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Faculty Biographies

Hon. Joel D. Applebaum is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan in Flint. Prior to taking the bench, he was a member of Clark Hill PLC, where he practiced in the firm's Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group and focused in the areas of bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, creditors' rights, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, and general commercial law. Judge Applebaum's practice included representing debtors, creditors' committees, customers, trade vendors, distressed-asset-purchasers, liquidating agents and trustees, among other parties in interest, in bankruptcy courts throughout the U.S. and in all industries and business types. He successfully briefed and argued cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Third and Sixth Circuits, including issues of first impression in *United Food & Commercial Workers Union v. A/mac's Inc. {In re A/mac's Inc.}*, 90 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 1996), and *Bayer Corp. v. Masco Tech Inc. {In re Autostyle Plastics Inc.}*, 269 F.3d 726 (6th Cir. 2001). His practice also included federal and state law creditors' rights procedures, including receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors and trust mortgages. A member of the Michigan, New York, American and Federal Bar Associations, Judge Applebaum is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and of the American Bar Foundation, and he was selected as a leading attorney in bankruptcy and creditors' rights by *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011 through present), *Michigan Super Lawyers* (2007 through present) and *dBusiness* magazine (2009 through present). He was also named by *Michigan Super Lawyers* as a "Michigan Top 50 Business Lawyer" and a "Michigan Top 100 Lawyer." Judge Applebaum is a past co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Creditors' Rights Committee and has authored and lectured extensively on bankruptcy, creditors' rights and general commercial law topics. He received his B.A. with honors from Michigan State University in 1979 and his J.D. with honors from Wayne State University Law School in 1983.

Brian A. Audette is a partner in the Chicago office of Perkins Coie LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and general commercial litigation. He represents lenders, creditors, trustees, assignees for the benefit of creditors, and debtors in chapter 7 liquidation proceedings, chapter 11 reorganization proceedings, state court foreclosure actions, and out-of-court restructurings and liquidations. He has particular experience in the hospitality industry, having represented secured lenders, major hotel brands, creditors and debtors in all aspects of chapter 11 restructurings, out-of-court transactions, general litigation and litigation under the Lanham Act. Mr. Audette is a member of ABI and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He has led numerous roundtable discussions at the International Council of Shopping Centers' U.S. Shopping Center Law Conference, addressing issues affecting landlords when their tenants file for bankruptcy. Mr. Audette has been named an "Illinois Rising Star" in 2012 and a "Super Lawyer" from 2014-20 by *Illinois Law & Politics*. Previously, he was an associate with DLA Piper and a member of the Private Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees from 2010-17. Mr. Audette received his B.A. in psychology and organizational behavior management in 1997 from Brown University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2002 from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he was assistant features editor and news editor for the *Public Interest Law Reporter*.

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.

Marc M. Bakst is a member of Bodman PLC in Detroit and is on the firm's Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Rights Practice, Banking Practice, and Aviation Law and Finance Practice Groups, as well as its Automotive/Industrial Team. He represents clients in the areas of creditors' rights, bankruptcy, reorganization and insolvency, and he regularly represents secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, trustees and creditors' committees in loan workout and other negotiations and in state and federal courts. Mr. Bakst is a former two-term board member of the Detroit Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. He served as chairperson of the Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Rights Committee of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan from 1996-2000 and is a member of numerous other bankruptcy and creditors' rights-related organizations, including ABI. He often lectures in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Mr. Bakst has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2009 in the practice areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy. He has also been included in *Michigan Super Lawyers* under Bankruptcy: Business for the past decade. Mr. Bakst has been annually listed as a "Top Lawyer" for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights by metro Detroit business magazine *DBusiness* since the list debuted in 2009, and he is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He received his A.B. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from Wayne State University Law School.

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.

Michael E. Deeba is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring Services practice of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP in Oklahoma City and has over 30 years of experience in bankruptcy, financial distress, accounting and tax-related matters. He has provided consultation and expert-witness services in the areas of restructuring, bankruptcy, insolvency, valuation, fiduciary duties and governance issues, related-party transactions, fraudulent transfers, fraud investigations, forensic accounting and investigatory services, and commercial damages modeling. He has served in these capacities

in bankruptcy, federal and state courts and as an arbitrator. Mr. Deeba has been retained as financial advisor to debtors-in-possession, trustees, secured creditors, committees and other parties-in-interest. His experience has also included structuring and feasibility of plans of reorganization, disclosure-statement issues, valuation of businesses and divisions, solvency analyses and studies, assessments of reasonably equivalent value, adequate capital concerns, and preference and fraudulent-transfer claim disputes. Mr. Deeba has provided interim-management turnaround services to companies in a wide range of industries, and he has been retained to provide valuation services and lost-profits calculations in disputes involving sales agreements, contracts, shareholder and partner agreements, leases, employment contracts, noncompete clauses, trade infringement and wrongful competition. He is a member of ABI, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Deeba received his B.S. in accounting from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Rebecca R. DeMarb is a partner with DeMarb Brophy LLC in Madison, Wis., where she represents businesses in financial distress in and out of court, and in both state and federal courts, in bankruptcy, workouts and the sale of assets. She serves as a receiver for operating businesses pursuant to Chapter 128 of the Wisconsin Statutes and for real estate and other nonoperating assets. Ms. DeMarb 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 was a winner of 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 currently serves 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.

Barbara P. Foley is the standing chapter 13 trustee for the Western District of Michigan in Kalamazoo, appointed in May 2010. Prior to that, she was a staff attorney to chapter 13 trustee Carl Bekofske in Flint, Mich. In the Western District of Michigan, Ms. Foley is a member of the Bankruptcy Section for the Federal Bar. She also served on local bankruptcy rules consumer subcommittee and is a past chairperson for the annual seminar. Ms. Foley is a member of the Michigan Bar Association. She received her J.D. in 1980 graduate from Seattle University School of Law, where she was a member of its law review.

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 NextGen 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.

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 received his B.A. in 1996 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. in 2002 from DePaul University College of Law.

William S. Hackney is a partner with SmithAmundsen LLC in Chicago, where he focuses on representing debtors, lenders, secured creditors, creditors' committees and trustees, among others, in all manners of chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases, as well as out-of-court workouts and restructurings. He assists financial institutions and cannabis-related businesses on the interaction between state cannabis laws and federal banking and bankruptcy laws, and he acts as outside bankruptcy counsel to a number of corporations, providing general business counseling in distressed situations. In addition, he represents a number of his clients in their FDCPA, FCRA and similar consumer finance defense claims. Mr. Hackney has been listed in *Illinois Super Lawyers* and is a member of ABI and the National Creditors Bar Association, for which he serves as co-editor of its Bankruptcy Section Newsletter. He also is a former Steering Committee member of the Turnaround Management Association and a past co-chair of its Future Leaders Committee, and he is a former member of the Northern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee. Mr. Hackney received his B.A. in 1994 from the University of Illinois and his J.D. in 1997 from St. John's University School of Law.

Hon. G. Michael Halfenger is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, initially appointed on Jan. 11, 2013, and named Chief Judge on Jan. 1, 2019. Previously, he was a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, practicing commercial litigation out of its Milwaukee office. Judge Halfenger received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Lawrence University and his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School. Following law school, he clerked for Hon. Frank H. Easterbrook of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

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.

Anthony J. Kochis is a member of Wolfson Bolton PLLC in Troy, Mich., where his practice primarily focuses on bankruptcy and insolvency. He represents a wide range of parties in chapter 11 and 7 cases, including debtors, creditor committees, secured creditors and bankruptcy trustees. Mr. Kochis is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, and he is an *ex-officio* board member of Access to Bankruptcy Court and a member of the State Bar of Michigan – Litigation Section Governing Council. In addition, he has been named a *Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” from 2010-19. Mr. Kochis received his B.A. from the University of Michigan at Dearborn with high distinction and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Wayne State University School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Nauni Jo Manty is the president of Manty & Associates, P.A. in Minneapolis, which she founded in 2007 after a 15-year career with several prominent law firms. With more than 25 years of legal experience, she focuses her practice on representing creditors in commercial litigation and complex to serve as a chapter 7 panel trustee for the District of Minnesota and chapter 11 operating trustee, administering a farm, mall, gentlemen’s club, restaurant and software company. Ms. Manty received her B.A. from Concordia University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

Charissa Potts is principal attorney with consumer bankruptcy-focused firm Freedom Law, PC in Eastpointe, Mich., which she formed in 2014. She served on the Sixth Circuit Merit Selection Panel and is board-certified by the American Board of Certification. Ms. Potts is a 2019 honoree of ABI’s “40 Under 40” Program. She received her B.A. in philosophy and political science with honors in 2003 from Wayne State University, and her J.D. in 2006 from Wayne State University Law School, following which she interned for Federal Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen of the Eastern District of Michigan.

Claire Ann Richman is a partner in the Madison, Wis., office of Steinhilber Swanson LLP, where she concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, real estate, and commercial and claim litigation. She served on ABI’s Board of Directors, was appointed to the panel of chapter 7 trustees for the Western District of Wisconsin from 2004-11, and was formerly a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees’ New Trustee Advisory Committee. She is also past chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s

Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Section and serves as co-chair of its Legislative Committee. Ms. Richman formerly served as chair of both ABI's Central States Advisory Board and the State Bar of Wisconsin's Convention Committee, and she was a member of the Ethics Committee for the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. She is a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. In 2005, she was recognized as one of the "Top 25 Female SuperLawyers," and she has been named a "SuperLawyer" in *Law & Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine*. Ms. Richman received her B.A. from Marquette University in 1987 and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1993.

Michael P. Richman is a partner at Steinhilber Swanson LLP in Madison, Wis., where he focuses on representing chapter 11 debtors and creditors' committees and advises on virtually every aspect of financial distress and bankruptcy. In a career of more than 40 years, he has appeared as counsel in state and federal courts and, in particular, bankruptcy courts in more than 20 states and territories. Prior to joining Steinhilber Swanson in April 2018, Mr. Richman's legal practice was centered in New York City and the federal, state and bankruptcy courts located in the Southern District of New York (including White Plains) and Delaware. He focuses on the representation of chapter 11 debtors and creditors' committees, and he regularly advises and represents clients in virtually every aspect of financial distress and bankruptcy, including out-of-court restructurings, the prosecution and defense of creditors' rights litigation (including preference and fraudulent-conveyance cases), individual and group secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, purchasers of assets and other parties in interest. He also currently teaches bankruptcy law as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. An active member of ABI, Mr. Richman has served as director (1996-2008), chairman of the board (2006-07) and president (2004-05), and has been a member of its management and executive committees. He is also the founder and a performing member of ABI's house band, the Indubitable Equivalents, which performs at bankruptcy conferences around the country. A frequent speaker and lecturer on bankruptcy law and related topics, Mr. Richman has written and contributed numerous articles on ethics in bankruptcy practice to the *ABI Journal*. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Districts of Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, the Northern District of Illinois, the Western District of Michigan, the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin. He is also admitted to practice in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal, Second, Third, Seventh and Ninth Circuits. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from Vassar College and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar and was awarded the David M. Berger award in honor of Prof. Wolfgang Friedmann for distinction in international law. He also served as managing editor of the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*.

Hon. Michael E. Ridgway is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota in Minneapolis and Fergus Falls, initially sworn in on May 20, 2013, and named Chief Judge on June 21, 2019. He has also presided over cases in the District of North Dakota. In addition, Judge Ridgway has taught a course in bankruptcy the last five years at the University of St. Thomas Law School. From 2006 until his appointment, he served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Trustee Program in Minneapolis. In October 2011, he was among a group of seven U.S. Trustee Program attorneys who received the U.S. Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, the Department of Justice's second-highest award for employee performance, for "Exceptional Work to Address Misconduct and Abusive Practices in the U.S. Bankruptcy System." From 1998-2006, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota. During his tenure there, he represented the interest of the federal government in both civil and criminal matters, including bankruptcy, asset forfeiture

and prosecutions of white-collar fraud cases. Judge Ridgway also has extensive litigation experience, having been in private practice for 17 years; he also served as an elected county prosecutor for over five years. He has prosecuted several bench and jury trials in both the state and federal courts. Judge Ridgway received his undergraduate degree in 1978 from Yankton College and his J.D. in 1981 from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Kesha Tanabe is a bankruptcy attorney with Tanabe Law in Minneapolis and is licensed in North Dakota, Minnesota and New York. She started her career as an assistant attorney general in New York. Prior to starting her own firm about five years ago, Ms. Tanabe was a partner at ASK LLP, Maslon LLP and Faegre Baker Daniels. She is also a professor of bankruptcy law at the University of St. Thomas Law School, a member of the editorial board of the MSBA's *Bankruptcy Bulletin*, a co-founder of the Minnesota Chapter of IWIRC, and Special Projects Leader for ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation Committee. She was recently appointed to serve as a subchapter V trustee in Region 12. Ms. Tanabe is a graduate of the London School of Economics and received her J.D. from Cardozo School of Law.

Hon. Deborah L. Thorne is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on Oct. 22, 2015. Prior to joining the bench, she was a partner in the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where she was a member of its Financial Insolvency and Restructuring Department. Her practice included the representation of creditors and other parties in insolvency proceedings, and she frequently served as a federal equity receiver in commodity fraud cases brought by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In addition, she co-chaired the Women's Initiative for the firm. Judge Thorne is past chair of the Chicago Bar Association Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee and a past member of the Board of Governors and chair of the Bankruptcy Committee for the Seventh Circuit Bar Association. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and previously served as ABI's Vice President-Communications & Information Technology. Judge Thorne is the author of the *Preference Defense Handbook: The Circuits Compared, Third Edition* and a co-author of *Interrupted! Understanding Bankruptcy's Effects on Manufacturing Supply Chains*, both published by ABI. She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, is recognized as a Leading Lawyer in Illinois and has been recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* every year since 2003. Judge Thorne served as chair for seven years of Women Employed, a Chicago nonprofit policy organization focused on improving the lives of low-wage women through enhancing access to post-secondary education and improving job quality. She remains on the Board of Women Employed and as a member of the Governance Committee, and she currently is a mentor to an Evanston Scholar. Judge Thorne received her B.A. from Macalester College, her M.A.T. from Duke University and her J.D. with honors from Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff served as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago from 1987-2015 and as chief judge from 2002-07. A former ABI Chairman and President, he served on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy and devotes his present legal practice exclusively to *pro bono* representations in bankruptcy appeals. Judge Wedoff presided over the chapter 11 reorganization of United Air Lines, was a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules from 2004-14 and served as its chair after 2010. His work on the Rules Committee involved both the implementation of the means test forms and creation of the national form for chapter 13 plans. Judge

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Wedoff was the president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges from 2013-14 and also served as a member of the NCBJ's Board of Governors as its secretary and as chair of its education committee. Judge Wedoff is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, as well as a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He is the author of the chapter on professional employment in Queenan, Hendel and Hillinger, *Chapter 11 Theory and Practice* (LRP Publications 1994) and was an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. Judge Wedoff is a frequent lecturer and served as a member of the Federal Judicial Center's Committee on Bankruptcy Judge Education. In 2016, he received the Judge William L. Norton Jr. Judicial Excellence Award; in 2009, he received the Lawrence P. King Award from the Commercial Law League; and in 1995, he received the Excellence in Education Award from the NCBJ. Judge Wedoff graduated from the college and law school of the University of Chicago.