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Hon. Gerardo A. Carlo-Altieri is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico and a sole practitioner and mediator with GACarlo & Associates in San Juan, where he focuses his practice on taxes, corporate bankruptcy, litigation, construction law, securities, banking and notary services. He served as Judge President of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico from 1994-2009, judge of the court of appeals of bankruptcy (Bankruptcy Panel) for the first Circuit of appeals of the United States from 1996-2009, and legal adviser to the Governor of Puerto Rico from 1980-82. Hon. Carlo-Altieri has served as academic vice president and member of the Iberoamerican Institute of Bankruptcy Law, the International Insolvency Institute and the World Bank Insolvency Task Force. He received his J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico in 1965, his LL.M. in taxation from Boston University, and his Ph.D. in philosophy and letters from the University of Seville's Department of History of America in 2004.

Rudy J. Cerone is a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC in New Orleans and co-chairs its Creditors' Rights, Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group. He also served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Mr. Cerone was admitted to the California Bar in 1979 and to the Louisiana Bar in 1984. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (2001) and is certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Certification (1993) and by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (1997). In 2019, he received a Mid-Size Company Turnaround of the Year Award from the Turnaround Management Association and a Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (\$10MM to \$25MM) Award from The M&A Advisor. Mr. Cerone is a long-time ABI member and former Board member, and he served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy and as a co-chair of ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium. 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, Louisiana State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission, Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit and the American Bar Association. He is an author and frequent lecturer on both business and complex consumer bankruptcy issues. Mr. Cerone received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of California at San Diego in 1976 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School in 1979, where he received the Order of Coif (1979), was the executive editor of the *Boston College International & Comparative Law Review* (1978-79) and received the Best Law Review Editor Award (1979).

Gustavo A. Chico-Barris is a member with Ferraiuoli LLC's Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Practice Group, the Dispute Resolution Group/Commercial Litigation Division and the Insurance Practice Group in San Juan, P.R. He previously clerked for Chief Bankruptcy Judge Enrique S. Lamoutte at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico and was a partner in a boutique law firm in Puerto Rico doing corporate counseling, real estate transactions, commercial litigation and insurance practice. Mr. Chico-Barris focuses his legal practice in advising and representing creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy, including judicial proceedings in chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases, and out-of-court financial transactions and restructuring. He has gained considerable negotiation skills and ample litigation experience before federal and state trial and appellate courts, agencies and arbitration forums on creditors' rights and bankruptcy, commercial litigation, insurance regulation, claims under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, real estate transactions, bond claims, insurance claim and fraud claims. Mr. Chico-Barris is admitted practice law in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and New York. He is also admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, U.S. Court of International Trade, and the U.S. District Courts for the District of Puerto

Rico, District of Massachusetts, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, and Eastern District of Missouri. Mr. Chico-Barris serves as an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law with the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. He received his B.A. in international relations in 1999 from Tufts University and his J.D. in 2002 from American University School of Law.

Juan M. Suarez Cobo is an attorney with Legal Partners, PSC in San Juan, P.R., and is Board Certified in consumer bankruptcy law. He received his B.A. and graduate degree from InterAmerican University in 1998 and 1993, respectively, and his J.D. in 1995 from the University of Puerto Rico.

Carol L. Fox, CPA, CIRA, CFA is a senior managing director with B. Riley Financial in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and has more than 30 years of private and public accounting experience. She previously was with GlassRatner and Kapila & Company, where she focused on forensic accounting, litigation support and bankruptcy. For nearly 20 years, Ms. Fox's practice has focused on her career has concentrated on providing forensic, investigative and bankruptcy services to debtors, creditors, federal bankruptcy trustees and examiners, creditors' committees, court-appointed assignees, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, law firms and financial institutions. She has provided restructuring and bankruptcy-related services for distressed situations in the health care, life sciences, mining, transportation, e-commerce, real estate, telecommunications, hospitality, agriculture and marine sectors. In addition, she has led high-profile investigations of investment schemes, fraud investigations, internal corporate investigations, due-diligence assignments and matters involving business disputes and quantification of damages. Ms. Fox is a newly appointed subchapter V trustee for the Southern District of Florida. She has served as a fiduciary in bankruptcy court matters and is currently serving as a fiduciary in state court matters. Additionally, she has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions in federal and state court including testifying as an expert for the Department of Justice in the chapter 11 bankruptcy of Peabody Energy Corporation, *et al.* Ms. Fox has addressed numerous professional organizations on issues relating to bankruptcy, forensic accounting and distressed real estate. In 2019, she was recognized as a Top U.S.A. Woman Dealmaker by the Global M&A Network. She currently serves on IWIRC-Florida's Board of Directors, representing the South Florida chapter. Ms. Fox received her B.S. in accounting from the University of Florida.

Tiffany Payne Geyer is a partner with BakerHostetler in Orlando, Fla., and practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights. She has represented both corporate and individual debtors in chapter 11 cases and individuals in chapter 7 cases, and her clients include health care businesses and medical professionals, investment bankers and financial advisors. She has also represented clients in the hospitality sectors, and has assisted in representing debtors in the energy sectors. Ms. Geyer has negotiated multiple settlements of guarantor liability and has experience with assignments for the benefit of creditors. She has also represented secured creditors, unsecured creditors, landlords and panel trustees. Ms. Geyer has been listed in *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in Florida and in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2020 for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and she is a member of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association (CFBLA), Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC). She received her B.A. with honors in political science and public administration in 1998 from the University of Central Florida, and her J.D. in 2000

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Edgardo Mangual Gonzalez is a practitioner with his own firm, EMG Despacho Legal, CRL, in San Juan, P.R., where he specializes in consumer bankruptcy law. Previously, he clerked for Hon. Jaime Fuster Berlingery of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court and for Hon. Brian K. Tester of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico. He also worked as litigation attorney in the Puerto Rico Department of Justice's Federal and Bankruptcy divisions, and as an attorney in two law firms. Mr. Mangual-Gonzalez is admitted to practice law in the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. He has also prepared seminars for the Notary Association of Puerto Rico. Mr. Mangual-Gonzalez received his J.D. with honors from the University of Puerto Rico Law School.

Gregory S. Grossman is a founding shareholder at Sequor Law in Miami, where his practice focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency litigation, creditors' rights, international asset recovery and litigation involving the Uniform Commercial Code. He has particular experience in cross-border insolvency cases, having filed the first chapter 15 bankruptcy in the State of Florida when he successfully obtained "foreign main case" recognition of insolvency proceedings for a failed financial institution in Barbados. Mr. Grossman has since represented foreign insolvency trustees in more than 16 additional chapter 15 cases arising from insolvencies in Antigua, Austria, Brazil, BVI, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Mexico, Romania and the U.K. In domestic bankruptcies and insolvency litigation, he has represented parties in all facets of reorganizations and liquidations, including stay-relief litigation, cash-collateral disputes, bad-faith dismissals, avoidance actions and plan-confirmation disputes. Mr. Grossman received his B.A. in finance and his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, where he was a member of Order of the Coif and the Moot Court Board.

Carlos Infante Gutiérrez is the Bankruptcy Practice Leader at Estrella LLC, in San Juan, P.R., and his practice is focused on insolvency and restructuring work on behalf of all affected parties, including individual and business debtors, creditors and creditors' committees. He represents chapter 7, 11 and 13 debtors and commercial creditors, and he is part of the local counsel team that represents the Financial Oversight and Management Board's Special Claims Committee related to claims filed as part of PROMESA. Prior to his tenure at Estrella LLC, Mr. Infante clerked for Hon. Mildred Cabán Flores, Chief Judge at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico, where he aided in the management, analysis and resolution of all types of bankruptcy matters during a period of record bankruptcy filings in Puerto Rico. After concluding his bankruptcy clerkship, he founded his own firm, where he provided legal and business consulting services to government entities in Puerto Rico regarding restructuring alternatives, risk-management initiatives, contingency planning, regulatory compliance and the structuring of complex financial transactions. He also provided general corporate advice to private-sector clients focused on maximizing available incentives, including those offered by Acts 20, 22 and 135. In addition, he worked at a boutique law firm in San Juan, where he developed experience conducting internal corporate investigations throughout Latin America. Mr. Infante sits on the advisory board of ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium and is a volunteer for Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE). He received his B.A. in business administration from Boston College, his M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from the University of Puerto Rico Graduate

School of Business, and his J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, where he served as editor of the *University of Puerto Rico Business Law Journal*.

Laura Hatfield is a partner with Bedell Cristin in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and heads its Litigation and Insolvency & Restructuring groups in the Cayman Islands. She focuses on bankruptcy, restructuring, investor rights, fiduciary duties in corporate governance and professional negligence. Ms. Hatfield has advised bankruptcy and restructuring professionals, lenders, investors and professional services providers in the Cayman Islands, USA and Europe, and has been involved in most of the significant cases of the last decade in the Cayman Islands, including Bear Stearns, Weaving and the precedent-setting cases establishing the basis for corporate liquidation based on the just and equitable grounds for failure of a company's purpose when a fund is in run-off. As well as litigation up to Privy Council level, she has used alternative dispute resolution methods to conclude disputes and has been involved in several mediated settlements. She was qualified as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1989 and was admitted as a Cayman Islands attorney-at-law in 2001. A member of the Law Society of England and Wales, Cayman Islands Law Society, ABI, IWIRC and INSOL, Ms. Hatfield has significant experience in cross-border and multi-jurisdictional cases, including regulatory regimes, and often works closely with U.S. attorneys and insolvency professionals. She received her B.Sc. from the University of Exeter in England.

Hon. Marvin Isgur is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Texas in Houston, appointed Feb. 1, 2004, and also served as Chief Judge. His first bankruptcy experience was as an expert witness before the bankruptcy court and then as a principal of a number of real estate partnerships that became chapter 11 debtors. From 1978-1990, Judge Isgur was an executive with a large real estate development company in Houston. Between 1990 and 2004, he represented trustees and debtors in chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases, as well as various parties in 14 separate chapter 9 bankruptcy cases. Judge Isgur has written over 500 memorandum opinions and was one of the first judges to issue opinions interpreting the 2005 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. He is one of the principal organizers of the annual University of Texas Consumer Bankruptcy Conference in Galveston, Texas, and is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs. Judge Isgur is a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts, and active participant in national bankruptcy rules process; he also led a national compromise effort on chapter 13 plans. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in 1974, his M.B.A. with honors from Stanford University in 1978, and his J.D. with high honors from the University of Houston in 1990.

Hon. Laurel Myerson 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 is the president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and is also a member of ABI's Board of Directors. Judge Isicoff is a member of the *Pro Bono* Committee of the American College of Bankruptcy, as well as chair of its Judicial Outreach Committee. She also currently serves as judicial chair of the *Pro Bono* Committee of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section and is a member of the Florida Bar's Standing Committee on *Pro Bono*. Prior to becoming a judge, 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. In private practice,

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Hon. Robert H. Jacobvitz is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Mexico in Albuquerque and a judge on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. He was appointed to the bench Aug. 10, 2009. Judge Jacobvitz is the Tenth Circuit representative on the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and chairs its Technology Committee. In 2008, he was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2004 and 2010 he taught bankruptcy law at the University of New Mexico School of Law as an adjunct professor. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Jacobvitz was in private practice with the law firm of Jacobvitz, Thuma & Walker P.C., where he focused on chapter 11 cases, representing debtors in possession, creditors and committees. His practice also included business and real estate transactions and commercial litigation, and he has served as both a chapter 11 and chapter 12 trustee. Judge Jacobvitz is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, has been listed in *The Best Lawyers of America* and in *Southwest Super Lawyers*, and received the New Mexico State Bar Bankruptcy Law Section's outstanding bankruptcy lawyer award in 2003 and 2007, as well as the New Mexico CLE, Inc.'s Sandia Award. He received his B.A. from the University of Colorado with high distinction and his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Christopher A. Jarvinen is a partner on the Business Reorganization Team of Berger Singerman LLP in Miami. He has been elected to the American College of Bankruptcy, American Law Institute and the International Insolvency Institute, and he recently served as a Fulbright scholar at the Bankruptcy Law & Restructuring Research Center at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, China. Mr. Jarvinen received his undergraduate degree in economics from Brown University, his graduate degrees in theological ethics and religion from, respectively, Harvard Divinity School and Yale Divinity School, his global executive M.B.A. from FGV-EAESP in São Paulo, Brazil, his postgraduate diploma in organisational leadership and his M.S. in major programme management from the University of Oxford, and his J.D. from Boston College Law School. He is currently obtaining a master of applied science in global health planning and management from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Hon. Enrique S. Lamoutte is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan, initially appointed in November 1986 and having served as Chief Judge. He is also a judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, for which he served as Chief Judge. Judge Lamoutte previously clerked for U.S. District Judge Hernan G. Pesquera of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico and was chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. He is also a retired colonel of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard. Judge Lamoutte graduated from Boston College and the University of Puerto Rico Law School.

Hon. Robert A. Mark was appointed a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in 1990 in Miami and served as Chief Judge from 1999-2006. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Mark served as head of the bankruptcy department of the Miami firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA. He has served on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education and frequently lectures at continuing education seminars, including the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Federal Judicial Center's educational programs for bankruptcy judges. Judge Mark is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is an author for *Collier on Bankruptcy*. His community activities include participation in a program that offers internships to minority law students, and participation in financial education programs for high school students through the Bankruptcy Bar Association's CARE program, which teaches students about the dangers of credit card abuse. Judge Mark is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and an author for *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He is a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

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Alejandro Oliveras Rivera has been the standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan since July 2002. Previously, he was Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico, was in private practice and joined Puerto Rico Legal Services, holding positions as staff attorney, deputy director and director of field offices, as well as deputy director and director of its private attorney involvement program. He joined the Office of the U.S. Trustee as a staff attorney in 1989, then joined the law firm of Franco Quiles-Mariani & Godinez, where he represented lending institutions in bankruptcy matters, general civil litigation, mortgage foreclosures and mortgage closings. Mr. Oliveras-Rivera is admitted to practice law before the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and he is a member of ABI and the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. He received his J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico Law School in 1976.

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