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## **Faculty Biographies**

**Adam M. Back** is a member of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Lexington, Ky., where he advises clients in variety of bankruptcy and insolvency matters. Recently, he successfully argued before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning questions of substantive consolidation and reverse veil-piercing, obtained an order denying confirmation of a chapter 11 plan based on artificial impairment of an unsecured creditor's claim, and was granted summary judgment on liability in a nondischargeability action under § 523(a)(6). He is currently serving as the chapter 11 trustee for various health care clinics in Kentucky. Mr. Back represented a bank holding company in its chapter 11 bankruptcy — the first of its kind in Kentucky courts — through which the the bank was sold via a § 363 sale. He also helped represent the largest secured creditor in one of Kentucky's first chapter 9 cases. Mr. Back is experienced in complex bankruptcy matters as well as workouts and other debtor-creditor negotiations. In addition to his bankruptcy practice, he has an active commercial litigation practice in both federal and state courts and regularly provides counsel concerning federal workforce development issues, including application of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Mr. Back received his B.A. *cum laude* in 199 from Eastern Kentucky University and his J.D. in 2005 from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

**Dan A. Bailey** chairs Bailey Cavalieri LLC's "D&O" practice group in Columbus, Ohio, and represents directors and officers, corporations and insurance companies relating to corporate governance matters. He has been involved in most of the largest D&O lawsuits in the country for more than 25 years. In addition to publishing dozens of articles on the subject, Mr. Bailey co-authored *Liability of Corporate Officers and Directors* (8th ed.), which is cited as the standard treatise on the topic. He received his B.S. *cum laude* in 1975 from Bowling Green State University and his J.D. with honors in 1978 from Ohio State University.

**Michael B. Baker** is a solo practitioner with The Baker Firm PLLC in Fort Mitchell, Ky., and has represented a variety of debtors and creditors in chapter 7, 11 and 13 in the areas of bankruptcy and civil litigation. He also routinely represents chapter 7 trustees. He received his J.D. *cum laude* in 2007 from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

**Stuart P. Brown** is the owner of Stuart P. Brown, PLLC in Covington, Ky., where he focuses on the practice of consumer bankruptcy and general representation of small businesses. Prior to establishing his current office, he was an attorney with O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent in Crestview Hills, Ky. Mr. Brown is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, Northern Kentucky Bar Association and ABI. He has been a regular speaker on the topics of bankruptcy jurisdiction, representation of owners of small businesses in bankruptcy, and the interplay between auctions and bankruptcy sales. Mr. Brown received his B.A. in 1992 from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. in 1997 from Northern Kentucky University.

**Hon. Beth A. Buchanan** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, appointed on May 10, 2011. Prior to her appointment, she was a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC in its Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group, where she practiced exclusively in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency law, representing debtors, creditors' committees, secured lenders and unsecured creditors in numerous complex chapter 7, 11 and 15 bankruptcy proceedings. Prior to obtaining her law degree, Judge Buchanan worked in banking for over eight years with two major financial institutions. She is a member of ABI, the American Bar Association, the Thomas F. Waldron Ameri-

can Bankruptcy Law Forum and the International Womens Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, and she chairs the Chapter 11 Subcommittee and is a member of the Standing Committee of the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee for the Southern District of Ohio. Judge Buchanan received her B.S.B.A. in 1986 from The Ohio State University and her J.D. *summa cum laude* in 1997 from the University of Dayton School of Law.

**Casey M. Cantrell Swartz** is senior counsel in Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP's business restructuring, bankruptcy, and creditor rights practice group in Cincinnati and has substantial experience in bankruptcy, workouts, and restructurings. She currently focuses on business insolvency, creditor rights and chapter 11, but previously handled consumer matters. Ms. Cantrell Swartz clerked for Hon. Beth A. Buchanan and Hon. J. Vincent Aug prior to joining Taft. She is currently studying legal project management methods and is focused on innovation in the delivery of legal services. Ms. Cantrell Swartz serves on the executive committee of the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Institute and is vice president of the Tri-State Association for Corporate Renewal. She previously chaired the judicial liaison committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio at Cincinnati, and she is a past chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee. Ms. Cantrell Swartz graduated from the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) and is a member of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce's WE Lead Class 11.

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**J. Michael Debbeler** is a partner with the Cincinnati law firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He represents lenders in all facets of real estate and asset-based liquidations and workouts. He also represents a wide array of clients with other real estate, banking, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor and commercial litigation issues. Mr. Debbeler has lectured to various groups on a variety of bankruptcy, real estate and creditors' rights issues, and served as a visiting instructor in law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law for a year following his law school graduation. He is admitted to practice in Ohio and Kentucky, all U.S. District Courts in Ohio,

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**Daniel F. Dooley, CTP** is a principal and CEO at Morris Anderson in Chicago, where he manages the firm's distressed business consulting practice. He is an accomplished crisis manager, business operator and debt restructurer. Mr. Dooley has successfully managed numerous projects for middle-market companies and assumed dozens of interim management positions as CEO, CRO and CFO for client companies nationwide. During his career, he has negotiated numerous transactions involving debt restructuring, supplier accommodations and business sales. Mr. Dooley excels in the development and implementation of cost-reduction and restructuring plans, as well as restructuring negotiations between companies and their creditors. He educates company ownership and management on realistic business plans, implementation of cost and liquidity improvements and effective end-game strategies for clients. He also collaborates with management on issues related to turnaround, restructuring plans and business sales. Prior to joining Morris Anderson in 1997, Mr. Dooley served as an executive with several Fortune 500 manufacturers in both general-management and financial-management capacities, including Illinois Tool Works, an industrial manufacturer, and Allied Signal, an automotive electronics and aerospace manufacturer. In 2011, he was honored with the Turnaround Management Association's "Turnaround of the Year - Small Company" award for Analytics, Inc., an independent research laboratory in St. Louis, Mo. He has also served on boards of directors and been a key advisor to corporations and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Dooley is a former board member and vice president of the International Turnaround Management Association, and a contributing author to *The Chief Restructuring Officer's Guide to Bankruptcy: Views from Leading Insolvency Professionals* (ABI 2013). He received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in finance at the Carlson School of Management from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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**Hon. Robert E. Gerber** is Of Counsel with Joseph Hage Aaronson in New York and a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, appointed in 2000 and reappointed in 2014. He assumed recall status in January 2015 and retired in January 2016. Judge Gerber offers services in bankruptcy and commercial arbitration, mediation, fiduciary work and consulting, among others. While on the bench, Judge Gerber presided over a wide variety of chapter 11, chapter 7, chapter 15, § 304 and SIPA cases, including *PSINet*, *Ames Department Stores*, *Global Crossing*, *Adelphia*, *ABIZ*, *Basis Yield Alpha Fund*, *Lyondell Chemical*, *BearingPoint*, *DBSD North America*, *Chemtura*, *Pinnacle Airlines*, *Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt* and *General Motors*. He presided over more than 20 cases with over \$100 million in debt, including 10 with over \$1 billion in debt. Judge Gerber has published roughly 200 opinions, principally in the business bankruptcy and corporate governance areas, and throughout his tenure on the bench was named one of the nation's outstanding bankruptcy judges six times. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced with the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York City, specializing in securities and commercial litigation and, thereafter, bankruptcy litigation and counseling. He is an adjunct professor of law at Columbia Law School (where he teaches Columbia's Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar), a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, and a Fellow in and director of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Gerber earned his B.S. with high honors in industrial engineering from Rutgers University in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Columbia Law School in 1970, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a James Kent Scholar. He then served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-72.

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**Hon. Guy R. Humphrey** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio in Dayton, appointed in 2007. Prior to his appointment, he practiced in the areas of debtor/creditor law, bankruptcy representation, receivership and litigation, representing a broad spectrum of clients, including individual debtors, business debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, committees, and purchasers of assets from financial institutions and bankruptcy estates. That representation spanned many industries, including manufacturing, real estate, lodging, retail, construction, restaurant and food service, transportation, utilities, financial institutions, and equipment sales and leasing. Judge Humphrey is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, the Thomas F. Waldron American Bankruptcy Law Forum, the American Bar Association, the Dayton Bar Association (Foundation Fellow) and the Federal Bar Association, and he has served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit since Jan. 1, 2013. Both as a practitioner and as a judge, Judge Humphrey has been a presenter at numerous legal education seminars and conferences. Since being appointed, he has participated in the University of Dayton School of Law's externship program, as a presenter at the Law and Leadership Institute operated through the University of Dayton, and as a judge for the high school Robert N. Farquhar District Mock Trial Competition. Judge Humphrey received his undergraduate degree from Kent State University and his J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Timothy J. Hurley** is a partner in Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP's Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights group in Cincinnati. He has chaired the group for more than 20 years and played a key role in starting the practice at Taft. He is also a member of the firm's Litigation group. For more than 35 years, Mr. Hurley has represented debtors, creditors, committees, indenture trustees, buyers, landlords, insurance companies and executors both in out-of-court workout agreements and restructurings and in chapter 11 cases throughout the U.S. These representations encompass all types of complex transactions and litigation involving financially distressed businesses and assets and include the negotiation and formulation of out-of-court restructuring arrangements and chapter 11 reorganization plans, the acquisition and sale of assets and claims, the prosecution and defense of preference and fraudulent-conveyance claims and motions related to stay relief, the formation and implementation of credit policies and procedures, and the structuring of loans and other financing arrangements involving debtor-in-possession financing, letters of credit, leasing and floor-planning. Mr. Hurley frequently lectures on debt-restructuring, workouts and bankruptcy matters. His presentations have been broadcast nationally and carried on Court TV, and his articles have been featured in trade magazines and newspapers. He also serves on the executive committee of ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. Mr. Hurley is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and was named a *The Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyer of the Year" in the Litigation - Bankruptcy category in 2016. He was also the first, and currently the only, Cincinnati attorney to be included in *Woodward/White's Best Lawyers* in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law for more than 25 years, and is included in its Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Litigation-Bankruptcy categories. Mr. Hurley has been recognized in every edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, and has been named one of Ohio's Top 100 Lawyers five times and one of Cincinnati's Top 50 Lawyers six times in the *Super Lawyers* edition of *Cincinnati Magazine*. He has also been listed in every *Leading Lawyer* edition of the magazine. Mr. Hurley received his H.A.B. *summa cum laude* in 1973 from Xavier University and his J.D. in 1976 from St. Louis University School of Law, where he was class valedictorian.

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