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Hon. Janet E. Bostwick is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, appointed on Sept. 27, 2019. Prior to her appointment, she practiced as a bankruptcy attorney with more than 30 years of experience with financially troubled companies, dealing with chapter 11 business reorganizations, liquidations and wind-downs, loan workouts and creditor negotiations. From 2001-19, Judge Bostwick practiced at her own firm, Janet E. Bostwick, PC, which focused on business bankruptcy and restructuring. Before launching her firm, she practiced at the Boston firms of Goldstein & Manello, PC and Sherin and Lodgen, LLP. Judge Bostwick is a member of the American College of Bankruptcy and serves on the *Pro Bono* Committee of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation, which is the largest funder of bankruptcy *pro bono* projects and grants. Judge Bostwick frequently lectures on bankruptcy topics for professional organizations and bar organizations. She is a member of the American Bar Association and co-chairs the Administration and Courts Subcommittee of its Business Bankruptcy Law Committee. She also is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves on the Membership and Next Generation Committees. Judge Bostwick is a member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Associations. She also is the founding chair of the IWIRC's New England Network. In 2005, IWIRC recognized her contributions to the organization by awarding her the Melnik Award for Exceptional IWIRC Member. From 2005-16, Judge Bostwick was co-chair of the M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program, a joint program of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Boston Bar Association. In 2016, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts awarded her the District of Massachusetts *Pro Bono* Award for her work with the program as well as her other *pro bono* activities over the years. Judge Bostwick received her B.A. in economics and mathematics from the State University of New York at Albany and her J.D. from Cornell Law School.

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Hon. Peter G. Cary is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine in Portland, initially appointed in 2014. He is also a panel member of the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, a member of the First Circuit Workplace Conduct Committee, and member of the First Circuit Access to Justice Committee - Bankruptcy Court Subcommittee, an Observer Judge for the First Circuit Judicial Council, the chair of the Academic Recognition Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the treasurer of the Maine State-Federal Judicial Council, and an advisory director of the Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves Law Library. Judge Cary is Board Certified in both Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1982 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School in 1987.

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Hon. Heather Zubke Cooper is the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont in Rutland. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at Facey Goss & McPhee, P.C., a Vermont-based law firm. Judge Cooper has more than 20 years of experience in the financial and restructuring industry, having represented individual and corporate debtors and creditors in loan workouts and restructurings, liquidations, foreclosures, litigation, seizures and receiverships. She previously clerked for former bankruptcy judge Colleen A. Brown and practiced with Murphy & King, P.C. and Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law, P.C. Before entering private practice, Judge Cooper served as briefing attorney to Justice David L. Richards of the Texas Court of Appeals, Second District. She is a member of the Texas, Massachusetts and Vermont Bar Associations, the Federal Bar Council, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. In addition, she serves as a member of the Human Resources Advisory Council of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and various Second Circuit committees. Judge Cooper is a frequent lecturer

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