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Hon. Thomas L. Ambro is a U.S. Circuit Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Wilmington, Del., appointed in 2000. Previously, he was in private practice in Wilmington from 1976-2000 at Richards, Layton & Finger and was instrumental in Wilmington becoming a preferred venue for large chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. He eventually headed the firm's bankruptcy practice. Prior to his time at the firm, Judge Ambro clerked for Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann of the Supreme Court of Delaware. He is a past chair of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association and a past editor of *The Business Lawyer*. In addition, he chaired the Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code for the Commercial Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association for 20 years. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court, the American Law Institute and the National Bankruptcy Conference. Judge Ambro serves as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, where he teaches a course on public speaking to undergraduate student. The Thomas L. Ambro Fellowship, awarded to support a summer internship with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, is named in his honor. Judge Ambro received his B.A. in 1971 from Georgetown University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975.

Tara O. Antonipillai, MAPP is the founder of Cultivate in Arlington, Va., a consulting, training and coaching company that utilizes principles of applied psychology and organizational psychology to address workplace well-being challenges. Her experience in professional well-being comes from a career in Big Law, a master's degree in applied psychology, and ongoing research in the field. Ms. Antonipillai is a consultant, speaker and coach who combines her unique set of skills to introduce topics that include the science of well-being, job-satisfaction, communication, stress management, compassionate leadership, mindfulness, resilience, mindset, and engagement and belonging to law firms and other organizations. She is a certified leadership and performance coach through Brown University, a certified yoga instructor and meditation teacher, and a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor. In addition, she is the chair of the DC Bar Lawyer Well-being Committee and a member of the board of the Institute for Well-being in Law. Prior to founding Cultivate, Ms. Antonipillai was a tax lawyer in Arnold & Porter's Washington, D.C., office. She received her J.D. and undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, and her Master's degree in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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 Board of Directors, the CARE National and Chicago Advisory Boards, and the Chicago IWIRC Network Board, as well as several committees. She also is chair of the NCBJ 2023 Education Committee and a frequent speaker for ABI, TMA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and NCBJ. Judge Baer received 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 represented debtors and other parties in chapter 11 cases and bankruptcy litigation. 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 currently serves on its Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and he is a judicial advisor to ABI's annual Southwest Bankruptcy Conference and its Consumer Practice Extravaganza. Judge Barash is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and currently serves a judicial director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, where he is a member of its Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He also is a volunteer for the Los Angeles chapter of Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) and was recognized nationally as the CARE Volunteer of the Year for 2022. Judge Barash has served on numerous committees of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California and currently serves as chair of its Education Committee, which is responsible for conducting educational programs for judges, law clerks and externs. He is a frequent panelist and lecturer on bankruptcy law and a co-author of the national edition of the *Rutter Group Practice Guide: Bankruptcy*. 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*.

Kelly M. Barnhart is a chapter 12 and 13 trustee for the Newport News and Norfolk, Va., Divisions for the Eastern District of Virginia. She previously was an attorney with Roussos & Barnhardt, P.L.C. in Norfolk, Va., having joined the firm in November 2008. She focused her practice on bankruptcy and debt-restructuring, and mainly represented small businesses and their owners, as well as select creditors and trustees in chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases. She also is counsel for R. Clinton Stackhouse, Jr., the standing chapter 12 and 13 trustee for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions of the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Barnhart is a former co-chair of the Board of Governors of the Bankruptcy Section of the Virginia State Bar, as well as the Bankruptcy Section of the Virginia Bar Association. In addition, she is a past member of the Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions of the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Barnhart is admitted to practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, and in all courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has been selected as a "Rising Star" and a *Super Lawyer*, and she was listed as a member of Virginia's "Legal Elite" (Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights) for 2015 and 2016. Ms. Barnhart received her B.A. in history and political science in 1998 from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and her J.D. in 2002 from the University of Mississippi School of Law; she spent her last year of law school as a visiting student at the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

Lorie R. Beers is a managing director and head of Special Situations at Intrepid Investment Bankers LLC in New York. She has more than 30 years of professional experience that encompasses the full spectrum of restructuring. Primarily working with companies, Ms. Beers has completed numerous distressed M&A transactions, chapter 11 reorganizations and out-of-court workouts. Prior to joining Intrepid, she was a managing director and head of Special Situations at Cowen for seven years and

served in a senior-level capacity at such firms as Storm Harbour Securities, Variant Capital Advisors, Seabury Group, KPMG Corporate Finance and Gordian Group. Beginning her career as a bankruptcy attorney, Ms. Beers ultimately became a partner in the Bankruptcy Group at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman. She also served as CRO and COO for a middle-market marketing and branding organization. Ms. Beers has written thought-leadership pieces and spoken extensively on many aspects of restructuring. She is a former ABI Board member and received the 2019 M&A Advisor Leadership Award. Ms. Beers received her B.A. in economics from Dickinson College and her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Tanya Behnam is a bankruptcy and financial restructuring associate with Polsinelli in Los Angeles, where her practice focuses on corporate restructuring, bankruptcy litigation, distressed asset sales and other insolvency matters. She represents debtors, lenders, unsecured creditor committees, secured and unsecured creditors, financial institutions and other parties in interest in a variety of chapter 11 cases, bankruptcy litigation and appeals. In addition to representing national chapter 11 debtors and committees in distressed health care matters, Ms. Behnam represents corporations in their out-of-court restructuring efforts. Prior to joining Polsinelli, she served as a business and legal affairs intern at a national cable network. Ms. Behnam is a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative (2023-present) and a member of ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West advisory board, a board member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in psychology in 2013 from the University of Southern California, and her J.D. in 2018 from Loyola Law School-Los Angeles.

Eyal Berger is a partner with Akerman LLP in its Bankruptcy and Reorganization Department in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he focuses his practice on complex business reorganizations, out-of-court debt restructuring, the representation of creditors' committees, assignments for the benefit of creditors, corporate dissolutions, Article 9 transactions and the enforcement of creditors' rights. He also protects the interests of financial institutions and lessors as secured and unsecured creditors in myriad insolvency proceedings by assisting them in preserving, liquidating or repossessing their collateral. He has nearly 20 years of experience as an insolvency professional representing debtors-in-possession, trustees, assignees and receivers. Previously, Mr. Berger served as judicial clerk extern to Bankruptcy Judge Michael G. Williamson and Chief Bankruptcy Judge Paul M. Glenn in the Middle District of Florida. In addition, he was a member of NCBJ-NextGeneration, for which he served on its Organizing Committee from 2014-19, and is a member of NCBJ's NextGeneration Class of 2012. Mr. Berger recently assisted a subchapter V debtor client in confirming a prepackaged subchapter V plan in 33 days. He is admitted to practice in all bankruptcy and district courts in Florida, as well as the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He also is listed in *Chambers USA* for 2020-23, ranked in Florida (South Florida) for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2020-24, listed in Florida for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation – Bankruptcy, listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2022 as “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation - Bankruptcy in Fort Lauderdale, named a “Top Lawyer in Broward County” for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in 2022 in *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, listed in *Super Lawyers* magazine from 2009-19 as a Florida “Rising Star” for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, and named an “Up & Comer” in 2013 in *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite. In addition, he received a book award in civil procedure. Mr. Berger received his B.A. in criminology and his B.S. in psychology, both *cum laude*, in 1999 from the University of Florida,

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Gabe Bluestone is an investment manager and legal counsel at Omni Bridgeway in New York, where he advances the company's U.S. judgment enforcement initiatives. He is responsible for sourcing, evaluating, negotiating and monitoring matters through to resolution. Mr. Bluestone serves as a resource for clients in devising, managing and executing domestic and cross-border enforcement strategies in multijurisdictional asset-recovery proceedings. He works with colleagues globally, including the enforcement team, researchers and asset-tracers. Prior to joining Omni Bridgeway, Mr. Bluestone was a shareholder and litigator at Bluestone, P.C., a leading asset-recovery law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and New York, where he also maintained a robust business litigation practice. While in private practice, he represented a global roster of clients in commercial disputes and in enforcing judgments, often seeking injunction-predicated relief, striking down fraudulent conveyances, and unraveling fraudulent corporate schemes. He employed creative, cutting-edge discovery and asset-tracing methods to identify and monetize judgments globally. Mr. Bluestone also was an associate with a prestigious boutique litigation firm, where he represented defrauded investors often in connection with parallel proceedings brought by the SEC and DOJ. Mr. Bluestone received his B.A. in history from Connecticut College and his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law, where he was an editor of the *Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy*. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee, in Washington, D.C.

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 is ABI's Vice President-Research Grants and serves as an Executive Editor of the *ABI Journal*. 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.

Hon. Paul W. Bonapfel is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta and Rome, Ga., appointed in 2002. Prior to his appointment, he practiced law in Atlanta with Lamberth, Bonapfel, Cifelli & Stokes, P.A., now known as Lamberth, Cifelli, Ellis & Nason, P.A. As an attorney, Judge Bonapfel represented all types of parties in bankruptcy cases, including consumer and business debtors in liquidation cases, business debtors in reorganization cases, chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy trustees, creditors' committees, and creditors in both consumer and business cases. Judge Bonapfel is a co-author of *Chapter 13 Practice and Procedure* (Thomson Reuters). A Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, he has served as chairperson of the Bankruptcy Sections of the State Bar of Georgia and the Atlanta Bar Association and was a director and president of the South-

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Greg Corbin is the president and founder of Northgate Real Estate Group in New York. In addition to his focus on the sale and workout of properties in chapter 11 and chapter 7 bankruptcy, he specializes in judicial and UCC foreclosures, loan and REO sales, restructuring, and the disposition of stalled construction sites. Mr. Corbin has received numerous prestigious awards throughout his career, most recently the 2023 RED Bankruptcy Broker of the Year, 2023 CoStar PowerBroker, 2023 NYREJ Commercial Real Estate Visionary, 2023 *IE Magazine* Top Turnaround Professional, 2022 *Crain's* Most Influential People in Real Estate, 2022 Property IDX Broker of the Year, 2022 *New York Real Estate Journal* Industry Leader and 2022 CoStar PowerBroker. He and his team have been involved in the sale of over \$3.3 billion of investment properties spanning all major asset classes, including multi-family apartment buildings, development sites, factory/warehouses, transitional housing facilities, bulk condominium packages, industrial, retail, hotel, office, mixed-use and commercial buildings. Mr. Corbin experienced in bankruptcy, foreclosure and borrower/lender

workouts, and he frequently shares his insights and expertise on podcasts and at major conferences. In recent years, he has been a featured speaker at numerous prestigious events, including the 2024 IMN Distressed Forum for Bank Special Assets, the 2024 Real Estate Deal CRE Conference, the 2023 Financial Poise CREW, the 2023 PCON Real Estate Conference, the 2023 Beard Group Distressed Investing Conference and the 2023 Debtwire Restructuring Forum. Prior to starting Northgate, Mr. Corbin spent four years at Rosewood Realty Group as the president of Bankruptcy and Restructuring. While there, he and his team arranged the sale, workout or recapitalization of over 100 buildings, development sites, membership interests and loans totaling \$1.1 billion in underlying collateral. Before Rosewood, Mr. Corbin spent a decade at Besen & Associates. Prior to that, he was a director of sales at Massey Knakal, now Cushman and Wakefield. Mr. Corbin was a co-chair of the YJP Real Estate Division for over a decade and a co-founder of the NYIC Real Estate Group, and he is a member of ABI's Real Estate Committee. He also was the founder and is a current board member of the nonprofit Give to Give Foundation, a co-founder of The Legion, and a co-founder of Fuel For Truth. Mr. Corbin is a graduate of Horace Mann and Boston University.

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