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Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, first appointed in 2005 and serving as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, appointed on Jan. 25, 2001. Judge Carey began his legal career clerking for Hon. Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is the Third Circuit representative on the Administrative Office's Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and a member of the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. Judge Carey is a past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is an ABI Executive Committee member. Judge Carey is a part-time adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program, and is a contributing author to the *Collier Forms Manual* and *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

Hon. Thomas J. Catliota is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt. Prior to his appointment in 2006, he was a partner in the firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman and a member of its insolvency group, where he chaired its bankruptcy and insolvency practice for seven years, representing debtors, creditors and committees in bankruptcy courts across the country and focusing on all aspects of insolvency law, particularly in the real estate, health care, trucking, technology and food services industries. Judge Catliota lectures frequently on many bankruptcy topics, including landlord/tenant rights in bankruptcy, the acquisition of assets from a bankruptcy estate and the law of letters of credit in bankruptcy. From 1993-96, he was the co-editor of *The Fourth Circuit and District of Columbia Bankruptcy Court Reporter*, which contained the full text, synopses and summaries of bankruptcy court opinions published in the federal courts of the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Catliota received his B.S. from Marquette University in 1977, his J.D. from Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in 1983, where he was the recipient of the Faculty Award, among other academic awards, and his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985.

Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark is a partner with Saul Ewing LLP in Baltimore and is experienced in representing debtors, creditors' committees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, landlords, lessors, purchasers of assets, and trustees in complex insolvency proceedings such as chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors. She also represents parties in workouts, restructurings and complex commercial litigation, including fraudulent transfer, deepening insolvency, breach of fiduciary duty and preferential transfer litigation. Ms. Chavez-Ruark is admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia and has experience in state and federal courts throughout the U.S. She serves as an officer and/or director for numerous organizations, including the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association (immediate past president), the Turnaround Management Association (Chesapeake Chapter president-elect), the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (Greater Maryland Network secretary) and the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (secretary). In addition, she is a frequent speaker and author on various bankruptcy subjects. Ms. Chavez-Ruark was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in Business by *The Daily Record* twice, has been named one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Bankruptcy/Restructuring" by *Chambers USA* every year since 2015, has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law since 2013 and has been listed in *Maryland Super Lawyers* since 2010. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her service and commitment to providing pro bono legal representation to Maryland's needy and underrepresented citizens. Ms.

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Kevin P. Clancy, CPA, CIRA, CFF is a partner with CohnReznick Advisory in Edison, N.J., and engages in the financial and economic analysis of insolvent and troubled companies, provides advice in turnaround and crisis situations, counsels purchasers in the acquisition of assets within the bankruptcy arena, and provides expert advice to parties in both civil and criminal litigation matters. He has been involved in dozens of complex forensic accounting and financial investigatory matters, and he has represented various official committees in bankruptcy proceedings, including unsecured creditors, reclamation creditors and asbestos property damage creditors, as well as has testified as an expert witness in numerous bankruptcy and state courts. Mr. Clancy has represented court-appointed trustees, receivers and examiners and has been involved in a large number of high-profile cases, including Madoff, TOUSA, Yellowstone, Ginn/St. Lucie, Chemtura, UMDNJ, Fleming Foods, Federal Mogul, Pittsburgh Corning, Wall Street Deli, ICH (Arby's), Enron and WorldCom. He has written articles on bankruptcy-related topics and financial fraud issues, and has spoken before various professional organizations. Mr. Clancy has been involved in some of the most complex bankruptcies and restructuring cases in the health care industry, dealing with such issues as health insurance fraud investigations, sale-leaseback transactions and bankruptcy remote vehicles. He also is experienced in the financial services, telecommunications, distribution and real estate development industries, and he has more than 20 years of accounting and financial experience in both national and regional public accounting firms, as well as in the private sector. Mr. Clancy received his B.S. in accounting and his J.D. from Catholic University of America.

Jeffrey Cohen is a partner with Lowenstein Sandler LLP in New York, where his practice centers on chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations and related litigation. He advises unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and debtors, particularly in retail bankruptcy and the technology sector. Mr. Cohen has served as counsel to the creditors' committee in several of the most prominent retail and technology chapter 11 cases in the country, notably retail matters such as Vestis (Eastern Mountain Sports, Bob's Stores, Sports Chalet), City Sports, Skymall, Brookstone, Blockbuster Video, Filene's Basement, Allen's, Alexander Gallo Holdings, Signature Styles (dba Spiegel, Newport News and ShapeFx), Archbrook Laguna Holdings, Oriental Trading, Claim Jumper Restaurants, Pizzeria Uno, KB Toys, Lenox China, Sports Collectibles (dba BC Sports), Goody's Family Clothing, Boscov's, Scooter Stores, Wickes Furniture, The Bombay Company, Levitz Furniture, Harvey Electronics, Bachrach Clothing, Rag Shops, Norstan Apparel Shops, Troutman's Emporium, The Walking Co., Vertis Holdings, Velo Holdings, Christopher's Men's Stores, Cornell Trading, Atari, Beyond Oblivion, KIT Digital, Fuhu and HipCricket. He is also a certified bankruptcy mediator and a fee examiner for the U.S. Trustee for Region 3. A member of the ABI, NACM and CRF and a board member of the NYC Bankruptcy Assistance Project, Mr. Cohen received his B.A. in criminal justice and political science from the State University of New York at Albany and his J.D. *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law, during which time he served as the articles editor of the *ABI Law Review*.

Scott D. Cousins is a director with Bayard, P.A. in Wilmington, Del., and has more than 20 years of experience in the restructuring field. He has participated in many of the largest and most complicated business reorganizations, liquidations and distressed sales and acquisitions in Delaware's state and federal courts. He is also experienced in out-of-court restructurings and workouts and has

appeared in many bankruptcy jurisdictions across the country. Mr. Cousins has experience in commercial transactions as a result of his role as in-house counsel for two large energy-related companies. From 2005 to early 2009, he served as general counsel of NextEra Energy Resources LLC, a clean energy company and one of the largest competitive energy suppliers in North America. At NextEra, he oversaw all legal aspects of the company's activities. Before entering private practice in 1996, Mr. Cousins worked in the corporate legal department for The Columbia Gas System, Inc., where he focused primarily on the chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Columbia and its subsidiary, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, until they successfully emerged from bankruptcy protection in 1995. He is AV-Peer Review-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a published author and frequent speaker on issues and developments in bankruptcy and insolvency law. Mr. Cousins has been recognized by *Chambers USA* from 2004-06 and 2010-17 as a leader in bankruptcy and restructuring, and since 2006 has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America* as one of the foremost practitioners in his field. He has also been included in *The International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* since 2011. Mr. Cousins has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* magazine as a *Delaware Super Lawyer* in business bankruptcy each year since 2013, and he authored a chapter on assets dispositions and acquisitions in conjunction with prepackaged plans of reorganization in *Bankruptcy Business Acquisitions* (ABI 1998). He received his B.S. in 1989 from Stockton State College, his M.B.A. from Widener University School of Management in 1992 and his J.D. from Widener University Delaware Law School in 1992.

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Hon. Richard E. Fehling is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Reading, appointed on Feb. 14, 2006. Prior to his appointment, he had been an associate, shareholder, director and general counsel at Stevens & Lee in Reading for nearly 25 years, co-chairing the Stevens & Lee Bankruptcy Group for 17 of those years. Judge Fehling chaired the Pennsylvania Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee from 1992-95, the Berks County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee in 1993 and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's Bankruptcy Conference from 1996-97. He has been a frequent lecturer in bankruptcy, financial distress, litigation and ethics programs. Judge Fehling is a member of the William Strong Inns of Court in Berks County, PA. He received his B.A. from Yale and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The Dickinson School of Law, graduating first in his class.

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Hon. Michael B. Kaplan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey in Trenton, appointed on Oct. 3, 2006. Prior to taking the bench, he served as a standing chapter 13 bankruptcy trustee, as well as an appointed trustee in chapter 7, 11 and 12 cases. Judge Kaplan has spoken to numerous bar associations and business organizations, including the New Jersey Judicial College, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Turnaround Management Association, New York Institute of Credit, Bloomberg, L.P., American Conference Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, National Business Institute and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He is also an adjunct professor at the Newark and Camden campuses of Rutgers University School of Law, has authored several articles relating to bankruptcy issues and is a co-author of West's *Consumer Bankruptcy Manual* and *Consumer Bankruptcy Handbook*. He also serves as an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. Judge Kaplan is the recipient of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees' 2006 Distinguished Service Award and the New Jersey State Bar Association's 1999 Legislative Recognition Award. He has been appointed by the director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to a term as the Third Circuit representative to the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, in addition appointments as the bankruptcy judge representative on both the Human Resources Advisory Council and Budget & Finance Advisory Council to the AOUSC. Judge Kaplan received his A.B. from Georgetown University in 1984 and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1987.

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