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Amy A. Aronson is a partner and owner of the firm Aronson & Walsh, P.C. in Vernon Hills, Ill., where she specializes in creditors' rights in consumer bankruptcy cases. After graduation from law school until mid-1996, she represented hundreds of individuals who required bankruptcy relief. After 1996, she began representing creditors. In December 1998, Ms. Aronson co-opened the firm of Aronson & Walsh, P.C., and she simultaneously became associated with the law firm of McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC in Chicago, where she still maintains a position. Over the last several years, she has spoken with the Illinois Continuing Legal Education, the American Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association. Ms. Aronson received her Bachelor's degree in 1987 in government/political science from Lawrence University and her J.D. in 1991 from Drake University, during which time she interned in Baltimore for District Court Judge Howard and assisted in the review of several bankruptcy court appeals.

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 judicial chair of ABI's Seventh Circuit Eugene R. Wedoff Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Membership Services and Marketing Committees, a Seventh Circuit representative-elect of the NCBJ Board of Governors, a board member of the Chicago chapter of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, chair of the Northern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Committee, a board member of Chicago CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) and a member of the Chicago Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee. She is also a frequent speaker for ABI, ABA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and the Turn-around Management Association. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

Deborah J. Caruso is a partner with Rubin & Levin, P.C. in Indianapolis, where she practices in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and business litigation. She is also a chapter 7 panel trustee and represents other trustees in chapter 7 cases, as well as debtors and creditors in business bankruptcy cases and out-of-court workouts. Presently, She is the chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee for ITT Educational Services Inc. and its subsidiaries. Ms. Caruso has litigated business and commercial cases for more than 35 years in state and federal courts. She served as president of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Section of the Indiana State Bar Association and as counsel to the president of the Indiana State Bar Association, and she recently served on the Board of Governors for the Indiana State Bar Association. She is a Fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation. Ms. Caruso is a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and served as counsel to the president of the ISBA, of which she is a member of its board of directors. She is also a frequent lecturer for ICLEF, the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association. Ms. Caruso has been selected as an *Indiana Super Lawyer* each year since 2006 and has been included on the list of *Top 25 Indiana Female Super Lawyers* and *Top 50 Indiana Super Lawyers* most recently for 2018. She has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers of America*, most recently in 2019. Ms. Caruso received her A.B. *cum laude* in 1978 from Indiana University and her J.D. *cum laude* in 1981 from Indiana University Law School.

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Hon. Carol A. Doyle is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on July 26, 1999. She also served as chief judge. Prior to her taking the bench, she was a business and environmental litigation lawyer from 1985-99 at Sidley & Austin, and before that, she clerked for Hon. John A. Nordberg of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Doyle received her B.B.A. with distinction in 1978 from the University of Iowa and her J.D. with distinction in 1982 from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law.

Heather M. Giannino is the managing attorney of the Bankruptcy Department at Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC in Decatur, Ill., where she oversees secured creditors' rights in bankruptcy, foreclosure and related matters. She is a member of ABI and the Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois (BASIL), National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT), American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN), Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) and Decatur Bar Association (DBA). Ms. Giannino co-chairs ABI's Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, is Communications Manager of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, and is a Coordinating Editor for the Consumer Point/Counterpoint column of the *ABI Journal*. She also serves on the board of directors for the Millikin University Alumni Association. Ms. Giannino is licensed to practice in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana. She received her B.S. in accounting and finance *summa cum laude* from Millikin University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Craig Goldblatt is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of WilmerHale and is a bankruptcy litigator with a focus on complex bankruptcy disputes and bankruptcy appeals. The core of his practice involves bankruptcy and insolvency-related trial-level matters and appeals — particularly the representation of financial institutions and other commercial creditors in bankruptcy litigation. Mr. Goldblatt has argued three bankruptcy cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and one before the *en banc* Third Circuit. He has testified before a congressional committee on issues of bankruptcy law and policy, and he has developed a particular expertise on consumer bankruptcy matters, representing several major mortgage servicers, holders of credit card and other unsecured debt, and bankruptcy trustees in a variety of regulatory investigations, bankruptcy disputes and appeals. Mr. Goldblatt is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference and is the chair of the ABA Business Bankruptcy Committee's Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Litigation. He previously chaired the Subcommittees on Bankruptcy Appeals and on Environmental and Mass Tort Claims. Mr. Goldblatt is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and chairs the College's Fourth Circuit Education Committee. He also teaches bankruptcy as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and is a regular speaker at American Bar Association, ABI and other conferences on bankruptcy matters. In addition, he serves on the board of trustees of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Prior to joining WilmerHale, Mr. Goldblatt clerked for Hon. Richard D. Cudahy on the U.S. Court

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Hon. Mary P. Gorman is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of Illinois in Springfield, appointed in September 2005 by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She became Chief Judge in January 2013. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was in private practice, concentrating in bankruptcy and commercial transactions and litigation. Judge Gorman is a past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association and has been active on the Illinois State Bar Association's Task Force on the Unauthorized Practice of Law and the Commercial, Banking, and Bankruptcy Section Council. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, and the Illinois State, Winnebago County, and Sangamon County Bar Associations. From 1999-2003, Judge Gorman was an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at the Northern Illinois University College of Law. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, and the Illinois State, Winnebago County and Sangamon County Bar Associations. Judge Gorman has served on the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and on the Administrative Office's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee. She currently serves as one of the five bankruptcy judge representatives on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and also serves as a liaison to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Judge Gorman graduated with honors from Rosary College (now Dominican University) and attended the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. She graduated with high honors from the University of Illinois College of Law, where she served as a member of its law review and the Order of the Coif.

Karim Guirguis, PMP, CAE, is chief information officer of the American Bankruptcy Institute in Alexandria, Va., the nation's largest association of bankruptcy professionals, comprised of over 12,000 members in multidisciplinary roles, including attorneys, bankers, judges, lenders, professors, turnaround specialists, accountants, auctioneers and others. He oversees ABI's Interactive Media and Technology Department, which is responsible for ABI's website, videos, podcasts, distance-learning programs and multimedia production. Mr. Guirguis provides vision and leadership in transforming and conducting the company's internal and external IT plans. He joined the ABI staff in 2002 after several positions in website architecture and computer animation, most recently with Disney MGM Studios in Florida. Mr. Guirguis's work has earned several awards from his peers, including the prestigious Horizon Award for ABI's video honoring its founders, as well as the Webby Award for his work with Tiffany Inc. and Polo.com. He is a regular presenter on cutting-edge technology issues for professional educators such as the American Society of Association Executives, for which he serves on its technology board. Mr. Guirguis received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Cambridge University in England and his Master's in multimedia and animation from George Mason University, and he is working toward completing an executive M.B.A. program at the Harvard Business School.

Hon. Beth E. Hanan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, 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

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Maria Minor is an attorney, coach, trainer and speaker in Chicago who is fully invested in helping lawyers maximize their potential, achieve success and show up authentically. Through her own career paths in psychology, policy and government, law firm partnership, talent development and business ownership, she has developed the strong belief that the opportunities arising from challenges and successes must be recognized, nurtured and appreciated. Prior to launching her coaching and training practice in 2018, Ms. Minor was a partner in litigation and the director of Recruitment & Development at Neal Gerber Eisenberg. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law.

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Kimberly J. Robinson is a retired commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights attorney in Oak Park, Ill., who retired from private practice in 2015 and now concentrates on various pro bono activities, focusing on the needs of kids, vulnerable women, and those suffering from the debilitating effects of mental health disease. Previously, she started her bankruptcy career as Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff's first law clerk in 1987 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, after which she clerked for Hon. Calvin Ashland of the Ninth Circuit BAP and later for Hon. William Lasarow of the Central District of California. Ms. Robinson spent eight years (1992-2000) with Adelman & Gettleman, three years (2000-03) as head of Sears's Law Department/Bankruptcy Section, and 12 years (2003-15) at Barack, Ferrazzano, Kirschbaum & Nagelberg. She works with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services as a guardian *ad litem*, representing kids in disputes between their guardians and parents, and she is on the pilot panel of the Center for Disability & Elder Law's Mental Health Pro Bono Program. In June 2018, she completed the Lawyer Assistance Program's Volunteer Training to facilitate lawyer interventions. Ms. Robinson is registered for Partner Abuse Intervention Programs Facilitator Training with Sarah's Inn, an Oak Park agency advocating for victims of domestic abuse. She also volunteers with CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) to help provide high school students with practical advice about credit cards, student loans and credit reports. Ms. Robinson received her B.S. from Iowa State University, her Faculty of Laws from the University of London - University College, and her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

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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. He is ABI's immediate past president and sits on the 15-member expert panel for ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. 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 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), has been an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and currently serves as a contributing editor of the *Thomson Reuters Bankruptcy Law Letter*. Judge Wedoff is a frequent lecturer and has 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.