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Edward A. Bailey is a Standing Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee in Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed by the U.S. Trustee for Region 9, and officially took charge of his office on Oct. 1, 2020. Previously, Mr. Bailey was a creditors' rights attorney for 21 years, representing creditors throughout Ohio and Kentucky. Before entering the creditor world, he was at a general practice firm, where he handled various types of cases including debtor bankruptcy, as well as criminal, domestic and personal-injury matters. Mr. Bailey has been a frequent speaker on bankruptcy law, including at events such as the NACTT National meeting, the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, the Consumer Education Coalition seminars and others, including targeted training and seminars for creditors and clients to educate them on how to handle issues arising out of bankruptcy cases. He has also written articles for many industry journals and publications. Mr. Bailey received his undergraduate degree from Hiram College and his J.D. from Capital University Law School.

Michael B. Baker is a solo practitioner with The Baker Firm, PLLC in Covington, Ky., where his practice focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency and workouts for individuals and small businesses. He also routinely represents chapter 7 trustees in a broad range of issues, including lien avoidance, asset recovery, adversary proceedings and appellate work. Previously, Mr. Baker was an attorney with Ziegler & Schneider, PSC. He received his B.A. in English in 1998 from Northern Kentucky University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2007 from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Michael L. Baker practices with the firm of Ziegler & Schneider, P.S.C. in Cincinnati. He has handled both individual consumer and complicated business issues in and out of bankruptcy. Mr. Baker has represented people filing chapters 7, 13, 12 and 11. In addition, he has represented credit unions and financial institutions, as well as individuals who are creditors of those who seek protection in bankruptcy court, and he has represented creditors' committees in chapter 11 proceedings. In addition, Mr. Baker has served as a panel chapter 7 trustee in the Eastern District of Kentucky since 1984. He also has chaired the annual Bankruptcy Seminar for the Northern Kentucky Bar Association for several years and currently serves on the advisory board of ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. A frequent speaker, he is admitted to practice in Kentucky and Ohio. Mr. Baker co-authored an article entitled "Title Examinations in Kentucky," which has been published by the Kentucky Bar Association, as well as "The Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee and the Bankruptcy Estate," published by the University of Kentucky in its *Consumer Bankruptcy Practices in Kentucky, Chapter 7 Practice* series. In addition, he authored an article for the Kentucky Bench and Bar titled, "Means Testing - Do the Numbers Add Up?," which was published in the July 2011 issue. He also is a founding member of the Bankruptcy Section of both the Northern Kentucky Bar Association (NKBA) and the Kentucky Bar Association. Mr. Baker received his undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville and his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Edward J. Boll, III is Of Counsel with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati. He is a creditors' rights attorney and a trusted advisor to the default servicing industry. Mr. Boll has experience representing secured and unsecured creditors in chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13, and he frequently speaks and advocates for clients at national and local court and industry conferences, including those sponsored by the Mortgage Bankers Association and ABI, for which he serves on the advisory board of its Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. He also offers on-site client training to provide strategic and practical advice to better help clients evaluate risk, offer compliance solutions, and make systemic changes to

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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. Before attending law school, Judge Buchanan worked in banking for more than eight years with two major financial institutions. She is a member of ABI, the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association's Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Thomas F. Waldron American Bankruptcy Law Forum, and she is the chairperson of the Local Bankruptcy Rules Standing Committee for the Southern District of Ohio. She also served on the Sixth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel from 2018-20. 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.

Margaret A. Burks is the chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, appointed in July 1992. Previously, she clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Vincent Aug, Jr. from 1988-91 and was counsel to PNC Bank in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law. Ms. Burks chaired the CBA Bankruptcy Committee, is a past president of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and a former co-chair of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. She received her B.S. and B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1985, where she was a member of its law review.

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Michael A. Cox is a member-owner of Guerrieri, Cox & Associates, LLC in Columbus, Ohio, which he founded and manages. He helps consumers and small businesses maximize the debt relief available in chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcies, and he assists homeowners with avoiding junior mortgages and judgment liens, and helps stop garnishments, foreclosures, evictions, utility shut-offs, repossessions and driver's license suspensions. Mr. Cox helps clients avoid bankruptcy with loan modifications and assists them with foreclosure defense/mediation. He also has assisted corporations with obtaining judicial dissolution through receivership and focused on helping business owners recover from business setbacks. Previously, Mr. Cox was a member-owner of High Street Holdings, LLC, a real estate holding company that he divested in late 2013. He received his B.A. in chemistry and political science in 1999 from The Ohio State University and his J.D. in 2002 from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Hon. Scott W. Dales is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, initially appointed in 2007 and named Chief Judge in 2013. In 2016, the Chief Justice appointed him to serve on the Information Technology Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and in 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals appointed him to serve on the Sixth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Following law school, Judge Dales clerked for Hon. Constantine G. Cholakis, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and subsequently practiced law for several years with Barrett Gravante Carpinello & Stern in Albany, N.Y. After clerking for Hon. James D. Gregg, Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan, and prior to taking the bench, he practiced law with Dykema Gossett, PLLC in Grand Rapids and served as in-house counsel to National City Corp. and its bank and nonbank subsidiaries. As a member of National City's insolvency practice group, he worked primarily with distressed commercial transactions, including National City's aircraft lease portfolio and troubled automotive-supplier loans. Prior to attending law school, he served as a legislative analyst for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac). Judge Dales received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1987 and his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Patricia J. Friesinger is an attorney with Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A. in Dayton, Ohio, and has more than 20 years of experience helping business and corporate clients preserve assets and overcome financial challenges. She handles complex business disputes, asset-protection, out-of-court debt restructurings, creditor/debtor rights and bankruptcy. Ms. Friesinger represents clients in the purchase and sale of distressed assets through Article 9 sales, foreclosures, receiverships and § 363 bankruptcy sales. She also handles traditional corporate matters (such as acquisitions, dispositions, recapitalizations and finance transactions) and complex financial restructuring, which she accomplishes through negotiation and litigation. In her practice, Ms. Friesinger represents chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees, unsecured creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors in chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13, and debtors in chapters 7 and 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. She is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, and in January 2019, she became a chapter 7 panel trustee. Mr. Friesinger is a member of ABI and the American Bar Association's Bankruptcy Court Structure and Insolvency Process Committee, Thomas F. Waldron American Bankruptcy Law Forum, Dayton Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association and the Inn of Court. She also is an advisory board member of ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar. Ms. Friesinger received her B.A. in 1997 from the University of Toledo and her J.D. in 2000 from the University of Toledo College of Law.

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Hon. John E. Hoffman, Jr. is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus, initially appointed in 2000 and named Chief Judge in October 2021. Previously, he was a partner in the Columbus office of Arter & Hadden LLP, where he practiced primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation, focusing on the representation of chapter 11 debtors and creditors' committees. He joined Arter & Hadden in 1989 after completing a judicial clerkship with Hon. R. Guy Cole, Jr., formerly a bankruptcy judge and now Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Chief Judge Hoffman has been involved in several national and local organizations dedicated to improving the administration of the bankruptcy system and the practice of law in the bankruptcy courts. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and he has served the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges as a member and chair of its Endowment for Education, as a member and chair of its Education Committee, and as a member of its Board of Governors. Chief Judge Hoffman is actively involved with The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law as both an adjunct professor of business bankruptcy and a member of its National Council. He is the 2015 recipient of its William K. Thomas Distinguished Jurist Award and the 2016 recipient of its Public Interest Law Foundation's Excellence in Public Service Award. Chief Judge Hoffman also has worked to make legal services available to those who cannot afford them, having served on the Board of Trustees for The Legal Aid Society of Columbus from 1995–2000. He received the Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a judge from the Columbus Bar Association and Columbus Bar Foundation in 2012, and in 2015 he was presented with the Ohio State Bar Association's John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award, which is given in recognition of "exceptional volunteer service by a lawyer that advances the common good of the people of Ohio." Judge Hoffman received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Wheeling Jesuit University in 1980 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1983.

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 served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit from 2013-18. In addition, he has served as a member of the Local Bank-

ruptcy Rules Committee, the Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference Committee (Chair 2015-19) and the Complex Chapter 11 Procedures working group for the district. Both as a practitioner and as a judge, Judge Humphrey has been a presenter at numerous legal education seminars and conferences and has served as a mediator for many contested matters and proceedings. He also has enjoyed hosting many legal externs in his chambers and serving 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 Bankruptcy and Restructuring group in Cincinnati. He has chaired the group for more than 30 years and played a key role in starting the practice at Taft. He is also a member of the firm's Litigation team. For more than 45 years, Mr. Hurley has represented clients in a wide variety of complex business transactions and complex litigation. He has represented debtors, creditors, committees, indenture trustees, buyers, landlords, insurance companies and executors, in both 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, including those involving financially distressed businesses and assets and 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 served on the advisory board of ABI's Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar for more than 20 years. He recently served on the Mediation Project Committee appointed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio to assist the court in developing and adopting mediation rules, procedures and forms for the district. Mr. Hurley rated AV-Preeminent by LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell. In addition, he was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2016 as "Lawyer of the Year" in the Litigation – Bankruptcy category. He has been included in *Best Lawyers* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law longer than any other Cincinnati attorney. He is also included in *Best Lawyers* for the Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Bankruptcy categories. Mr. Hurley also is recognized in every edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, where he is listed in Band 1 of Ohio's Business Restructuring & Bankruptcy lawyers. He also 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* and as a Leading Lawyer in every edition of *Cincy 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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He also was named one of *Louisville Business First's* Forty Under 40 in 2019 and was selected for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation Program in 2018. In addition, Mr. Irving received the Chicago Bar Association's Exceptional Young Lawyer Award in 2013. His experience with matters of juvenile justice through his *pro bono* work has led to opportunities to teach CLEs and edit publications on the subject for the American Bar Association. He received his B.A. in 2005 in history and political science from Williams College and his J.D. in 2008 from Vanderbilt University Law School.

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