle-market companies. Mr. Blum has been an advisor to many lenders relating to business-plan assessments and balance-sheet recapitalizations throughout a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, construction, retail, media and telecom. He has also served as financial advisor to unsecured creditors' committees and as liquidating trustee, where he has wound down companies. Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Blum served as a principal with GlassRatner, where he was responsible for originating and managing operational and financial restructuring assignments. Previously, he was a managing member of Triax Capital Advisors, a restructuring advisory firm. Mr. Blum was formerly a senior vice president at Communications Equity Associates and a director with Merrill Lynch. He has published articles and participated as a speaker on panels related to a variety of restructuring topics. He was also a lecturer at Pace Business School on restructuring issues. Mr. Blum is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. He received his B.A. from Cornell University, where he received the Arts & Sciences Dean's Award, and his M.B.A. from Columbia Business School with a concentration in finance and international business, where he graduated with Beta Gamma Sigma honors.

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.

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Beverly M. Burden has served as the chapter 13 trustee for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington since 1999. She previously clerked for Hon. Joe Lee, and prior to that was an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in its Consumer Protection Division. Ms. Burden has presented at numerous national, regional and local bankruptcy seminars. She is a member of the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT) and serves on the board of directors of the NACTT Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education (www.considerchapter13.org). Ms. Burden chairs the University of Kentucky Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Law Conference and served on the Chapter 13 Advisory Committee to the ABI Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. She also is a regular contributor to www.considerchapter13.org and writes a blog for practitioners in the Eastern District of Kentucky at www.ch13edky.wordpress.com. Ms. Burden was the 1997 recipient of the Kentucky Bar Association's Justice Thomas B. Spain Award for Outstanding Service in Continuing Legal Education and in 2017 was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. She received her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law and holds a B.B.A. in accounting.

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Richard P. Carmody is a principal bankruptcy lawyer in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Adams and Reese LLP and has practiced law for more than 45 years. He specializes in insolvency law (C&I) and secured lending, and has a network of referral sources that he has developed throughout his career. Mr. Carmody is one of the firm's principal bankruptcy attorneys, representing clients in difficult financial matters. He also provides counsel to lenders for complex commercial transactions and internal policies. In 1992, Mr. Carmody became the first lawyer in Alabama to become Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. On the state level, he helped establish and served as the first chair of the Alabama State Bar section on bankruptcy and commercial law, and he was a member of the Alabama Law Institute's committees for revision of the UCC (Articles 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 9). Mr. Carmody is a founding member of ABI, and he established and co-chaired its Ethics Committee from 1999-2005. Additionally, he served as vice chair of the ABI's 2013 Task Force for Ethical Standards and was honored as ABI's Committee Member of the Year in 2012. Currently, he serves on ABI's Veterans Task Force. Mr. Carmody was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy in 1999 and serves as a director of the College Foundation and as a member of its *pro bono* committee. He is a frequent writer and lecturer on bankruptcy and commercial law topics, and in 2017, the Alabama State Bar presented him with the Albert L. Vreeland Pro Bono Award. Mr. Carmody received his B.A. in finance in 1964 from the University of Illinois and his J.D. in 1975 from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

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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 most recently chaired 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 conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an elected Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and an elected member of the American Law Institute. 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.

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