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Derek C. Abbott is a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Del., and a member of its Business Reorganization & Restructuring Group. He also chairs the firm's *pro bono* committee and sits on the firm's recruiting committee. Mr. Abbott has represented *Fortune 1000*, local, international and other organizations as lead or Delaware counsel in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation on behalf of debtors, creditors, official and *ad hoc* committees and transactional case constituents. He regularly works with debtors in possession and exit-financing lenders, as well as outside and inside counsel, turnaround professionals, crisis-management firms, and investment and non-investment bank professionals. Mr. Abbott also frequently serves as a mediator in matters related to insolvency and distressed businesses, including both adversary proceedings and case-dispositive matters. In addition, he has served as an expert witness in matters involving restructuring and bankruptcy matters both domestically and internationally. Mr. Abbott's recent client representations include AT&T Inc., General Motors Corp., Quality Care Properties, Philips International, Viacom Inc., TD Bank and Nortel Networks. He has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Law & Politics* magazine and *Delaware Super Lawyers*. In 2016, he was invited to join the 28th Class of Fellows of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2018, he was presented with the Delaware State Bar Association's Access to Justice Commitment Award, which recognized his commitment to *pro bono* work throughout his career. In 2011, he received the Caleb R. Layton III Service Award, presented by the judges of the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Delaware. Mr. Abbott is a member of the American and Delaware State Bar Associations, Turnaround Management Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker. He also serves as legal counsel for a variety of indigent clients through Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. Mr. Abbott received his B.S. in human factors psychology in 1987 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and his J.D. with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1995, where he was an editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Hon. Lisa G. Beckerman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, sworn in on Feb. 26, 2021. From May 1999 until she was appointed to the bench, she was a partner in the financial restructuring group at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. From September 1989 until May 1999, she was an associate and then a partner in the bankruptcy group at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. Prior to her appointment, Judge Beckerman served as a co-chair of the Executive Committee of UJA-Federation of New York's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Group, as co-chair and as a member of the Advisory Board of ABI's New York City Bankruptcy Conference, and as a member of ABI's Board of Directors of from 2013-19. She is a Fellow and a member of the board of directors of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) and the 2021 NCBJ Education Committee. She also is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for Boston University School of Law. Judge Beckerman received her A.B. from University of Chicago in 1984, her M.B.A. from the University of Texas in 1986 and her J.D. from Boston University in 1989.

Kimberly A. Brown is a partner with Landis Rath & Cobb LLP in Wilmington, Del., and concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate bankruptcy and restructuring and bankruptcy litigation. She has worked with the Landis Rath & Cobb team representing chapter 11 debtors, official and unofficial committees, financial institutions, secured lenders and other secured creditors, indenture trustees and bondholders, asset-purchasers, liquidation trusts and other significant creditors, chapter 15 foreign representatives, and other parties in interest in a variety of national bankruptcy cases. Ms. Brown represents clients in a wide range of industries, including retail, food and beverage, oil and

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Hon. Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland in Baltimore, appointed in 2020. Prior to joining the bench, she was a partner in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice group at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP in Baltimore, where she represented debtors, creditors' committees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, landlords, lessors, purchasers of assets and trustees in complex insolvency proceedings, including chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors. She also represented parties in workouts, restructurings and complex commercial litigation, including fraudulent transfer, deepening insolvency, breach of fiduciary duty and preferential transfer litigation. Judge Ruark was admitted to practice in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia and represented clients in state and federal courts throughout the U.S. She is a past president of the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, a member of ABI, a past president of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, a former member of the global executive board for the Turnaround Management Association, and a past president of the *Pro Bono* Resource Center of Maryland. In fall 2022, Judge Ruark received the Turnaround Management Association's Chapter Impact Award for her impact on the TMA Chesapeake Chapter, which is one of 85 chapters worldwide. In spring 2022, the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland honored her with the Mannes Memorial Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has contributed to the betterment of the bar association and the practice of law in Maryland. Judge Ruark was named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers in 2020, and she was also named one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Bankruptcy/Restructuring" by *Chambers USA* from 2015-20, named in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law from 2013-20, and selected for inclusion in *Maryland Super Lawyers* from 2010-20. In addition, in 2009, 2011 and 2020, she was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in Business by *The Daily Record*, and in 2010, she was named one of the *Pro Bono* Resource Center of Maryland's "pro bono stars" for her exemplary service and commitment to providing *pro bono* legal representation to Maryland's underrepresented citizens. In 2006, Judge Ruark earned the first annual Educator of the Year Award by Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service for her *pro bono* service in the State of Maryland. Judge Ruark served on her firm's *Pro Bono* Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Committee for many years, chaired the firm's Minority Attorney Resource Group in 2019 and 2020, and has mentored law students and young lawyers throughout her career. She received both her B.A. in accounting and her M.B.A. from Salisbury University and her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

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Hon. James J. DeLuca, J.S.C. (ret.) is counsel to Harwood Lloyd, LLC in Hackensack, N.J., where his practice focuses on the resolution of commercial, probate, trust and estate disputes through mediation and arbitration as an alternative to traditional litigation. He also provides discovery master services, consultation on case management, development of trial strategy and, in appropriate circumstances, serving as special fiscal agent/receiver. Judge DeLuca was appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in February 2015. He initially served in the Civil Division, and in July 2018, he was reassigned to the Chancery Division, where he served until his retirement in December 2022. While in the Chancery Division, he handled all matters appropriate for the Chancery Division, including general equity matters, probate and guardianship matters and foreclosures. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge DeLuca was a partner with the law firm of Okin, Hollander & DeLuca, LLP in Fort Lee, N.J., where his practice focused on business litigation, bankruptcy, commercial and business transactions, and arbitrations. From 1979-86, he served as associate counsel and then general counsel to a commercial and consumer lender located in Paramus, N.J. He began his legal career at a firm in New York City handling commercial and securities litigation. Judge DeLuca received his B.A. from Queens College (City University of New York) in 1974 and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1977.

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Hon. Craig T. Goldblatt is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, where he has served since his appointment in April 2021. Prior to his appointment, he was a bankruptcy litigator in the Washington, D.C. office of WilmerHale, where his practice primarily involved the representation of financial institutions and other commercial creditors in complex bankruptcy litigation and appeals. Earlier in his career, Judge Goldblatt clerked for Hon. Richard D. Cudahy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Hon. David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a Conferee in the National Bankruptcy Conference (for which he serves as Secretary) and is a vice president of the American College of Bankruptcy. He also has been active on the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section. Judge Goldblatt has served on the Education Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School, where he teaches classes focused on bankruptcy law. He received his Bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University in 1990 and his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1993, where he served as comment editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

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Hon. Elizabeth L. Gunn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., appointed on Sept. 4, 2020. A COVID-era selection and appointment, she was sworn in by Zoom from her living room. Prior to her appointment, Judge Gunn served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia as the sole the bankruptcy specialist for the Division of Child Support Enforcement. She also practiced law in Richmond, Va., at Sands Anderson PC and McGuireWoods LLP. In 2017, Judge Gunn was honored as a member of ABI's inaugural class of "40 Under 40." In 2022, she was recognized by the Bar Association of the District of Columbia as its Judicial Honoree and recipient of the BADC's Suzanne V. Richards Foundation Grant. Judge Gunn serves on the advisory board of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and is a coordinating and associate editor of the *ABI Journal*. In addition, she sits on the boards of the Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, American Bar Association National Conference of Federal Trial Judges and the Chesapeake Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. She also is a member of the Walter Chandler Bankruptcy Inn of Court and is Board Certified in Consumer Law by the American Board of Certification. Judge Gunn received her B.A. *cum laude* from Willamette University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School.

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Hon. Thomas M. Horan is U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, appointed in 2023. He previously practiced law in Wilmington for 18 years, focusing on financial restructuring and bankruptcy litigation. Most recently, Judge Horan had been a member of the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring group at Cozen O'Connor, a national firm headquartered in Philadelphia with a Wilmington office. He joined Cozen in a group-wide 2020 defection from Fox Rothschild, for which he had worked since its own 2018 merger with Wilmington-based Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin. Judge Horan's national practice included representing debtors and official unsecured creditor committees in complex chapter 11 proceedings, and he represented secured creditors and other parties in litigation. He also frequently provided opinion letters on commercial transactions and represented parties before the state's Court of Chancery and Superior Court. Last year, Judge Horan was named to *Lawdragon's* list of the Top 500 U.S. bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers. He also serves on ABI's Board of Directors. Judge Horan received his B.A. in 1989 and his M.A. in 1992 from Fordham University, and his J.D. *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law in 2002, where he was executive notes and comments editor for the *ABI Law Review*.

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