

# Faculty Biographies

**Paul M. Bach, CPA** is the owner of Paul M Bach Law Office in Northbrook, Ill., and has handled clients throughout Northern Illinois on a variety of legal issues, with an emphasis on bankruptcy. He has also handled insurance subrogation matters, complex real estate closings and out-of-bankruptcy matters. Mr. Bach has saved thousands of homes from foreclosure and has assisted clients in chapter 7, 11 and 13 proceedings. Previously, Mr. Bach worked for Codo, Bonds, Zumstein and Konzelman, PC in Joliet, Ill., where he was promoted to partner in less than five years. During this time, he completed his CPA coursework. In March 1999, Mr. Bach started his own law firm, then from April 2013 to April 2016, he worked for Sulaiman Law Group, Ltd. in Oak Brook, Ill., He reopened Bach Law Offices in May 2016. Mr. Bach received his B.S. in political science in 1988 from Bradley University and his J.D. in 1992 from Drake University.

**Ronald S. Barliant** is Of Counsel with the Chicago law firm Goldberg Kohn, where he had been a principal in the Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group after joining the firm in September 2002. He has represented debtors and creditors in complex bankruptcy cases, and counseled major financial institutions, business firms and boards of directors in connection with workouts. Mr. Barliant served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Illinois from 1988-2002, and as a visiting judge in the District of Delaware in 2002. He also has taught debtor/creditor relations at John Marshall Law School and has frequently lectured and participated in panel discussions on bankruptcy-related topics at the invitation of many organizations, including the Federal Judicial Center, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), ABI, the American Bar Association, the American College of Bankruptcy, the Commercial Finance Association, the Turnaround Management Association, the Chicago Bar Association and LexisNexis Mealey's. Mr. Barliant has published articles on chapter 11 plans, executory contracts, preferences, the anti-trust litigation in the *United Airlines* case (in which he represented an indenture trustee/defendant) and asbestos bankruptcies. He was a member of the board of governors of the NCBJ from 1998-2000 and of the NCBJ's Endowment for Education from 1997-98, and served on national judicial committees and on working groups considering technology issues and the treatment of mass torts in bankruptcy cases. Mr. Barliant has been recognized annually by the *Leading Lawyers Network*, *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. In addition, he was named by *Chambers USA* in 2014 as a leading lawyer in the U.S. in Bankruptcy/Restructuring. Mr. Barliant is a member of ABI (for which he participates in its Business Reorganization Committee), the ABA's Business Law Section and NCBJ's Former Judges Section, and he is a former chair of the CBA's Bankruptcy and Reorganizations Committee. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and served as the College's Regent for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. Barliant received his B.A. in 1966 from Roosevelt University and his J.D. in 1969 from Stanford University School of Law, where he was a member of the editorial board of the *Stanford Law Review*.

**Carrienne J.M. Basler, CPA, CIRA** is a managing director based in the Chicago office of Alix-Partners, LLP, where she co-leads its contingency planning & case administration practice. She has more than 20 years of extensive financial consulting experience combined with hands-on management in the areas of contingency planning, contract negotiations, litigation management, treasury, business planning, risk management and wind-downs. She has also served in an advisory capacity to senior management in the area of business plan feasibility and financial strategy, lender negotiations, plan of reorganization development and post-confirmation administration. Ms. Basler has served as an interim executive and financial advisor, and oversaw the bankruptcy case management for Altegrity Inc., Kodak, Mirant Corp., Dana and Dura Automotive. She was also part of the chap-

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**Hon. Thomas B. Bennett** is a partner with Bailey & Glasser LLP in Washington, D.C., where his practice focuses on insolvency and bankruptcy. He previously was a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, appointed in June 1995 and named Chief Judge in January 2011. During his tenure, he presided over the Jefferson County, Ala., bankruptcy, the largest municipal bankruptcy ever filed at the time, and second only to Detroit's bankruptcy case. In 2013, he was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Prior to becoming a bankruptcy judge, Judge Bennett clerked for Hon. John R. Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for one year before joining a large Charleston, W.Va., law firm, where he headed its commercial litigation and bankruptcy/creditor's rights practice group. He has also served in various capacities for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, including as its president. Judge Bennett received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics from West Virginia University and his J.D. from West Virginia University Law School in 1976.

**Adam G. Brief** is the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. Prior to joining the U.S. Trustee Program in 2015, he spent 14 years in private practice, focusing on all aspects of bankruptcy and related litigation. Mr. Brief has extensive experience representing individual and corporate debtors, as well as panel trustees. In 2010, he was appointed by the Supreme Court for the State of New Jersey to serve as an investigator on a District Ethics Committee. He also served as a barrister with American Bankruptcy Inn of Court. Mr. Brief has lectured on various topics, including options for the disposition of distressed real estate; strategies for creditors to maximize their rights under the Bankruptcy Code, and legal issues for small business owners. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, and following law school clerked for Hon. Stephen A. Stripp of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

**G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.** is a partner with Dechert LLP in Hartford, Conn., and chairs the firm's appellate practice group. He has argued 10 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court on bankruptcy, First Amendment, fee-shifting, taxation, Commerce Clause, statutory interpretation, jurisdiction and arbitration, and has worked on more than 40 other Supreme Court matters, including matters involving bankruptcy, federal licensing, civil rights, procedure, insurance, sovereign immunity, pensions, energy contracts and defamation. He has also argued and briefed numerous cases in most of the federal courts of appeals, including matters involving insurance, setoff, prepayment premiums, subrogation, and a variety of other commercial law and constitutional topics. In addition, he has argued two *en banc* bankruptcy matters in the Third and Eighth Circuits. In addition to his practice, Mr. Brunstad is an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law and a frequent visiting lecturer in law at Yale Law School, where he teaches courses on bankruptcy, argument and reason, federal jurisdiction, commercial transactions, secured transactions and international insolvency law. He began teaching at Yale in 1990, and has also taught at the Harvard Law School. Mr. Brunstad recently published a textbook entitled *Secured Transactions, Teaching Materials*. He has

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**John R. Burns** is a partner in the Fort Wayne, Ind., office of Faegre Baker Daniels and is a past chair of the firm's Finance Litigation practice. He concentrates his practice in bankruptcy/creditors' rights and business/commercial litigation. Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, Mr. Burns regularly represents secured creditors and lenders in dealing with workout and bankruptcy situations. He represents corporate debtors in chapter 11 reorganizations and also has significant experience representing banks, corporations, trustees and committees in reorganizations and liquidations. Mr. Burns has more than 40 years' experience in the courtroom and has tried numerous business and commercial cases to verdict in federal and state courts to both the bench and juries. He chaired the ABA Litigation Section's Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Committee for four years, is a Registered Civil Mediator for Indiana and has completed the ABI/St. John's University 40-Hour Bankruptcy Mediation Training program. He serves as a mediator in state and federal civil litigation and provides mediation services in bankruptcy cases. Mr. Burns received his B.A. in 1971 from Ball State University and his J.D. in 1974 from the University of Notre Dame.

**Hon. Donald R. Cassling** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, sworn in on Jan. 18, 2012. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Jenner & Block and at Quarles & Brady in Chicago, where he had a national practice in commercial and patent-infringement law, as well as bankruptcy litigation, and represented chapter 11 debtors in possession, creditors' committees, individual creditors and chapter 11 trustees. Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for Chief Judge John R. Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit before returning to Chicago to practice law. Judge Cassling has written and lectured extensively on the UCC, banking law and commercial litigation and has testified as an expert witness on the Illinois UCC. From 2003-11, Judge Cassling wrote "Banking Briefs," a banking litigation column for *The Banking Law Journal*, and served as a member of its board of editors. He has also participated as a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and was selected as an *Illinois Super Lawyer* from 2009-12. Judge Cassling earned his A.B. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

**Sherry D. Coley** is a member of Davis & Kuelthau, s.c.'s Litigation Team in its Green Bay, Wis., office, where her practice primarily focuses on complex business litigation, with an emphasis on contract disputes, business torts, financial services litigation, real estate foreclosures and workouts, and tax-assessment appeals. She has represented financial institutions in state and federal court on

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**Susan M. Cook** is a principal in the law firm of Lambert Leser, P.C. in Bay City, Mich. She has more than 35 years of experience in the areas of bankruptcy, business reorganization, commercial litigation and business transactions. Ms. Cook has represented debtors engaged in a wide range of businesses in successful reorganizations, including Independence Village, Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital, Dow Corning, Sabreline Transportation, Holiday Inn Express of Petoskey, Holiday Inn Express Mackinaw City and Days Inn Mackinaw City. In addition, she has represented numerous tier I and tier II suppliers in all of the major automotive bankruptcy proceedings and served as special assistant attorney general for the Michigan Gaming Control Board in the Greektown Casino cases and the State of Michigan in the City of Detroit chapter 9 bankruptcy case. Ms. Cook has consistently been named in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Law and Politics* since 2006, and has earned an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. She is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, has been named a *Super Lawyer* in the area of Debtor/Creditors Rights since 2006, and was named one of the top 50 women *Super Lawyers* for Michigan. Ms. Cook received her B.A. from Alma College in 1971 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1979.

**Jeffrey C. Dan** is an attorney with Crane, Heyman, Simon, Welch & Clar in Chicago, which he joined in September 2002, and has been actively involved in all aspects of bankruptcy and bankruptcy litigation, as well as state court litigation that arises in insolvency matters. He concentrates his practice on small to mid-size corporations and individuals as debtors in chapter 11 cases. He is also active in the representation of trustees in chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases, as well as chapter 7 debtors. Mr. Dan has practiced as a trial attorney in a number of areas of the law, including personal injury, domestic relations, real estate, criminal law and commercial litigation. He received his J.D. from DePaul University School of Law.

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Attorneys in Wisconsin by *Super Lawyers* in 2010 and 2015, and as one of the Top 25 Attorneys in Madison by *Super Lawyers* in 2015. In 2012, she was rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. DeMarb served on the Milwaukee committee for the Turnaround Management Association in 2012, and in 2014 she was a winner of the 8th Annual M & A Advisor Turnaround Awards for the Anchor Bancorp Inc. chapter 11 bankruptcy case. She also won the 9th Annual M&A Advisor Small Transaction of the Year in 2016 and was on the winning team of the Small Transaction of the Year by Turnaround Management Association, National and Midwest, in 2015. Ms. DeMarb is serving on the board for the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2016. She received her J.D. in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin.

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**Ethan Dunn** is the managing partner of Maxwell Dunn Law, PLC in Huntington Woods, Mich., a business advisory and bankruptcy law firm. He works with broken companies and advises individuals and families through financial challenges. Mr. Dunn has extensive experience working with companies and consumers facing a variety of issues related to financial management. He has successfully managed the turnaround, reorganization and growth of both for-profit and nonprofit companies, and has guided many individuals and families dealing with their debts through both bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy workouts. Mr. Dunn has facilitated the purchase, sale and merger of many small businesses and advises entrepreneurs on implementing sound financial principles in their companies. He co-chairs the Bankruptcy Practice Group of the Federal Bar Association and also served on the committee commissioned to edit and update the local bankruptcy rules in the Eastern District of Michigan. Mr. Dunn is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, Wolverine Bar Association and ABI, and he sits on several nonprofit boards, including the Access to Bankruptcy Court organization started by the Hon. Marci McIvor. He has been recognized as a *Super Lawyer* "Rising Star" for 2014, 2015 and 2016, and received a "40 Under 40" award from the *Michigan Chronicle*. Mr. Dunn received his undergraduate degree in investment finance from Wayne State University and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

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**Hon. Catherine J. Furay** is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. Prior to her appointment, she practiced bankruptcy, commercial law and business litigation in Madison, Wis. Judge Furay has served on various Wisconsin State Bar committees, including its executive committee. She has also been a member of ABI, ABA and CLLA committees. Judge Furay serves on the Board of Directors and is a member of the Technology and Next Gen and Finance Committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She co-authored *Wisconsin Business Advisors Series: Collections & Bankruptcy Vol. 4* (Pinnacle Books) and the *Wisconsin Civil Litigation Forms Manual* (Pinnacle Books). She is also the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property, and litigation topics. Judge Furay is a frequent author and lecturer on bankruptcy, commercial law, ethics, marital property and litigation skills and an adjunct faculty member of the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she teaches lawyering skills. She received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

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Goering is a member of the Cincinnati, Ohio State, Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati Bar Associations and sits on the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee. He is also a past chairman of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee and has served on local panels to create and amend local bankruptcy rules. He is also a founding member of ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. Mr. Goering received his B.A. from Yale University and his LL.B. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

**Hon. A. Benjamin Goldgar** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed in 2003. From 1982-95, Judge Goldgar was in private practice with the Chicago firm of Keck, Mahin and Cate. In 1995, he joined the Illinois Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general in its Civil Appeals Division. He became a supervising attorney in the Division in 1997, serving there until his appointment to the bench. During his tenure with the Attorney General's Office, Judge Goldgar represented Illinois departments, agencies and officials in more than 140 appeals and original actions in state and federal reviewing courts, presenting more than 50 oral arguments. Judge Goldgar has lectured on bankruptcy, bankruptcy practice, appellate practice, appellate jurisdiction, litigation skills and brief-writing. He has taught appellate advocacy at Loyola University of Chicago Law School and is a past president of the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association. He has also served as an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and chaired the Federal Rules Advisory Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Goldgar received his A.B. *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

**Hon. John T. Gregg** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed on July 17, 2014. Previously, he was a partner with the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he focused on corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and other insolvency matters. Judge Gregg is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy and other commercial issues. He has written and co-edited numerous treatises and articles for various publications, including *Collier Guide to Chapter 11*, published by LexisNexis; *Strategies for Secured Creditors in Workouts and Foreclosures*, published by ALI-ABA; *Issues for Suppliers and Customers of Financially Troubled Auto Suppliers* and *Interrupted! Understanding Bankruptcy's Effects on Manufacturing Supply Chains*, both published by ABI; *Michigan Security Interests in Personal Property*, published by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education; *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies in Michigan*, published by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education; and *Receiverships in Michigan*, published by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Judge Gregg earned his B.A. in 1996 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. in 2002 from DePaul University College of Law.

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**Hon. John P. Gustafson** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio in Toledo, appointed in 2014. He previously was a bankruptcy law clerk, an associate and partner in a law firm that did both debtor and creditor representation, a solo bankruptcy practitioner representing debtors, banks and trustees, the staff attorney for a chapter 13 trustee, and a chapter 13 trustee. Judge Gustafson received his B.A. from Miami University of Ohio in 1982 and his J.D. from Wayne State University in 1985.

**James J. Haller** is a partner at The Bankruptcy Center in Belleville, Ill., where he practices bankruptcy and consumer protection law. He also sits on the board of directors of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA) and was elected vice president in 2015, and he serves on the Standing Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Mr. Haller co-founded the U.S. Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois (BASIL) in 2004, for which he served a term as its president, and remains on its board of directors. He has also served as a panelist for several organizations, including ABI, NACBA, the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT), the Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Illinois Housing in Action, Illinois Attorney General's office and Land of Lincoln Legal Services. Mr. Haller received his B.A. from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis.

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