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Omar J. Alaniz is the hiring partner in the Dallas office of Reed Smith LLP and represents distressed companies, including in out-of-court workouts, and chapter 11 debtors. His diverse practice also includes the representation of creditors' committees, equityholders, joint-venture partners, preference and fraudulent-transfer plaintiffs and defendants, and other key stakeholders. Mr. Alaniz has experience in energy restructurings, including onshore and offshore matters. He also has had significant representations in real estate, aviation and health care matters. Mr. Alaniz has appeared in bankruptcy and appellate courts throughout the country, including the Texas and U.S. Supreme Courts. In 2021, he was invited to membership in the American College of Bankruptcy. In 2019, he was invited to join the prestigious 60-member National Bankruptcy Conference, whose primary purpose is to advise Congress on bankruptcy law. In 2017, ABI included Mr. Alaniz in its inaugural list of "40 Under 40." He also received the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Excellence at a ceremony held in the U.S. Supreme Court hosted by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. Mr. Alaniz is the former chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Texas State Bar. He has been recognized in the 2015-21 editions of *Chambers USA*. Mr. Alaniz was an adjunct faculty member at SMU Dedman School of Law for several years, where he taught bankruptcy law courses, and he helped coach the SMU Duberstein Moot Court Competition team to five national championships. He also was a contributing author for *Bloomberg Law: Bankruptcy Treatise*. Mr. Alaniz received his B.A. in economics at Austin College in 2000 and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 2003, where he was a Susman Godfrey Moot Court Champion.

Philip D. Anker is co-chair of WilmerHale's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group in New York and has more than 20 years of experience in insolvency practice. He has represented debtors, chapter 11 trustees, trustees of post-confirmation trusts, creditors' committees, secured creditors, debtor-in-possession lenders, unsecured creditors, equityholders, investors and purchasers of companies and assets in bankruptcy. Mr. Anker also has substantial experience in out-of-court workouts and has played a leading role in some of the largest, most prominent bankruptcy-related litigation matters in recent years, including actions arising out of the *Adelphia*, *Enron*, *Global Crossing*, *Lyondell*, *Tribune* and *Refco* chapter 11 cases, as well as several consumer bankruptcy class actions. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law from 2005-14, as well as in the 2010-13 editions of *Benchmark Litigation*. Mr. Anker received his Bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in 1978 from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. in 1982 from George Washington University Law School.

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 National and Chicago Advisory Boards, 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

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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.

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 Chairman of ABI, co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section and of the Professional Standards and Grievance Committees of the National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA), and a member of the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT) and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. She also co-chaired ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. 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, and she has authored articles for many of the same organizations, as well as the Norton Institute on Bankruptcy Law. She served as editor of the fourth edition of ABI's *Consumer Bankruptcy: Fundamentals of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code*. She also served as editor for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 editions of *The Best of ABI: The Year in Consumer Bankruptcy*. In 2016, *Collection Advisor* magazine named her as one of the "25 Most Influential Women in Collections" in its September/October cover story. In 2018, *Collection Advisor* once again recognized her among her peers, this time in its September/October cover story on the "20 Most Powerful Women in Collections." Ms. Becket received her undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

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Steven M. Berman is a partner in the Tampa, Fla., office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, specializing in the firm’s bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice group. He has more than 30 years of bankruptcy experience and focuses his practice on business bankruptcy litigation, representing creditors, investors, distressed-debt lenders, trustees, committees and business entities litigating disputes in bankruptcy court. Mr. Berman is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Creditors’ Rights Law and Business Bankruptcy Law, and he is a member of the Florida, California, District of Columbia, New York and Puerto Rico (Federal) bars. He is also admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Berman serves on the board of directors of the American Board of Certification and is a member of its Faculty Committee. He also serves on ABI’s Board of Directors, its Endowment Committee and its Task Force on Veterans and Servicemembers Affairs, and he routinely volunteers and speaks at its seminars and other programs. On a local level, Mr. Berman is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. He also guest lectures at the University of Florida College of Law and Stetson University College of Law, both in the advanced bankruptcy courses. Additionally, Mr. Berman serves as the Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian to the Coronado Yacht Club in Coronado, Calif., and volunteers in providing *pro bono* bankruptcy and insolvency services and training for U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General officers and staff, along with representation of service members and their families in need. He received his B.S. in multinational business operations from Florida State University and his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Justin R. Bernbrock is a partner in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in Sheppard Mullin’s Chicago office, where he concentrates his practice on all aspects of corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and financial distress. He represents clients across a wide range of matters, including debtor and creditor representations, and he has substantial experience in out-of-court and in-court restructurings, primarily in the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of Virginia, District of Delaware and Southern District of Texas. Prior to private practice, Mr. Bernbrock served with distinction as an Aviation Warfare Systems Operator in Patrol Squadron FIVE and as a Weapons Tactics Instructor in Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN. During his nearly 10 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal twice, including once for meritorious service during combat operations in Iraq. He also received the Global War on Terrorism Medal for his service in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Mr. Bernbrock has been listed as one of the 500 leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers in *Lawdragon* for 2022, was listed as Outstanding Restructuring Lawyer for 2021 in *Turnarounds & Workouts*, and was named a Rising Star in Law in *Crain’s Chicago Business* for 2021. He received his B.S. *summa cum laude* in 2008 from Southern Illinois University and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 2012 from the University of Illinois, where he served as managing editor of the *Elder Law Journal*, took third place in the 19th Annual Duberstein National Moot Court Competition and received the Rickert Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

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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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Hon. Elizabeth L. Gunn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., appointed on Sept. 4, 2020. A COVID-era selection and appointment, she was sworn in by Zoom from her living room. Prior to her appointment, Judge Gunn served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia as the sole the bankruptcy specialist for the Division of Child Support Enforcement. She also practiced law in Richmond, Va., at Sands Anderson PC and McGuireWoods LLP. In 2017, Judge Gunn was honored as a member of ABI's inaugural class of "40 Under 40." She serves on the advisory board of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and the board of the Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, and she is a former board member of

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women lawyers in America. After becoming a bankruptcy judge, she joined the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and served as its president from 2009-10. Judge Houser has received a variety of awards and honors since taking the bench, the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law in February 2011, ABI's Judge William Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award in October 2014, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Alliance of Bankruptcy Inns of the American Inns of Court in October 2016. She also received the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Bankruptcy in October 2021. Judge Houser has served the judiciary in a number of capacities during her 21 years on the bench, including as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System for seven years, as a member of the faculty that the Federal Judicial Center selected to teach new bankruptcy judges for many years, and as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Judicial Center, which is chaired by Chief Justice John Roberts. In June 2017, she was appointed to serve as the leader of a five-federal-judge mediation team tasked with settling all of the issues in dispute in connection with the historic insolvency filings by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and certain related instrumentalities under Title III of PROMESA. Judge Houser 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.

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