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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 and former 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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encyclopedias, treatises, law reviews and other cases. One of his opinions was named one of the six best in the nation for 2005. For 20 years (18 editions), Judge Painter was the author of *Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law*, the only textbook on DUI in Ohio. He also co-authored *Ohio Appellate Practice* and wrote four law review articles, 160 articles for other journals, internet biographies of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., William Howard Taft and Warren Harding, and a biography, *William Howard Taft: President and Chief Justice*. His book *Write Well: 25 Rules to Improve Your Business and Professional Writing* was published in 2007, and *The Legal Writer: 40 Rules for the Art of Legal Writing*, which came out in 2003, is now in its fifth edition (2018). As an adjunct professor of law at the U.C. College of Law for 20 years, Judge Painter taught agency and partnership for 13 years and advanced legal writing for seven years. He was named Distinguished Visiting Professor for 2008 and has lectured at more than 260 seminars for the Ohio Judicial College, the Ohio State Bar Association, Professional Education Systems Institute, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and countless firms and bar associations nationwide. In 2008, he traveled to Malaysia as one of four international experts on plain-language legal writing, and in 2010, he spoke at the Fifth International Conference on Administrative Justice in Montreal. Judge Painter received his B.A. from the University of Cincinnati in 1970 and his J.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1973.

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