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Rachel Ehrlich Albanese is chair of DLA Piper LLP's U.S. Restructuring Practice and a partner in its New York office. She has more than 20 years of experience representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, equityholders, purchasers of distressed assets, and other parties in a wide range of restructuring matters, including chapter 11 cases, out-of-court workouts, cross-border insolvency proceedings and title III of PROMESA, the law governing Puerto Rico's restructuring. Ms. Albanese has been involved in Puerto Rico's current restructuring efforts since their earliest days, when she participated in dozens of meetings with U.S. Congress members and staff to develop the law that ultimately became PROMESA. Subsequently, she has been instrumental in many of the firm's PROMESA-related matters. Ms. Albanese previously served as co-hiring partner of the firm's New York office. Ms. Albanese was selected by *Crain's New York Business* as a 2022 Notable Woman in Law and recognized by *Chambers and Partners* in 2021 for Bankruptcy and Restructuring in New York. She is an active member of ABI, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and the Turnaround Management Association. After law school, she clerked for Hon. John W. Bissell, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Ms. Albanese is a contributing author of the *Bloomberg Law: Bankruptcy Treatise* and has guest lectured at Penn Law School and Duke Law School. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Economic Law*.

Laura E. Appleby is a partner with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in New York, where she represents clients in all aspects of complex bankruptcy proceedings, out-of-court restructurings and distressed transactions. She has experience representing bondholders, indenture trustees, financial institutions and other creditors in special situations, and has provided advice with respect to corporations and other for-profit business organizations, nonprofit entities and municipalities. Ms. Appleby advises clients on sophisticated restructurings, including those in connection with chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, distressed investment opportunities, § 363 sales, UCC Article 9 sales, consensual foreclosures and event-driven acquisitions in such industries as agriculture chemical, financial services, health care and related services, mining, nonprofits, retail, senior living facilities and transportation. She also counsels clients with respect to issues surrounding municipal distress and insolvency. Ms. Appleby clerked for Hon. Victor J. Wolski of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Prior to attending law school, she was a legislative assistant and director of correspondence for U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald (Ret.). Ms. Appleby is a 2018 honoree of ABI's "40 Under 40" program and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second and Ninth Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the Northern District of Illinois. She received her B.S. in 2001 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. in 2007 from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*.

Robert B. Branson is an attorney with BransonLaw, PLLC in Orlando, Fla., who has focused on consumer and small business bankruptcy rights for more than 30 years. He is a member of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association and former chair of the Orange County Bankruptcy Committee. Mr. Branson is a mediator with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and has performed more than 600 mortgage mediations. As debtor's counsel, he has completed more than 500 mortgage modifications since the program's inception. Mr. Branson spoke at the National Bankruptcy Judge Conference in 2016 and 2018, at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting in 2015 and at ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop in

2016 and Paskay Memorial Conference in 2019, and at the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees Annual Conference in 2014. His firm also assisted with the formation of the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division *Pro Se* Clinic. Mr. Branson served in the U.S. Army from 1978-83. He received his B.A. from the University of Central Florida in 1985 and his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law in 1988.

Hon. Mildred Cabán Flores is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan, initially sworn in on March 19, 2010, and appointed Chief Judge in 2018. She sat at the Southwestern Divisional Office in Ponce, P.R., until Aug. 31, 2011, and is currently sitting in Old San Juan. Judge Cabán Flores serves on the Federal Judicial Center Board, the Federal Judicial Center Education Committee, the District Examination Committee for the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, and the First Circuit Judicial Council Civics and Education Committee. She also is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) and currently serves as Circuit Governor and on the Security Committee, the Public Outreach Committee and the Liaison Committee for the Hispanic National Bar Association. Judge Cabán Flores has been a speaker for various organizations on bankruptcy and consumer law topics. She is an advisory board member of CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) and speaks on financial literacy matters to students of all age groups. She received ABI's 2014 CARE Volunteer of the Year Award. Previously, Judge Cabán Flores clerked for Hon. Héctor M. Laffitte of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, and she practiced bankruptcy at Brown Newsom & Córdova and as a partner at Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C., where she focused on representing creditors in both commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. Judge Cabán Flores received her B.A. from Barnard College in 1983 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1986.

Joel E. Cohen is a managing director with Stout Risius Ross, LLC in its Disputes, Compliance, & Investigations group and a managing partner of the firm's New York office. He has more than two decades of experience in the dispute, forensic and insolvency practice areas, most specifically in the financial services and asset-management industries. Mr. Cohen's experience encompasses a number of significant cross-border insolvency and litigation matters, and he has served as financial advisor and consulting expert to fiduciaries, court-appointed receivers, monitors, offshore liquidators, and bankruptcy and litigation trustees in a variety of litigation consulting services, including asset-tracing, fraud, Ponzi schemes, industry custom and practice for investment managers, and forensic analysis. He has been acting as financial advisor to receivers over several SEC and NYAG receiverships of private-equity investment structures, as well as the financial consultant to the monitor appointed over the Trump Organization for the New York Attorney General actions. Most recently, Mr. Cohen testified successfully in the Celsius chapter 11 confirmation hearing in the Southern District of New York, speaking to the valuation of the \$3.2 billion dollar digital asset, institutional loan and alternative investment portfolio of the debtor. Before joining Stout, Mr. Cohen was a managing director at a boutique financial advisory and consulting firm. Prior to that, he spent a number of years with a global financial advisory firm in its Dispute & Investigations group, where he helped manage a team of CPAs, economists, attorneys and financial professionals in executing a diverse array of complex engagements related to the various hedge fund/private-equity fraud, insolvencies and litigations that characterized the global financial crisis of 2008-09. Previously, Mr. Cohen was a leader in the disputes practice at a Big 4 accounting firm and senior vice president at a prominent investment bank in charge of internal investigations. He also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York from 1992-99, where he supervised its Business/Securities Fraud Unit. Mr. Cohen has

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Sonia Colón is a partner in the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights group of Ferraiuoli, LLC in San Juan, P.R., and Orlando, Fla. She concentrates her practice in the representation of creditors, financial institutions, equityholders, distressed-asset purchasers and sellers in connection with restructuring proceedings, as well as bankruptcy negotiation and litigation. Ms. Colón is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and is a frequent speaker and writer on insolvency law issues. She is a member of the Puerto Rico and Florida Bars. Ms. Colón received her B.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES) Program.

Carmen D. Conde-Torres is the main partner and founder and C. Conde & Associates in San Juan, P.R., and has experience in high-profile reorganization issues and bankruptcy cases. She has been appointed on multiple occasions by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit as a member of the committee for the evaluation of candidates for bankruptcy judge's positions in the District of Puerto Rico. She also has been invited as speaker by bankruptcy institutions in Puerto Rico and by ABI, NACDA, and the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Concursal en Chile and Rome. Ms. Conde-Torres has been selected on multiple occasions as one of the best lawyers in Puerto Rico and Latin America by *Chambers and Partners* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. With over 20 years of experience in bankruptcy proceedings, she has participated in prominent cases throughout their reorganization bankruptcy proceedings and/or turnarounds, including the reorganization process of the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of San Juan, where bankruptcy law and canonic law intertwined. Ms. Conde-Torres has participated together with chapter 7 trustees in high-profile cases for the administration and recovery of assets and has assisted several law firms from the U.S. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Before founding C. Conde & Assoc., Ms. Conde-Torres worked as an assistant to the director of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and actively participated in administrative and operational decisions at the highest levels. She has also been a member of the board of directors of the Government Development Bank (GDB), among other private and governmental entities. Ms. Conde-Torres also worked as attorney advisor to the U.S. Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico. During her tenure at the U.S. Trustee's Office, she was designated as attorney in charge of criminal prosecutions in bankruptcy fraud with the U.S. District Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico. Ms. Conde-Torres received her B.S. in 1970 from the University of Puerto Rico and her J.D. *cum laude* from Inter-American University.

Nicola Cowan is a director at FFP in George Town, Grand Cayman, in the Cayman Islands and has more than 15 years of experience in insolvency and restructuring. Originally from the U.K., she has been based in the Cayman Islands since 2011 and specializes in providing independent fiduciary services and insolvency and restructuring advice to offshore registered funds and companies with extensive experience in number of investment strategies, such as structured finance, digital assets and other private-equity strategies. Ms. Cowan acts as a court-appointed official liquidator, court-appointed receiver and voluntary liquidator. She also has acted as a foreign representative in chapter 15 proceedings in the U.S. Ms. Cowan is a board member of a variety of offshore registered funds and companies. She is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accoun-

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Prof. Andrew B. Dawson is vice dean for Academic Affairs and the Judge A. J. Cristol Professor of Bankruptcy at the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Fla., having joined the faculty in 2011. He teaches bankruptcy, business associations, contracts and commercial law. He also is of counsel at Sequor Law, a member of the International Insolvency Institute's NextGen Leadership Program, and previously served as the reporter for the Labor and Benefits Subcommittee of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11 and as an ABI Robert M. Zinman Scholar-in-Residence. Prof. Dawson's research has focused on the intersection of federal bankruptcy and labor laws, both in the corporate and municipal bankruptcy context. He contributed to the study of cross-border insolvency under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross Border Insolvency. After the U.S. adopted the Model Law in 2005, he conducted the first empirical study of chapter 15. Prior to joining the UM faculty, Prof. Dawson clerked in the Delaware Bankruptcy Court for Hon. Peter J. Walsh and in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals for Hon. Jane R. Roth, and was a Kauffman Legal Fellow at Harvard Law School. He received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was senior editor of the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*. He also received the ABI Medal of Excellence in Bankruptcy and the Irving Oberman Memorial Award for best student bankruptcy paper.

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Hon. Martin Glenn is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, initially sworn in on Nov. 30, 2006, and appointed Chief Judge on March 1, 2022. Previously, he was a law clerk for Hon. Henry J. Friendly, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, from 1971-72, and he practiced law with O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles from 1972-85 and in New York from 1985-2006, where he focused on complex civil litigation including securities, RICO, financial and accounting fraud, and unfair competition. Judge Glenn is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the American Law Institute, International Insolvency Institute, New York Federal-State Judicial Council, New York City Bar, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Federal Bar Council and ABI. He is a past member of the Committee on International Judicial Relations of the U.S. Judicial Conference and the Bankruptcy Judge Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. In addition, he is an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy-related issues. Judge Glenn received his B.S. from Cornell University in 1968 and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School in 1971, where he was an articles editor of the *Rutgers Law Review*.

Claire Goldstein is a partner in the Litigation & Insolvency team at Harneys in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. She has experience in complex multi-jurisdictional corporate and commercial litigation, trusts, fraud and asset-tracing, and insolvency and restructuring matters, and she has worked with a wide variety of clients. Ms. Goldstein regularly represents clients in the BVI courts on a number of interlocutory applications, including urgent applications for injunctions, the appointment of interim receivers and other forms of interim relief. She has worked on some of the leading cases in the jurisdiction, including the Fairfield litigation, where she represented a number of banks that had invested into Fairfield Sentry Ltd., which was a feeder fund into Bernard Madoff Investment Securities Limited. She also has worked on some of the largest and most complex enforcement claims in order to enforce foreign judgments and arbitral awards in the BVI. Called to the bar in 2004, Ms. Goldstein previously worked at Slaughter and May and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in London. She also was a lecturer in constitutional and administrative Law at St Hilda's College, University of Oxford. Ms. Goldstein is recommended by *Chambers* and *Legal 500* as a leading BVI practitioner. She is on the board of the BVI Restructuring and Insolvency Association (RISA), is a member of INSOL and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), and is on the advisory board for the Trusts and Estates Litigation Forum. Ms. Goldstein received her LL.B. from the University of Leeds in 2001, her LL.M. in 2002 from the European University Institute and her B.C.L. in 2003 from the University of Oxford.

Hon. María de los A. González Hernández is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in Ponce, appointed on Feb. 11, 2022. She has been involved in bankruptcy law for the entirety of her more than 30-year legal career, most of which she has spent with the federal government. Judge González-Hernández's legal career began in 1991, when she clerked for Hon. Enrique S. Lamoutte of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico following law school. In 1994, after earning she entered private practice at a law firm in Puerto Rico, where she headed its consumer bankruptcy division and practiced bankruptcy, banking and real estate law for nearly three years. In 1996, Judge González-Hernández joined the U.S. Trustee's Office in San Juan, P.R., where she was a trial attorney for 10 years, litigating chapter 7 and 11 cases. In 2006, she rejoined Judge Lamoutte's chambers as a law clerk, and in 2011 she became Clerk of Court of the District of Puerto Rico Bankruptcy Court. Judge González-Hernández is a member of the Puerto Rico Bankruptcy Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Bar Association, and the Honorable Raymond Acosta Puerto

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Hon. Laurel Myerson Isicoff is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Miami, initially appointed on Feb. 13, 2006. She served as Chief Judge from October 2016 until October 2023. Judge Isicoff serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. Judge Isicoff serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and on its subcommittee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As a member of the American College of Bankruptcy, she serves a member of its *Pro Bono* Committee and is immediate past chair of its Judicial Outreach Committee, and from 2021-22 she co-chaired the College's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In recognition of that service, as well as her long-standing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, she received the inaugural DEI Excellence Award from the College. In further recognition of her contributions to DEI, she was awarded the 2023 NCBJ DEI Leadership Award from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Isicoff currently serves as judicial chair of the *Pro Bono* Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and is a member of the Florida Bar Standing Committee on *Pro Bono*. Prior to becoming a judge, she 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. After graduating from law school, Judge Isicoff clerked for Hon. Daniel S. Pearson at the Florida Third District Court of Appeal before entering private practice. She is a past President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and of the Bankruptcy Bar Association (BBA) of the Southern District of Florida, and, until she took the bench, served as the chair of the *Pro Bono* Task Force for the BBA. Judge Isicoff speaks extensively on bankruptcy around the country, and is committed to increasing *pro bono* service, diversity, equity and inclusion, and financial literacy for all. She received her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1982.

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Hon. Enrique S. Lamoutte is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan, initially appointed in November 1986. He served as Chief Judge from 1986-98 and from 2009-18. He also serves as a judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, over which he presided as Chief Judge from 2004-08. Judge Lamoutte is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He 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 also is a retired colonel of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard. Judge Lamoutte graduated from Boston College in 1969 and received his J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico Law School in 1976.

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