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Allison R. Bach is a member of Dickinson Wright PLLC in Detroit, where she advises and represents companies and lenders in out-of-court workouts and restructurings, bankruptcy proceedings and distressed M&A transactions. She was one of Dickinson Wright attorneys representing the State of Michigan during the historic City of Detroit bankruptcy case, including being part of the team that negotiated and drafted the "Grand Bargain" that was instrumental in Detroit's restructuring, and she continues to advise the Detroit Financial Review Commission post-bankruptcy. Additionally, she represented the Ad Hoc Consortium of Consignment Vendors in the Family Christian Stores chapter 11 bankruptcy case and has represented secured lenders in numerous bankruptcy court proceedings, including cash collateral DIP financing, relief from stay and contested confirmation hearings. Ms. Bach has been recognized in *Super Lawyers* (2010-17) and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association and the Turnaround Management Association. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan, her M.S. from Cleveland State University Levin College of Urban Affairs, and her J.D. from Wayne State 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 currently chair of the NCBJ Membership Services Committee, Seventh Circuit Representative of the NCBJ Board of Governors, a member of ABI's Board of Directors and an advisory board member of ABI's Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a member of the NCBJ Education Committee, a board member of the Chicago Chapter of IWIRC, chair of the Northern District of Illinois Bankrupt-

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From 2008-15, he served on the ABI's Labor and Employment Committee, which he co-chaired from 2014-15. Mr. Bogdanowicz is a coordinating editor for the *ABI Journal* and is a regular contributor. Among his most recently published articles on bankruptcy and bankruptcy-related subjects are "Post-Bankruptcy Compensation Standards for Receivers: Do Statutory Alternatives Make a Practical Difference?," *ABI Journal*, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 2, February 2019; "Fixing Our Infrastructure May Require Fixing the Bankruptcy Code: Preference Actions Threaten Municipal Contractors," *ABI Journal*, Vol. XXXV, No. 9, September 2016 (with Lisa Gretchko), and "Legal Rights and Economic Realities: The Uncertain State of Public Pensions After Stockton," *ABI Journal*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 2, February 2015. Mr. Bogdanowicz is admitted to practice before the state courts of Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee, as well as the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of Illinois, the Eastern District of Michigan, the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana and the Middle District of Tennessee. He received his A.B. *cum laude*, from Harvard University in 1995 and his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 2000, where he was the articles editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Hon. James W. Boyd is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed in May 2014, and presides over bankruptcy matters in Grand Rapids and Traverse City. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner in the law firm of Kuhn, Darling, Boyd and Quandt PLC in Traverse City, Mich., where he practiced in the areas of bankruptcy law and commercial litigation. From 1988-2014, he served as a chapter 7 panel trustee and as a chapter 11 operating and liquidation trustee in many cases. While a trustee, he served on the board of directors of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees from 1999-2013 and was the president of that organization in 2010. Judge Boyd has trustee and receivership experience in both chapter 7 and chapter 11 cases involving a wide variety of industries. He has also served as an operating and liquidating receiver under Michigan law for numerous entities. Judge Boyd is a contributing author to ICLE's *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies*. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker. Judge Boyd received his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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Susan M. Cook is a partner in the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP in its Midland and Southfield, Mich., offices. 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 and in a wide range of businesses, including hotels, hospitals, automotive suppliers, restaurants and retailers. In addition, she has represented numerous tier I and tier II suppliers in all of the major automotive bankruptcy proceedings. Ms. Cook served as special assistant attorney general for the Michigan Gaming Control Board in the *Greektown Casino* cases and as special assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan in the City of Detroit's chapter 9 bankruptcy case. She has represented clients in bankruptcy courts across the country and is on the mediation panel for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Ms. Cook has spoken on numerous topics at many seminars in Michigan. She has consistently been named in *The Best Lawyers in America* and as a *Super Lawyer* since 2006, in which she was named one of the top 50 super lawyers in the State of Michigan. Ms. Cook was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy in March 2015 and received the Federal Bar Association's Barbara J. Rom Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy in 2016. She received her B.A. from Alma College in 1971 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1979.

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Hon. Catherine J. Furay is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin in Madison. Prior to her appointment, she practiced bankruptcy, commercial law and business litigation. Judge Furay is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, commercial law, ethics, marital property and litigation skills. She served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Law School teaching lawyering skills for 21 years, and also served as an instructor in the general practice course. In addition to being co-author of *Wisconsin Business Advisors Series: Collections & Bankruptcy Vol. 4* (Pinnacle Books), Judge Furay co-authored the *Wisconsin Civil Litigation Forms Manual* (Pinnacle Books) and is a contributing author to *Construction Law*, Chapter 16, "Bankruptcy." She is also the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property and litigation topics, and in 2019, she became the editor-in-chief of *Ginsberg & Martin on Bankruptcy*. Judge Furay has served on the Board of Governors and various committees of the State Bar of Wisconsin, including its Executive and Finance Committees. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, serving as the Seventh Circuit representative on the Board of Governors and as a member of the Finance Committee, and she has served on the NextGen and Technology Committees of NCBJ. Judge Furay is an ABI member and currently serves on the advisory boards of ABI's Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and the Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference. She is also a member of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the bankruptcy judge member of the Advisory Process Review Working Group, and a member of the Advisory Group for the AO's Bankruptcy Case Weighting Study. Judge Furay received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

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Hon. Beth E. Hanan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, appointed in May 2015. Previously, she was an appellate lawyer and litigator in Wisconsin, and served several terms as managing member of a trial practice boutique, Gass Weber Mullins. She also worked at larger firms Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren and Quarles & Brady. Judge Hanan was chair of the Wisconsin Judicial Council, a supervisor of the Small Claims Mediation Clinic at Milwaukee County Circuit Court, and also chaired the board of Catholic Charities in Milwaukee. She received her J.D. in 1996 from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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Hon. Brett H. Ludwig is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, sworn in on Feb. 27, 2017. Before doing so, he was a commercial litigation partner at Foley & Lardner LLP in Milwaukee. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Ludwig clerked for Hon. George G. Fagg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. While he now sits primarily in Milwaukee, his assignment includes assisting with bankruptcy cases in the Western District of Wisconsin, and as a result, he also frequently presides over bankruptcy matters at the U.S. Courthouse in Eau Claire. Judge Ludwig received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in 1991 and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1994.

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