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Brendan G. Best is a partner at Varnum LLP in Birmingham, Mich., and serves on the firm's Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights team. His practice focuses on representing senior secured lenders, debtors, other creditors and other stakeholders in complex chapter 11 restructurings, out-of-court workouts and insolvency-related transactions and litigation. Mr. Best has more than 20 years of experience representing clients in insolvency-related matters across a wide array of industries including manufacturing, automotive, building supply and service, energy, oil and gas, health care, food service, gaming, hospitality, construction and real estate. He serves as outside commercial counsel for clients, advising them on commercial issues with customers, suppliers and other parties. He also counsels buyers, sellers, lenders and other stakeholders in complex troubled company transactions, both out of court and in § 363 bankruptcy sales. Mr. Best is a senior chapter 11 bankruptcy practitioner and litigator who has successfully represented clients in bench trials over issues including adequate protection, plan confirmation, valuation and other matters, as well as nondischargeability actions, avoidance actions and other debtor/creditor matters in state and federal courts, including automotive tooling and construction lien litigation. He is a frequent writer and speaker on restructuring, workouts and bankruptcy topics. Mr. Best is routinely honored as a top practitioner by publications including *DBusiness* magazine, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Michigan Super Lawyers*. He is a board member and immediate past president of the Turnaround Management Association's Detroit chapter and an ABI member. Mr. Best received his B.A. *cum laude* in 1997 from The George Washington University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2003 from Wayne State University Law School, where he was admitted to the Order of the Coif and was a member of the *Wayne Law Review*.

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Charles D. Bullock is a founding member and managing partner of Stevenson & Bullock PLC in Southfield, Mich. His practice is dedicated to debtors' and creditors' rights, real estate, bankruptcy matters, and business and commercial litigation in complex proceedings, out-of-court negotiations, and transactions involving individuals, organizations and distressed businesses. Mr. Bullock's restructuring engagements include municipalities, manufacturing, agriculture and health care, including serving in a fiduciary capacity. He is regularly appointed as a receiver and/or assignee for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Bullock is admitted to practice in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the Western District of Tennessee. He is a member of the state bars of Michigan and Tennessee, as well as the Federal Bar Association, ABI, Detroit Catholic Central Shamrock Bar Association, Detroit Bar Association Foundation (Patron Fellow) and Oakland County Bar Foundation (Charter Fellow). Mr. Bullock pre-

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Hon. David D. Cleary is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed in December 2019. Previously, he chaired Greenberg Traurig LLP’s Business Reorganization & Financial Restructuring Practice in Phoenix, where he focused his practice on business restructuring and reorganizations, distressed-asset dispositions and financings, debt restructurings and workouts, and litigation. He regularly represented distressed companies, financial institutions, secured and significant creditors, noteholders and bondholders, hotel/resort owner/operators, boards of directors, debtors, official and ad hoc committees, and insurance and surety portfolios. Judge Cleary is a Master with the Arizona Inns of Court, past co-chair of the American Bar Association’s Litigation Section of its Bankruptcy and Insolvency Committee, past chair of the Chicago Bar Association’s Rules Sub-Committee of its Bankruptcy Committee, and past co-chair of ABI’s Asset Sales and Health Care Committees. He was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and in *Southwest Super Lawyers*, and he was a member of the winning team for The M&A Advisor’s “Restructuring of the Year (Over \$500mm to \$1 Billion)” award in 2015 for the restructuring of FriendFinder Networks. He is also rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Judge Cleary was admitted to practice in Arizona and Illinois, before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Seventh Circuits, and before the U.S. District Courts for the District of Arizona and the Northern District of Illinois. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Arizona State University in 1984 and his J.D. with honors from DePaul University College of Law in 1987, where he was an article and note editor for the *DePaul Law Review*.

Benjamin J. Court is a partner with Stinson LLP in Minneapolis and works with equipment finance organizations, secured creditors, statutory and judgment lienholders, banks, asset-buyers, real property lessors, lenders, loan-servicers, receivers, trustees and creditors’ committees. His experience includes personal property leasing, bankruptcy and restructuring matters, secured transactions, distressed asset acquisitions and workout scenarios, consensual property lien and judgment-enforcement situations, insolvency proceedings and complex financial services litigation. Mr. Court is particularly focused on

representing equipment-leasing and finance organizations, and he is well-versed in Articles 2A and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. He has documented numerous lease and loan transactions for captive, bank-affiliated and independent equipment finance companies, and he has successfully enforced their rights in lawsuits, mediations, arbitrations, and bankruptcy and restructuring proceedings. Mr. Court is admitted to practice in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin, and he routinely advises lenders, creditors and committees in chapter 7, 11 and 12 bankruptcies. He serves as outside counsel for a number of agribusiness lenders in the U.S., providing practical advice regarding workouts, foreclosures, enforcement matters, secured transactions and intercreditor relationships. In addition, he regularly defends lenders and loan-servicers in a wide variety of contested matters, including claims of wrongful foreclosure, fraud, and breach of contract, as well as alleged violations of RESPA, TILA, FCRA, TCPA, FDCPA and other consumer-protection laws. Mr. Court received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Minnesota and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Hon. Scott W. Dales is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, initially appointed in 2007 and named Chief Judge in 2013. In 2016, the Chief Justice appointed him to serve on the Information Technology Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and in 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals appointed him to serve on the Sixth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Following law school, Judge Dales clerked for Hon. Constantine G. Cholakis, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and subsequently practiced law for several years with Barrett Gravante Carpinello & Stern in Albany, N.Y. After clerking for Hon. James D. Gregg, Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan, and prior to taking the bench, he practiced law with Dykema Gossett, PLLC in Grand Rapids and served as in-house counsel to National City Corp. and its bank and nonbank subsidiaries. As a member of National City's insolvency practice group, he worked primarily with distressed commercial transactions, including National City's aircraft lease portfolio and troubled automotive-supplier loans. Prior to attending law school, he served as a legislative analyst for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac). Judge Dales received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1987 and his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Rebecca R. DeMarb is a senior managing director with Development Specialists, Inc. in Madison, Wis. She practiced law for nearly 25 years and joined DSI in 2021 to expand her fiduciary practice. Among other roles, Ms. DeMarb has served as a state and federal court receiver since first being appointed as a chapter 128 receiver in Wisconsin more than 15 years ago. She is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. In 2014, she was a winner of the eighth annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Award, and in 2016 she was a winner of the tenth annual M&A Advisor Small Transaction Award. In 2015, she received the Turnaround Management Association's Midwest and National Awards. Ms. DeMarb is a member of the Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Western District of Wisconsin Bar Association, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. She served on the board for the Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin from 2013-16, and in 2018, she founded the Wisconsin Network of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, for which she has served as its co-chair and as vice director of Spring Programs on the IWIRC International Management Committee. Ms. DeMarb received her J.D. in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin.

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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 served as chair of the education committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges for 2022, serves on the ABI's Board of Directors, was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and is a member of the American Law Institute. He is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy and other commercial issues, and he has written and co-edited numerous secondary sources, 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*, published by ABI; *Michigan Security Interests in Personal Property*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies in Michigan*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; *Interrupted! Understanding Bankruptcy's Effects on Manufacturing Supply Chains*, published by ABI; and *Receiverships in Michigan*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Judge Gregg received his B.A. in 1996 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. in 2002 from DePaul University College of Law.

Hon. Lisa S. Gretchko is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit, sworn in on April 5, 2021. Prior to her judicial appointment, she spent more than four decades as a bankruptcy/creditors' rights attorney and represented nearly every constituency in bankruptcy courts around the country, including secured creditors, unsecured creditors' committees, landlords, licensors of intellectual property, customers, suppliers, business debtors and trustees. Judge Gretchko has written and lectured extensively for various organizations on numerous bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues. From April 2018-April 2022, she served as ABI's Vice President-Publications, as a member of ABI's Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and as ABI's Publications Committee chair. Judge Gretchko is a former Executive Editor of the *ABI Journal* and a former co-chair of the ABI's Unsecured Trade Creditors Committee, which named her 2014 Committee Person of the Year. She also has been named in *Michigan Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, and she was honored as a Woman in the Law by *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly* in 2011. Judge Gretchko

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Hon. Beth E. Hanan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and Green Bay, 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. Judge Hanan was chair of the Wisconsin Judicial Council and president of the Milwaukee Bar Association, and she remains a Fellow in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Since joining the bench, she has been the judicial co-chair of ABI's annual Wedoff Consumer Conference (in 2020 renamed the Consumer Practice Extravaganza) and has served as the bankruptcy representative to the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council (2019-21). She also chaired the Public Outreach committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) from 2020-22 and is a member of NCBJ's Ethics and International Judicial Relations committees. Judge Hanan received her undergraduate degree from Marquette University and her J.D. in 1996 from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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