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Hon. Karen Arnold-Burger is a U.S. Court of Appeals Judge with the Kansas Court of Appeals in Topeka, sworn in in February 2011 after serving 20 years as the presiding judge of the Overland Park Municipal Court. She previously served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas. Judge Arnold-Burger has presented programs throughout her career to judges, lawyers and community groups around the state and the country on a wide range of topics. The ABA presented her with the Burnham “Hod” Greeley Award in 2015 for her tireless work promoting the public understanding of the role of the judiciary in a democratic society and the importance of the rule of law. In 2016, the National Judicial College presented her with the Payant Award for excellence in teaching. Also in 2016, the Kansas Bar Association honored her with its highest award, the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service to the legal profession. Judge Arnold-Burger has been presenting programs nationally related to racial profiling and bias since 2000. In 2018, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court to chair the statewide Pretrial Justice Task Force. Judge Arnold-Burger received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas.

Richard T. Arrowsmith is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal’s Healthcare Industry Group in Washington, D.C. He specializes in turnaround and restructuring advisory on behalf of senior lenders, and his primary areas of concentration are sub-acute care, dental and laboratory companies. Most recently Mr. Arrowsmith served as CRO for Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Inc., an esoteric laboratory testing company operating under chapter 11 bankruptcy protection located in Richmond, Va. (E.D. Va., Case No. 15-32919-KRH). Additionally, he is acting as creditor advisor in the wind-down and sale of Atherotech Inc., based in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Arrowsmith’s notable assignments include leading the restructuring efforts on behalf of GE Healthcare related to its \$600 million loan portfolio to Sunwest Management and affiliates, a multi-state-assisted living owner and operator that filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2009. He also led the chapter 11 process for the Highgate Management portfolio of nursing homes through an extended § 363 sale and New York State licensure process. Mr. Arrowsmith has worked with clients across various industries, including dental, managed care, senior living, skilled nursing and other subacute platforms, as well as many commercial real estate and equipment leasing portfolios. Additionally, he led the restructuring of the Devonshire CCRC in Palm Beach Gardens, a \$160 million senior secured credit facility acquired from Merrill Lynch Capital. From 2001 until 2012, Mr. Arrowsmith was a senior vice president in the Special Assets Group of GE Capital’s Healthcare Financial Services division, where he led many restructuring and workout efforts for cash-flow, asset-based equipment leases and real estate secured loans. He received his bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Maryland and his M.S. from American University.

Alane A. Becket is an AV-rated attorney and managing partner of Becket & Lee LLP, a Malvern, Pa., law firm providing comprehensive nationwide representation of financial institutions in bankruptcy matters, with a focus on consumer lenders and debt-purchasers. In addition to client and industry relations, she focuses on litigation strategy, and Becket & Lee has been lead or co-counsel in some of the most influential decisions in consumer bankruptcy over the last 20 years. In addition to her duties at the firm, Ms. Becket is ABI’s President-Elect, and she formerly chaired its Consumer Committee and has served on its Board since 2009, most recently as Vice President-Publications. She is currently co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section and of the Professional Standards and Grievance Committees of the National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA), and is a member of the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT). Ms. Becket has written and lectured extensively on consumer bankruptcy issues for a variety of professional organizations, including ABI, the Federal Judicial Conference, NACTT, NABT, *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, NCBA, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and

a host of local and regional organizations. She also served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Ms. Becket graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

Mark T. Benedict is a partner with Husch Blackwell LLP in Kansas City, Mo., and has more than 20 years of experience in the bankruptcy and insolvency field. He is a member of the firm's Food and Agribusiness Strategic Business Unit and regularly represents clients in distressed mergers and acquisitions, including sales through bankruptcy. Over the last 15 years, Mr. Benedict has been extensively involved in the purchase and sale of grocery stores throughout the U.S., largely representing buyers in the industry. He also represents national banks and national asset-based lenders. Mr. Benedict began his career as a law clerk to Hon. Frank W. Koger, and has been with Husch Blackwell LLP for 21 years. He received his J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Dr. William K. Black is an associate professor of economics and law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in Kansas City, Mo., where he teaches white-collar crime, public finance, antitrust, law and economics, and Latin American development. He previously was the executive director of the Institute for Fraud Prevention from 2005-07, and he taught at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and at Santa Clara University, where he was also the distinguished scholar in residence for insurance law and a visiting scholar at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. Dr. Black was litigation director of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, deputy director of the FSLIC, SVP and general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, and senior deputy chief counsel of the Office of Thrift Supervision. In addition, he was deputy director of the National Commission on Financial Institution Reform, Recovery and Enforcement. Dr. Black authored *The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One* (University of Texas Press 2005) and recently helped the World Bank develop anti-corruption initiatives. He also served as an expert for OFHEO in its enforcement action against Fannie Mae's former senior management. Dr. Black received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine.

Hon. William H. Brown retired in 2006 as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee and resides in Carbondale, Colo. During his career on the bench, he had been designated to sit in the Middle District of Tennessee, Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of Michigan and Western District of Kentucky. He also served a four-year term on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit from 1999-2002. Judge Brown has since focused his professional activities on legal consulting engagements by attorneys and financial professionals on issues involving bankruptcy and commercial law, expert testimony, mediation and other alternate dispute resolution, as well as teaching and speaking. He has testified as an expert witness in bankruptcy court proceedings, has acted as a mediator in bankruptcy-related disputes, and has conducted mock trials. In 2011, Judge Brown received the Excellence in Education award from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and in 2012, he received the Judicial Excellence Award from ABI and Thomson Reuters. He is a member of ABI, having served on its Board and Executive Committee, and is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He served as co-director of ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy, which issued its Final Report in April 2019. Judge Brown is the author or co-author of several texts, including *Consumer Bankruptcy Law: Chapter 7 and 13*, a monograph published by the Federal Judicial Center in 2014; *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*; *2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis 1st and 2d editions*; and *Bankruptcy and Domestic Relations Manual, The Law of Debtors and Credi-*

tors, as well as bankruptcy form books, all published by Thomson Reuters. He is also a principal contributing editor for *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 3rd*, published by Thomson Reuters. Judge Brown prepares a quarterly update of consumer cases for the Federal Judicial Center and is a speaker at the Federal Judicial Center's annual seminars for bankruptcy judges. He also speaks regularly at seminars throughout the U.S. on consumer and other bankruptcy topics. Judge Brown received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Mark A. Craige is a shareholder and director with the law firm of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Okla., where he focuses his practice on insolvency, reorganization and related areas with emphasis on chapter 11 reorganizations, business chapter 7 cases, bankruptcy litigation and receiverships. As counsel of record for more than 30 reported cases on bankruptcy law issues, Mr. Craige is regarded as a leading authority in the legal bankruptcy arena. He has been Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification for more than two decades, and served as a member of its board of directors for more than 15 years, having held various offices including president and chairman. One of only six Oklahoma members, Mr. Craige was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2000. He has also been an active member of ABI for more than 25 years and worked on several of its committees. Mr. Craige has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2009 and *Super Lawyers* since 2006. He is a frequent writer and lecturer on bankruptcy and insolvency topics, and in 1998, he received the Oklahoma Bar Association's Earl Sneed award as the outstanding contributor to continuing legal education in the state of Oklahoma. Mr. Craige received his B.S. *cum laude* from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and his J.D. from the University of Tulsa Law School.

John J. Cruciani, CPA is a partner with the Kansas City, Mo., office of Husch Blackwell LLP, where he practices in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency, creditors' rights and commercial litigation. He is the leader of its Insolvency & Commercial Bankruptcy team. Mr. Cruciani is Board Certified in Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification (ABC), and he previously served on its board of directors. Mr. Cruciani was a contributing author for the bankruptcy treatise *Small Business Bankruptcy Reorganization* (John Wiley & Sons Inc. 1994) and has published articles on bankruptcy matters for various publications. He has been a speaker for programs for the Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute and other organizations in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency, and in 2018, he chaired the Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute's advisory board. Mr. Cruciani has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law since 2009, and was named the 2014 and the 2018 Lawyer of the Year in Kansas City for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law. In March 2019, he was inducted as a Fellow in the 30th class of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Cruciani received his J.D. in 1994 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

James Cullen is a middle-market restructuring and financial advisor with Steeplechase Advisors, LLC in Minnetonka, Minn., where he specializes in turnarounds, business transitions, reorganizations and transactions. He has experience in agricultural operations and in maximizing value for stakeholder in farming operations. Mr. Cullen serves in agricultural advisory and operational roles for farm operations and financial institutions (as CEO, COO and CRO), and as a court-appointed receiver to evaluate strategic alternatives and develop and execute business plans and transactions for stakehold-

ers. He has managed and led more than 100 middle-market business transitions and reorganizations, and has advised as an investment banker on over \$1 billion of transactions inside and outside of formal bankruptcy and court processes in multiple jurisdictions. His agricultural cases include 8,000+ cattle operations, 50,000+ acre farming operations, 2,000-acre aquaculture catfish farming and equestrian operations. Mr. Cullen has spoken frequently and given continuing legal education seminars throughout the U.S. He is also a member of the TMA and ACG. Mr. Cullen holds dual Irish/U.S. citizenship and received his Bachelor of Business Studies (Hons) from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

Diana S. Daugherty is the standing chapter 13 trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, appointed on March 1, 2017. Previously, she clerked at the Missouri Court of Appeals for three years and held the position of staff attorney for John V. LaBarge, Jr., the standing chapter 13 trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri from 1980-2017. Ms. Daugherty has served on the bankruptcy rules committee for the Eastern District of Missouri and was the 2008 recipient of the Missouri Bar's Roser Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy Practice. She received her J.D. from St. Louis University Law School in 1987.

Daniel F. Dooley, CTP is a principal and CEO at MorrisAnderson 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 is experienced 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, and he specializes in the automotive, aerospace, capital equipment, metals, health care, transportation, food, distribution, oil and gas and real estate industries. 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 non-profit organizations. Mr. Dooley is a former board member of the Turnaround Management Association and former president of its Chicago chapter, and he sits on ABI's Board of Directors. He is also a contributing author to *The Chief Restructuring Officer's Guide to Bankruptcy: Views from Leading Insolvency Professionals* (ABI 2013). Mr. Dooley received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in finance at the Carlson School of Management from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Hon. Dennis R. Dow is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Nov. 10, 2003, by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, where he represented trustees in chapter 7 cases involving significant assets, individual and corporate debtors in proceedings under chapters 7 and 11, and secured, unsecured and priority creditors and lessors in chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases,

and had been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law every year since 1995. He also tried numerous adversary proceedings and contested matters, including preference actions, objections to discharge, dischargeability complaints and objections to confirmation of chapter 11 plans. Judge Dow is a member of ABI and the Missouri Bar and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, inducted in March 2013, and was selected in November 2014 to become a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He also is a member of the board of governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and serves as a member of the faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute. Judge Dow is a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel and was appointed in October 2014 to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules, then appointed in 2018 to chair the committee. He received his B.A. with honors from the University of Wyoming and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law, where he was notes editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Hon. Brian T. Fenimore is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Aug. 31, 2017. Previously, he was a partner in the Kansas City, Mo., office of Lathrop & Gage LLP for more than 20 years and co-chaired its Banking & Creditors' Rights practice area, representing debtors, creditors and many other parties in interest. He also represented borrowers and lenders in problem loan matters, including loan enforcement, guarantor liability, workouts, reorganizations and bankruptcies throughout the U.S. Judge Fenimore is admitted to practice in Kansas and Missouri, and before the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri and the District of Kansas, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the District of Kansas and the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* every year since 2003, among other listings. He is also a frequent speaker and ABI member. Judge Fenimore received his B.S. *magna cum laude* in 1988 in agricultural economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his J.D. in 1990 from the University of Michigan Law School, after which he clerked for Hon. Arthur B. Federman.

Ashley B. Garr is underwriting counsel with First American Title Insurance Company for Kansas and Missouri, located in Leawood, Kan. She was formerly a senior associate attorney with Southlaw, P.C. in Overland Park, Kan., where she had practiced since 2008 focusing on creditor rights, primarily in consumer bankruptcy. She is licensed to practice law in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and in the federal courts of Nebraska. Ms. Garr received her undergraduate degree from Pittsburg State University and her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Michael P. Gaughan is a member of Lewis Rice LLC in Shawnee Mission, Kan., where his practice focuses on protecting the rights of creditors nationwide with an emphasis on the representation of secured creditors, such as commercial lenders, automobile lenders, banks, credit unions, businesses and mortgage-servicing companies. He is admitted to the state courts in Missouri and Kansas and the federal courts in all districts in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. He is also admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, where he argued a case on behalf of a national auto lender in 1997. Mr. Gaughan is regularly recognized by rating services and his peers for his skills as a litigation attorney. He was selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* from 2005-09 and in *Corporate Counsel Super Lawyer* from 2009-10. Mr. Gaughan is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He received his B.B.A. in 1980 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Hon. Shon Hastings is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of North Dakota in Fargo, appointed in September 2011. She is also designated to preside over bankruptcy cases in the District of Nebraska and the District of Minnesota. Judge Hastings began hearing cases in the District of Nebraska in early 2014 and is currently assigned 20 percent of chapter 7, 11 and 12 bankruptcy cases in Nebraska. She also serves as a mediator for bankruptcy cases in the District of Minnesota. Prior to her appointment, Judge Hastings served as a federal judicial law clerk for two years, associate attorney for a civil litigation firm in Minneapolis for several years and Assistant U.S. Attorney in Fargo for almost 14 years. She was appointed Chief of the Civil Division in January 2009. While working as an AUSA, Judge Hastings served on several Department of Justice working groups, and she frequently spoke on financial litigation issues as a faculty member at the DOJ National Advocacy Center. She received her undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of North Dakota.

Marcus A. Helt is a partner with Foley Gardere in Dallas and chairs the firm's Texas Bankruptcy Practice. He has a national debtor-focused bankruptcy practice, primarily consisting of the restructuring of companies in and out of bankruptcy, debtors' rights, debtor-in-possession financiers, and acquisitions of distressed assets and companies. Mr. Helt's clients are increasingly coming from the energy sector. He has served as court-appointed receiver of Sethi Petroleum LLC, a company engaged in the acquisition of nonoperating mineral interests, and he has also represented the unsecured creditors' committee of Mid-States Supply Company, Inc., an oil-field supply company, in its chapter 11 proceeding. In addition, he represented the unsecured creditors' committee in Moore Medical Center LLC, resulting in a § 363 sale of its assets and corresponding liquidation, and he was counsel to Brook Mays Music Co. in the § 363 sale of all of its assets and corresponding liquidation. He also served as co-counsel to the unsecured creditors' committee in Farmland Industries Inc., resulting in plan confirmation and full payout plus interest to unsecured creditors. Mr. Helt has represented a number of debtors as well in out-of-court debt-restructurings. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Kansas and Missouri Bars, and of the John C. Ford American Inn of Court. In addition, he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2012-18), and in *IFLR1000* for Banking & Financial Restructuring (2018). He also was recognized by The M&A Advisor at the 12th Annual Turnaround Awards for Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (2017) and recognized as a "Texas Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2007-09, 2011-14). Mr. Helt received his B.S. in 1995 *magna cum laude* from Missouri State University, where he was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society, and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 2000 from St. Louis University School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Woolsack and a dean's scholar.

Thomas M. Horan is a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP in Wilmington, Del., in its Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy group. He frequently represents committees, debtors, secured lenders, trustees and unsecured creditors in complex chapter 11 cases. He also represents parties in litigation before Delaware's Court of Chancery and Superior Court, and prepares opinion letters connected to Delaware transactions. His practice is divided between lead counsel roles and Delaware counsel engagements. Mr. Horan is ABI's Vice President-Communications & Information Technology, co-chair of ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, and is on the advisory board of ABI's Views from the Bench conference. He is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Prior to joining Fox Rothschild in June 2018 via a merger with his prior firm, Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin LLC, Mr. Horan was a partner in Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP's Wilmington, Del., office and an associate at Morris James LLP. He received his B.A. in 1989 and his M.A. in 1992 from Fordham University, and his

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Robert T. Kugler is a partner with Stinson LLP in Minneapolis, where he represents commercial businesses and individual tort claimants. He has experience litigating insurance issues, fraud, breach of duty and other business torts. Mr. Kugler works with creditors, shareholders, governance boards, trustees and others in a wide array of bankruptcy proceedings. He has experience in agribusiness, real estate, mining and other industries, and he represents clients in bankruptcy and other litigation, including creditors, lenders, lessors, developers, manufacturers and retailers in complex commercial and insurance litigation nationwide. Mr. Kugler is a leader in the representation of survivors of sexual abuse in enforcing their claims in bankruptcy. He secured the largest-ever recovery in a Catholic diocese bankruptcy in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis case (\$210 million). Additionally, he has represented survivor committees in the bankruptcy cases of the Crosier Order, the Diocese of Duluth, the Diocese of New Ulm, the Diocese of Winona/Rochester and the Archdiocese of Agaña (Guam). Mr. Kugler has successfully represented multiple lenders facing more than \$3 billion in claims in a fraud case. Following a multi-day trial, he recently successfully represented a chapter 7 trustee sued for intentional fraud and fraudulent conveyance, defeating the \$5.5 million claim on all counts, and he won a \$7.2 million breach-of-fiduciary-duties verdict against the former trustee of a liquidating trust. Mr. Kugler is admitted to practice in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the U.S. District Courts for the District of Minnesota, Northern District of California and Western District of Wisconsin, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He received his B.A. in 1985 from Gustavus Adolphus College and his J.D. in 1988 from William Mitchell College of Law.

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Kathleen A. Laughlin is the standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Nebraska in Omaha and has served since 1986. She administers all chapter 13 bankruptcies filed in the federal district of Nebraska. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Laughlin's legal experience included clerking for Hon. Timothy J. Mahoney of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska, founding her own law firm, and working at the Douglas County Attorney's Office and as the Legal Aid Society in Omaha. Prior to law school, she was a social worker. Her background also includes psychosocial and cancer genetic research at Creighton University School of Medicine and the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. In addition, she was also a professor of social welfare, and a medical social worker and administrator for 10 years. Ms. Laughlin is a member of the Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas Bar Associations, the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and ABI. She received her B.S. from Duchesne College of the Sacred Heart and the University of Omaha, her Master's in social work in 1971 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and her J.D. in 1982 from Creighton University School of Law.

Hon. Cynthia L. Martin is an appeals court judge, appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District in Kansas City in October 2009. Prior to her appointment, Judge Martin was in private practice for 25 years as a commercial trial and transactional lawyer, and was repeatedly recognized as one of the "Best of the Bar" and as a Missouri and Kansas "Super Lawyer." Judge Martin has served as president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, president of the KCMBA and president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation. She has served on several Missouri Bar and Supreme Court committees, including the Committee Reviewing Specialization, the Committee Reviewing the Independence of the Judiciary, the Task Force on Professionalism, the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Methods of Conducting and Grading the Bar Examination, the Ad Hoc Committee on E-Discovery, and the Commission on Civil Justice Reform. Judge Martin served on the Missouri Board of Law Examiners from 2001-11 and was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the National Conference of Bar Examiners in August 2011. She has received the Association for Women Lawyers Woman of the Year Award, the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Public Official/Women's Justice Award, the KCMBA's Joseph E. Stevens, Jr. Aspire to Excellence Award, and Liberty and Justice Legacy Award, the Missouri Bar's Theodore McMillian Judicial Excellence Award, and the Smithson Spurgeon Award. Judge Martin received her undergraduate degree from William Jewell College and her J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

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peals, the Eastern District Court of Appeals and in state courts in approximately 30 counties throughout western Missouri and Kansas. He became Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification in October 2017. Mr. McCormack received his bachelor's degree in 2000 from Rockhurst University and his J.D. in 2003 from Saint Louis University.

Hon. Terrence L. Michael is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma in Tulsa and a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit. He has authored more than 100 published opinions, as well as articles in the *Tulsa Law Review*, *Texas Tech Law Review* and *Creighton Law Review*. Judge Michael is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Tulsa and has served as a speaker at various seminars presented by the Federal Judicial Center, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Judicial Conferences of the Eighth and Tenth Circuits, ABI, the Nebraska State Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Tulsa County Bar Association, the West Texas Bar Association and the Southwest Regional Turnaround Management Association. He also has appeared in numerous local theater productions and was part of a multi-state select choir, which sang in Carnegie Hall. Judge Michael received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in history from Doane College in 1980 and his J.D. from the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law in 1983.

Jill D. Olsen is a solo practitioner at The Olsen Law Firm, LLC in Kansas City, Mo., practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, collections and commercial litigation. She represents both creditors and debtors and is a chapter 7 panel trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri. Ms. Olsen is admitted to practice in Missouri, Kansas, the Western District of Missouri and the District of Kansas, as well as in the Eighth and Tenth Circuits. She was on the Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Committee for the District of Kansas and the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee for the Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Court. Ms. Olsen is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Association of Women Lawyers, Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar Association, Topeka Area Bankruptcy Counsel, ABI, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and the Turnaround Management Association, and she is chair of the Kansas City Women's Bankruptcy Association and co-chair of ABI's Midwest Bankruptcy Institute. She received her J.D. with honors in 2000 from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law.

Joseph A. Peiffer is the founder of Ag & Business Legal Strategies in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During the farm crisis of the 1980s, he clerked for Hon. William Thinnes, the busiest farm bankruptcy judge in the U.S. Mr. Peiffer has represented family farmers in debt restructuring and bankruptcy since his clerkship helping farmers preserve assets and minimize taxes. He works to improve bankruptcy laws as they relate to farmers, having suggested to Congress the chapter 12 tax de-prioritization and increased chapter 12 debt limits that make chapter 12 more accessible and effective for family farmers. Mr. Peiffer received his undergraduate degree in agriculture from Iowa State University and his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Nancy A. Peterman is chair of Greenberg Traurig, LLP's Restructuring & Bankruptcy Practice in Chicago and has more than 25 years of experience focusing her practice on complex corporate restructurings and M&A transactions involving special situations and distressed companies, whether implemented in court or out of court. She has represented private-equity funds, debtors, sellers, pur-

chasers, investor groups and creditors in these matters. Ms. Peterman has played central roles in numerous health care cases and was instrumental in enacting the health care bankruptcy provisions of the 2005 amendments to the Bankruptcy Code. She also has lectured and spoken extensively on health care bankruptcy issues. Ms. Peterman is a former member of ABI's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She was co-editor in chief of the *Wiley Bankruptcy Law Update*, assistant editor for West's *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice* treatise, and an assistant editor and a contributing author for *ABI's Health Care Insolvency Manual*. Ms. Peterman is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, and is listed in *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. She received both her undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of Michigan.

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Hon. Charles E. “Sketch” Rendlen, III is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, appointed to a 14-year term on May 23, 2006. He was also appointed as a *pro tem* member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in August 2010 and served as a member of the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council. Judge Rendlen previously was in private practice as a litigator for 28 years and served as the firm’s managing partner for 13 years. In June 2003, he was appointed by the Attorney General to serve as a U.S. Trustee for Region 13, which is comprised of Arkansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Judge Rendlen graduated *magna cum laude* from William Jewell College in 1972 and received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1976.

Hon. Thomas L. Saladino is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska in Omaha, sworn in on Aug. 31, 2006, and named chief judge in 2008. He was appointed to the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2009. Previously, Judge Saladino was with the firm of Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, P.C., L.L.O. in Omaha, where he specialized in real estate law, banking law, finance, bankruptcy and debtor/creditor relations. Until his judicial appointment, he had spent his entire legal career at the Fitzgerald, Schorr law firm. Judge Saladino has been a speaker at numerous seminars and training programs pertaining to commercial lending, commercial leasing, landlord/tenant law and bankruptcy law. Prior to his appointment, he was a member of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Omaha, Nebraska, and ABI, and a Fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. Judge Saladino received his B.B.A. from Creighton University and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1987 from Creighton University School of Law, where he served as editor of the *Creighton Law Review*.

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Hon. Anita L. Shodeen is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Iowa in Des Moines, appointed in 2009. She also serves on the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel and teaches bankruptcy and debt collection as an adjunct professor at Drake University Law School. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Shodeen was in private practice in Des Moines, where she focused on bankruptcy, debtor/creditor and transactional issues. She served as a chapter 7 trustee and chapter 12 trustee for the Southern District of Iowa. Judge Shodeen has been appointed as a member of the Judicial Resources Committee of the Judicial Conference, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and is a member of ABI, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Federal Bar Association. She is currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Trial Judges of the ABA Judicial Division, and she actively participates in a number of CLE presentations on the topics of bankruptcy, insolvency and debtor/creditor rights. Judge Shodeen received her J.D. in 1985 from Drake University.

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Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, initially appointed on March 17, 2003, and named Chief Judge on Feb. 1, 2013. She is the first African-American appointed to the bankruptcy bench in the Eighth Circuit. Judge Surratt-States began her legal career as law clerk to now-retired Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta. In 1993, she was an associate at Campbell & Coyne, P.C., where her work focused on bankruptcy, commercial litigation and foreclosures. She then moved to Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. in 1998, where she became partner. The firm later merged with Husch Blackwell, where she was a partner in its insolvency practice group until her appointment to the bankruptcy court. In 1997, Judge Surratt-States was appointed to the Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees for the Eastern District of Missouri, and in 1999, she served as the chapter 7 trustee for Family Company of America, then the third-largest grocery store chain in St. Louis. Judge Surratt-States serves on the Board of Catholic Charities of St. Louis and is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of St. Louis, an international association of professionals dedicated to serv-

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