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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 and NCBJ Boards of Directors, the CARE Advisory Board and the Chicago IWIRC Network Board, as well as several committees. She also is a frequent speaker for ABI, the ABA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and NCBJ, and she regularly acts as the presiding judge for the Northern District of Illinois in naturalization ceremonies. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

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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 its president in 2010. He has also served as an operating and liquidating receiver under Michigan law for numerous entities. Judge Boyd is a contributing author to IICLE's *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies* and is a member of the Federal Bar Association and ABI, as well as a frequent speaker. He received his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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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 guest lectures for its bankruptcy course. Judge Furay is 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. In 2020, she became a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Furay is a contributing author of *Construction Law*, Chapter 16, "Bankruptcy," and is the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property and litigation topics. In 2019, Judge Furay became the editor-in-chief of *Ginsberg & Martin on Bankruptcy*. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves as a member of its Elections, Finance, and Online Learning Committees. She has also served as the Seventh Circuit representative on the NCBJ Board of Governors and on the Next-Gen and Technology Committees of NCBJ. Judge Furay is a member of ABI and currently serves on the Education Advisory Committees for the Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and the Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference. In addition, she is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, a member of the Board of Trustees, past chairman of the board, and past president of the Certification Oversight Committee. Judge Furay has served on the board of governors and various committees of the State Bar of Wisconsin, including its Executive and Finance Committees. In addition to being co-author of *Wisconsin Business Advisors Series: Collections & Bankruptcy Vol. 4* (Pinnacle Books), she co-authored the *Wisconsin Civil Litigation Forms Manual* (Pinnacle Books). Judge Furay received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

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