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Keith M. Aurzada is a partner with Reed Smith LLP in Dallas and advises public and private corporations, boards of directors and management teams regarding matters most important to their business. His industry experience includes representing companies involved in the technology industry, health care, real estate, retail, manufacturing, health spas, restaurants, and oil and gas. Mr. Aurzada has served as a court-appointed receiver in the Texas state and federal courts. He regularly assists clients on matters involving significant corporate transactions, the preservation of intellectual property, civil litigation and the restructuring of indebtedness (both in and out of court, including bankruptcy where necessary). He also has assisted his clients with numerous employment concerns relating to discrimination in both the administrative regulatory context and in court, as well as in other labor matters, including noncompetition agreements and the protection of trade secrets. Mr. Aurzada lectures frequently on a variety of topics before bar associations and professional organizations. He also recently served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Wyoming. Mr. Aurzada has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy for 2009-22, and was ranked in *Chambers USA* for Texas Bankruptcy/Restructuring in 2021. He received his B.S. in 1993 from the University of Wyoming and his J.D. with honors in 1996 from the University of Wyoming College of Law, where he was admitted to the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Robert D. Berger was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Kansas in Kansas City on Oct. 16, 2003, and was reappointed on Oct. 16, 2017. Prior to his appointment, Judge Berger practiced law as a bankruptcy and insolvency specialist representing debtors and creditors, and was among the first group of attorneys in Kansas and Missouri to be certified by the American Board of Certification in both consumer and business bankruptcy law. Judge Berger is a member of ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a founding member of the Kansas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He also is a chapter author for *Collier on Bankruptcy*, *Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*, *Kansas Bankruptcy Handbook* and *Practitioner's Guide to Kansas Family Law*. Judge Berger is a frequent lecturer and he has authored articles for various publications, including *The Washburn Law Journal*, *ABI Journal* and the *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*. He received his B.A. in history and political science from the University of Kansas in 1983 and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1986.

James E. Bird is a senior partner and former chair of the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring practice at Polsinelli in Kansas City, Mo., where he focuses his practice on representing debtor corporations, secured lenders, official committees of unsecured creditors, debenture holders, shareholders, employees, landlords, asset-purchasers and trustees. A broad spectrum of industries, including health care, insurance, real estate, trucking, manufacturing, agriculture (as well as farm cooperatives), service, retail and nonprofits, routinely look to him for guidance and representation. Mr. Bird has been included in the *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* ranking for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law since 2005. He also has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2005-Present) and is an author of Polsinelli's *The Devil's Dictionary of Bankruptcy Terms*, the app for which is currently available for free on iTunes. Mr. Bird is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and is a member of ABI and the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, The Missouri Bar, the Turnaround Management Association's Missouri Chapter, the Turnaround Professionals Association and the Volunteer Attorney Project. He received his B.A. in 1976 from

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Hon. Stephen R. Bough is a U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2014, he was actively engaged in civil litigation. Judge Bough received his J.D. in 1997 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School.

Brandon J.B. Boulware is a sole practitioner with Boulware Law in Kansas City, Mo., which he formed in 2018. Before starting his firm in 2018, he was an associate and then partner at the boutique trial firm of German May PC. Mr. Boulware began his legal career working for judges — first clerking for a Missouri Supreme Court judge, then for a U.S. District Court judge. He then entered the courtroom as a litigator, and over the last 17 years has litigated significant, high-stakes cases in courts in Kansas, Missouri and 18 other states. Mr. Boulware has represented corporate and individual clients in matters ranging from trucking accidents to antitrust monopolies to large breach-of-contract and business tort matters. He has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Commercial Litigation since 2015, and the *Kansas City Business Journal* has listed him as one of the Best of the Bar since 2013. In addition, he has been named a Missouri and Kansas *Super Lawyer* annually since 2008, and he has been named one of the Top 100 lawyers in Missouri and Kansas every year since 2020 and named to the Top 50 in Kansas City in 2021 and 2022. For 2023, *The Best Lawyers in America* has named Brandon “Lawyer of the Year” in Kansas City for Antitrust-Litigation and Litigation-Regulatory Enforcement. Mr. Boulware received his B.A. in 1999 from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his J.D. magna cum laude in 2002 from American University, where he was notes and comments editor for the *International Law Review*.

Jacklyn M. Branby is an associate with Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. in Phoenix, where she focuses her practice in bankruptcy and reorganization. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, she was a judicial law clerk to Hon. Daniel P. Collins of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix. Ms. Branby is a member of ABI, the American Bar Association and the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 2012 and her J.D. from Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in 2020.

Gregory A. Burrell is a chapter 13 trustee in Minneapolis, appointed in 2013, and is a licensed attorney in Louisiana and Minnesota. He started his legal career with Murray & Murray Law firm as a consumer attorney representing debtors in chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcies, businesses in chapter 7 bankruptcies and the chapter 7 trustee in various litigation. Mr. Burrell founded a bankruptcy law clinic at Southern University Law Center, where he led student attorneys, who filed chapter 7 bankruptcies free of charge on behalf of individuals living below the poverty line. He also served as staff attorney to the chapter 13 trustee in the Western District of Louisiana. Mr. Burrell is a permanent member of the Bankruptcy Practice Committee in the District of Minnesota, a current NACTT board member and treasurer-elect for NACTT. He is very involved in the topic of equal justice under the law for marginalized communities and what can be done to correct such concerns within the bankruptcy system. Mr. Burrell received his Bachelor’s degree in political science from Xavier University with a minor in business administration, and his J.D. from Southern University Law Center.

Eric S. Chafetz is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring Department of Lowenstein Sandler LLP in New York and advises creditors' committees and individual trade creditors, debtors and plan/liquidating trustees involved in complex chapter 11 bankruptcies throughout the U.S. He advises clients across a wide range of industries on all aspects of the chapter 11 process, from pre-filing negotiation and preparation of first-day pleadings, including financing and sale documents, through the drafting and negotiation of plans of reorganization and all related ancillary documentation. Through his extensive work in two separate bankruptcies filed in 2013 and 2020, respectively, by lead-acid battery manufacturer Exide Holdings, Inc., *et al.* and Exide Technologies, LLC, Mr. Chafetz was instrumental in reaching settlements with the EPA and various state environmental agencies in both cases, which resulted in confirmed plans and successful exits from bankruptcy. His work also includes investigating and prosecuting actions against officers, directors and lenders, as well as in prosecuting and defending preference/fraudulent transfer actions. Mr. Chafetz is a frequent speaker on current bankruptcy and creditors' rights topics, including serving as a guest lecturer at the Columbia University School of Professional Studies, where he has lectured on such subjects as the intersection of bankruptcy and construction law. He participated in the ABI Commission on the Reform of Chapter 11's Avoidance Power Subcommittee's study of aspects of the Bankruptcy Code involving preferences, creditors' reclamation rights and creditors' rights under § 503(b)(9). He also is a prolific author, and he has published numerous articles addressing various cutting-edge issues in journals geared toward trade and other categories of creditors, including publications by the National Association of Credit Management, the Credit Research Foundation and the *New York Law Journal*. Active in the firm's *pro bono* efforts, Mr. Chafetz has represented several individuals who have filed for chapter 7 protection. He received his B.A. in 2000 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2004 from Brooklyn Law School.

Kathryn A. Coleman is a partner in Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP's New York office. She has handled a wide range of chapter 11 representations and other high-stakes insolvency-related matters in her more than 30 years in practice, including dealing with "bet-the-company" litigation claims, representing acquirers in chapter 11 sale transactions, representing DIP lenders, and handling cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings and distressed investments. Ms. Coleman's clients include individuals and companies defending trade secret theft and RICO lawsuits, publicly traded and privately held companies restructuring their financial affairs, traditional and nontraditional secured lenders, unsecured creditors (both official committees and significant creditors for their own account), equityholders, potential acquirers, equity sponsors, and financial and strategic buyers. She also is experienced in advising management and boards of directors on corporate governance, fiduciary duty and D&O insurance matters. Ms. Coleman has advised clients on, and litigated at the trial and appellate levels, the significant legal issues inherent in modern restructuring and finance practice, including contested plan confirmations, prepackaged plans, credit bidding, exclusivity, debtor-in-possession financings, valuation, adequate protection of security interests, the ability to collaterally attack orders of the bankruptcy court and cash-collateral usage. She has experience litigating venue, remand, removal and stay issues, and has represented recovery trustees dealing with myriad post-confirmation issues and litigation. Ms. Coleman is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and served two terms on ABI's Board of Directors, and she co-chairs ABI's annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program. She was recently named a *Law360* Bankruptcy MVP and a Notable Woman in Law by *Crain's New York Business*. Ms. Coleman frequently speaks on bankruptcy law and distressed investing, participating in programs sponsored by the Practising Law Institute, ABI, the Turnaround Management Association, AIRA, The M&A Advisor, the New York

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Kristina S. Crump is a partner at Coons and Crump LLC in Lawrence, Kan., and has been practicing bankruptcy law exclusively since 2013. She focuses her practice on representing individuals and small business owners in chapter 7 and 13 cases throughout Kansas and Western District of Missouri. Prior to working in the legal field, Ms. Crump worked for a local Community Action Agency in Kansas, dedicated to helping people living in poverty. After leaving her nonprofit job, she continued to be involved in the community by serving on Head Start Policy Council and later the East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation board of directors. Ms. Crump received her B.A.

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Timothy A. (Tad) Davidson, II is a partner with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP in Houston and co-leads the firm's Bankruptcy/Restructuring practice group. His practice includes representing parties in out-of-court and bankruptcy court financial restructurings. These clients include private-equity firms, hedge funds, secured lenders, investors, debtors, unsecured creditors, boards of directors, and various official and ad hoc committees in matters across the country. Mr. Davidson's practice also includes structuring distressed acquisition, financing and real estate transactions, as well as advising clients on insolvency and counterparty risks related to mergers, acquisitions and general corporate transactions. He is listed as Recommended for Restructuring (including Bankruptcy): Corporate in *Legal 500 United States* for 2020-22, selected for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Texas in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2020, and recognized as a Leader in Bankruptcy/Restructuring in Texas by *Chambers USA* for 2016-22. Mr. Davidson received his B.A. *cum laude* in 1994 from the University of South Carolina and his J.D. in 1999 from Emory University School of Law.

Jonathan M. Dickey is a partner with Kutner Brinen Dickey Riley, P.C. in Denver and has specialized in the practice of bankruptcy law for over a decade. He represents chapter 11 debtors — both individual and corporate — and has guided many parties through the chapter 11 process to plan confirmation. In addition, Mr. Dickey has experience representing chapter 7 trustees and creditors across all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. Prior to moving to Colorado in 2014, he practiced bankruptcy law in Indianapolis and was a frequent speaker on bankruptcy issues for the National Business Institute. Mr. Dickey received his B.S. in finance as a Chancellor's Scholar in 2005 from the University of Illinois, and his J.D. in 2008 from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he was a notes editor for the *Journal of Law, Technology and Policy*.

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-restructuring. Mr. Dooley is a frequent speaker at industry conferences of the Turnaround Management Association and ABI on distressed and underperforming businesses, and a regular author for industry periodicals. Prior to joining MorrisAnderson in 1997, he served as an executive with several Fortune 500 manufacturers, including Illinois Tool Works (ITW), an industrial manufacturer, and Allied Signal, an automotive electronics and aerospace manufacturer. He has served on board of directors and been a key advisor to small and large corporations and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Dooley has successfully managed numerous projects for middle-market companies and assumed dozens of interim-management positions as an independent director, 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 specializes 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. Mr. Dooley has achieved results for companies in the automotive, aerospace, agriculture, capital equipment, metals, health care, transportation, food,

distribution, oil and gas, and real estate industries. He has served on ABI's Board of Directors and on the board of the Turnaround Management Association, for which he served as president of its 1,000-member Chicago chapter. 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, 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 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. 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 has authored and co-authored several articles, including "ERISA-Related Claims in Bankruptcy," *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Nov/Dec 1993), "Rent to Own Agreements in Bankruptcy: Sales or Leases?," *ABI Law Review*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 1994), and "Gramm-Leach-Bliley and the Bankruptcy/Collection Attorney," *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor* (Feb 2002). Judge Dow 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*.

Wendy D. Doyle is president and CEO of United WE in Kansas City, Mo., and advocates for women's economic and civic advancement by amplifying women's voices and producing results. She is at the forefront of all economic policies that impact women and their families, and she regularly educates and informs decision-makers and community leaders about policy solutions for women at local, county and state levels. Ms. Doyle testifies frequently before state legislatures, publishes op-eds in state newspapers, serves as a dynamic and informative presenter, and champions systemic policy change for governments and corporations through her thought leadership. During her nine-year tenure at United WE, Ms. Doyle has led the organization to invest in research, advocacy and policy solutions to remove economic barriers for women, including conducting 22 meaningful research studies, advocating for issues resulting in 51 policy actions, and supporting more than 180 women in securing civic appointments. She is committed to impacting hundreds of thousands of women and families through transformative research, scaling United WE's fast-growing Appointments Project[®], advocating for reforms that honor the legacies of women, and contributing to policy solutions that advance equal pay, paid family leave, affordable child care and occupational licensing, among others. Since 2013, Ms. Doyle has expanded United WE's focus from serving Kansas City to all of Kansas and Missouri, and her work is spreading nationwide to cities including St. Louis, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh and South San Francisco. She previously worked as an executive and strategic consultant for large nonprofits. In 2022, Ms. Doyle received the Women Who Mean

Business award by *The Kansas City Business Journal*. In addition, she was recognized in 2021 as an Idealist of the Year by *City Year*, and she was inducted into the Missouri Public Affairs Hall of Fame in October 2021. Ms. Doyle received her B.A. from Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

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 25 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.

Rachel L. Foley is the founder of Foley Law, PC in Independence, Mo., and handles consumer chapter 7s and 13s in both Kansas and Missouri. She began her bankruptcy career with the United Auto Workers, representing GM and Ford employees in chapter 13 and 7 cases. She was the only bankruptcy attorney for the Missouri auto workers, and it was not unusual for her to manage three to four times the regular attorney caseload at any given time. Ms. Foley previously was a risk manager for Clarkson Regional Health Center and has 20 years of experience in the emergency room as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. She is the inaugural winner of the K. Colleen Nunnally Award by the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and is recognized by her peers as being the Best of the Kansas City Bar in the area of bankruptcy. She also has been named to the Pro Bono Wall of Fame by the Missouri Bar Association. Ms. Foley frequently speaks nationally and locally on consumer bankruptcy topics. She is a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, ABI, the Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Kansas City Metro Bar Association and the International Women's Restructuring & Insolvency Confederation. Ms. Foley received her undergraduate degree in the sciences and medicine from Creighton University and her J.D. from Creighton School of Law.

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Hon. Mitchell L. Herren is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Kansas in Wichita, appointed in July 2020. His 33 years prior to the bench included practice with a litigation firm in Kansas City, serving as in-house litigation counsel for a large energy company, then returning to private practice for 18 years with a Wichita-based firm, where he served for seven years as managing member and represented clients ranging from individuals to large companies, with a focus on commercial litigation. Judge Herren is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and the American Bar Foundation. He received his J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law.

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Sylvester 'Sly' James, Jr. is a co-founder of Wickham James Strategies & Solutions in Kansas City, Mo., where he helps clients with strategic communications, crisis communications, government relations, public policy, political strategy and mediations. He previously served as mayor of Kansas City from 2011-19, during which time Kansas City enjoyed a renaissance, boasting nationally recognized success in modern transportation development — from a new streetcar to a new, single-terminal airport — third grade reading initiatives, SMARTcity technology deployment, and the adoption of a 20-year infrastructure repair program. Mr. James served on the advisory board of the US Conference of Mayors, as a past chair of the National Conference at Democratic Mayors, and as a past president of the African-American Mayors Association. Prior to holding office, he practiced law for 26 years as a trial attorney with trial, litigation and mediation experience as both a defense and plaintiff's attorney, trying more than 70 cases before juries and presiding over 200 mediations. He was the first African-American associate and partner at the Blackwell, Sanders, Metheny, Weary, and Lombardi Law Firm. prior to that, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Robert J. Keach is a shareholder at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A. in Portland, Maine, and practices in the areas of bankruptcy, reorganization and workouts. His practice focuses on the representation of various parties in workouts and bankruptcy cases, including debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, lessors and third parties acquiring troubled companies and/or their assets. Mr. Keach has appeared before the bankruptcy courts in the Districts of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Delaware, as well as the Northern District of California and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, among others. He regularly appears as a panelist on national bankruptcy, lender-liability and creditors' rights programs, and he is the author of several articles on bankruptcy and creditors' rights appearing in the *ABI Law Review*, *Commercial Law Journal* and *ABI Journal*,

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Hon. Janice D. Loyd is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, sworn in on Dec. 12, 2014. Prior to her swearing in, she was an officer, director and shareholder with the Oklahoma City law firm of Bellingham & Loyd, P.C. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Loyd's practice emphasized the areas of bankruptcy, reorganization and commercial litigation. She also was a member of the Chapter 7 Trustee Panel for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for 22 years, handling over 20,000 cases. Judge Loyd is a member of the Oklahoma County Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. She has chaired both the Bankruptcy Section of the Oklahoma County Bar Association and the board of directors for the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. She also has served on the Mediation Advisory Board Committee and is a Permanent Member of the Standing Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. In 2019, Judge Loyd was appointed to the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. In 2006, she received the Oklahoma Bar Association Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service, and she is a two-time recipient of the Mona Salyer Lambird Service to Children Award for services provided as a volunteer for Lawyers for Children. Judge Loyd received her B.A. in political science in 1983 from the University of Oklahoma and her J.D. in 1986 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

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Hon. Cynthia A. Norton is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City. Prior to her appointment on Feb. 1, 2013, she was a founding partner of Grimes & Rebein, LC in Lenexa, Kan., where she focused on consumer and business bankruptcy, creditors' rights, commercial workouts and related fields. She also clerked for Hon. John E. Rees of the Kansas Court of Appeals and Hon. James A. Pusateri of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Topeka, Kan., and was previously an associate with Stinson, Mag & Fizzell, an associate and then partner with Lewis, Rice & Fingers, and Of Counsel with Levy & Craig, and established her own law firm in 1995. She has published an annual column reviewing Eighth Circuit bankruptcy cases of interest for *Norton's Bankruptcy Law Advisor* and has authored numerous articles, book chapters and seminar papers on bankruptcy-related topics, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of various bankruptcy organizations. She also is the recipient of the Michael R. Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award and the Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Contribution to CLE, as well as the NCBJ Excellence in Education Award. Judge Norton received her B.A. in French and art history Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude* from Kansas University in 1981, and her J.D. from the Kansas University Law School in 1984, where she was associate editor of its law review.

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Hon. Michael E. Romero is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the District of Colorado in Denver, initially appointed in 2003 and appointed Chief Judge from July 2014-June 2021. He is also Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Since becoming a judge, Judge Romero has served on numerous committees and advisory groups for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is the past chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and has served as the sole bankruptcy court representative/observer to the Judicial Conference of the United States, the governing body for the federal judiciary. He is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and actively participates in several of its committees. He also serves on the Executive Board of Our Courts, a joint activity between the Colorado Judicial Institute and the Colorado Bar Association that provides programs to further public understanding of the federal and state court systems. Judge Romero is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, ABI, the Historical Society of the Tenth Circuit and the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. He received his undergraduate degree in economics and political science from Denver University in 1977 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1980.

Hon. Bianca M. Rucker was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas in Fayetteville on April 26, 2021. Prior to her judicial appointment, she was a chapter 7 panel bankruptcy trustee and attorney representing creditors and debtors in consumer and business bankruptcy matters at Rucker Law PLLC, in Fayetteville. Before working as a trustee, Judge Rucker was a partner at Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP (WLJ), where her practice focused on bankruptcy, commercial litigation and insurance defense. She also served as a staff attorney to Hon. Richard D. Taylor (2006-07) and Hon. Ben T. Barry (2007-11) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas. Judge Rucker has served as president of the Northwest Arkansas Debtor and Creditor Bar Association, and she is an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, where she teaches alcohol beverage law. She received her B.A. in political science in 2003 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and her J.D. with honors in 2006 from the William H. Bowen School of Law.

Hon. Barry S. Schermer is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau and Hannibal, Mo., appointed in 1986 and reappointed in 2000 and 2014. He also serves as a judge on the Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, appointed in 1996 and reappointed to seven-year terms in 2003, 2010 and 2017. Judge Schermer is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and authored an article on negative amortization that was published in the *Bankruptcy Developments Journal*. He also authored a *Washington University Law Quarterly* article examining the effect of community interests in bankruptcy. Judge Schermer graduated from Washington University School of Law and was an adjunct professor of law there for more than 25 years.

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Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, initially appointed on March 17, 2003, and named Chief Judge from Feb. 1, 2013, to June 30, 2022. She began her legal career as law clerk to now-retired Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta. In 1993, Judge Surratt-States 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 serving their community. She also is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Mound City Bar Association, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC). Judge Surratt-States received her B.A. *cum laude* from Oklahoma City University in 1988 and her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in 1991.

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