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## **Faculty Biographies**

**Hon. Frank J. Bailey** was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Boston on Jan. 30, 2009, and served as Chief Judge from December 2010 until December 2015. He also serves on the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Previously, Judge Bailey clerked for Hon. Herbert P. Wilkins of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1980-81 and was an associate at the Boston office of Sullivan & Worcester LLP until 1987, where he practiced in its litigation and bankruptcy departments. He spent the next 22 years as a partner at Sherin and Lodgen LLP, where he chaired its litigation department and was a member of its management committee. His practice focused on complex business litigation and creditors' rights, and he often represented clients in medical device, pharmaceutical and high-technology businesses. Judge Bailey served as the consul for the Republic of Bulgaria in Boston before his appointment to the bench, and he has participated in many international judicial programs. In 2013, he taught at the Astrakhan State University School of Law in south central Russia, and he has also taught courses in Sofia, Bulgaria and Tashkent, Uzbekistan. In addition, he taught legal writing and research at Boston University School of Law from 1981-93 and currently teaches business reorganizations at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Judge Bailey was appointed by the First Circuit to oversee the financial restructuring of the City of Central Falls, R.I. He has served on the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and was its Education Committee Chair in 2017. Beginning in October 2019, he will serve as NCBJ's president-elect. In addition, he is past chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges of the American Bar Association and currently serves as the Judicial Member at Large on the ABA Board of Governors. Judge Bailey received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law.

**Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment on Feb. 11, 2013, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate (2003-08) and then a partner (2008-12) with Winston & Strawn LLP, where she focused her practice on creditors' rights litigation in state and federal court, including bankruptcy court. From 2001 to 2003, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate with Murphy Sheneman Julian & Rogers LLP, where she represented debtors, creditors and trustees in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. She served as a law clerk to Hon. Charles M. Caldwell of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division) from 1998 to 2001, and from 1997-98, she represented the State of Ohio's interests in bankruptcy cases as an assistant attorney general with the Revenue Recovery Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Judge Blumenstiel sits on ABI's Board of Directors. She received her J.D. from Capital University Law School in 1997 while working full-time for the Columbus Bar Association as director of its *pro bono* initiative, "Lawyers for Justice," and her B.A. from Ohio State University in 1992.

**Steven J. Boyajian** is counsel with Robinson & Cole LLP in Providence, R.I., and is a member of its Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group, where focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and litigation involving real estate and business disputes. He frequently represents financial institutions, private lenders, purchasers of distressed assets, landlords, title insurers, suppliers and professional service providers. Mr. Boyajian represents financial institutions and private lenders in the enforcement of their rights under credit documents, including through litigation, conduct of secured party sales, foreclosures and workouts. He also develops and executes offensive and defensive strategies for creditors who are confronted by insolvency-related risks. In addition, Mr. Boyajian assists lenders, asset-purchasers, landlords, trade creditors, insurers, creditors' committees and trustees in all stages of bankruptcy and receivership proceedings, including relief from stay and cash-collateral hearings,

preference and fraudulent-transfer litigation, asset sales and confirmation proceedings. He also represents owners, lenders and title insurers in all real estate litigation, including contested foreclosures, challenges to the validity of mortgages, evictions, prescriptive easements and adverse possession, tax appeals, tax sales and title insurance coverage matters. He has defended multiple claims concerning the alleged invalidity of consumer mortgages and pending foreclosures, including cases in a master docket of more than 800 cases in the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. Mr. Boyajian contributes to the firm's Data Privacy + Security Insider blog and is committed to pro bono work. He participates in the Rhode Island Bar Association's Elderly Pro Bono Program by assisting elderly individuals faced with collection actions. Previously, Mr. Boyajian was with a boutique bankruptcy firm in Providence, where he counseled clients on all aspects of receivership proceedings and related litigation and in all stages of bankruptcy. While in law school, he worked for the National Consumer Law Center in Boston. Mr. Boyajian received his B.A. in politics from Pomona College and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School.

**G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.** is a partner at Dechert, LLP in Hartford, Conn., and has argued 10 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, including matters involving bankruptcy, the First Amendment, fee-shifting, taxation, the Commerce Clause, statutory interpretation, jurisdiction and arbitration. In addition to the cases he has argued, he has worked on more than 60 other matters in the Supreme Court and has argued and briefed numerous cases in most of the federal courts of appeals, as well as argued two *en banc* matters in the Third and Eighth Circuits. In addition to his practice, Mr. Brunstad is a visiting lecturer in law at the Yale Law School and an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law, where he teaches courses on bankruptcy, argument and reason, federal jurisdiction, commercial transactions, secured transactions and international insolvency law. He has also taught at the Harvard Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Brunstad is the 2019 recipient of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section's National Public Service Award for his pro bono work. He published a textbook entitled *Secured Transactions, Teaching Materials* and has been recognized in *Leading Lawyers in Appellate Law*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Connecticut Super Lawyers*, *International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* and *Leading Lawyers in Bankruptcy Law*. Mr. Brunstad received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Connecticut College in 1983, his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986, where he was an associate editor and contributing editor of the *Michigan Law Review*, and both his LL.M. in 2011 and his J.S.D. in 2014 from Yale Law School.

**Christopher M. Candon** is an attorney at Sheehan Phinney in Manchester, N.H., and Boston, where he represents debtors, creditors, committees, purchasers, landlords and trustees in out-of-court restructurings, chapter 11 reorganizations and chapter 7 liquidations. Mr. Candon focuses his practice on the problems of financially distressed companies, representing debtors, creditors' committees, purchasers, landlords and trustees in out-of-court restructurings, chapter 11 reorganizations and chapter 7 liquidations. He also has experience with negotiating and documenting business contracts and complex commercial transactions, including secured and unsecured financings, letters of credit and DIP and exit financing transactions. Mr. Candon completed the ABI/St. John's University 40-Hour Bankruptcy Mediation Training Program and serves as a mediator in state and federal civil litigation, as well as provides mediation services in bankruptcy cases. He is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York, and before the U.S. District Courts for the District of Massachusetts and the District of New Hampshire as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First and Third Circuits. Mr. Candon is a member of the Boston, New Hampshire and New York Bar As-

sociations, ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. He also co-chairs the Communications Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Boston Bar Association. Mr. Candon was awarded the Denis Maguire Pro Bono Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project in Boston. He received his B.S. from St. Lawrence University and his J.D. *cum laude* from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

**Timothy J. Carter** is an associate with Goulston & Storrs PC in Boston, where he specializes in corporate finance and bankruptcy. He represents agents, lenders and borrowers in lending transactions, and he represents debtors, creditors and committees in insolvency proceedings. In his corporate finance practice, Mr. Carter handles transactions for lenders and borrowers, including leveraged financings, bilateral and syndicated loans, cash-flow and asset-based loans, and acquisition-finance matters. He also maintains a focus on secured transactions and Uniform Commercial Code matters. In his bankruptcy practice, Mr. Carter represents creditors' committees, landlords and debtors in different types of insolvency proceedings throughout the U.S. He also handles special-purpose entity structuring, as well as covenant and opinion matters in connection with real estate transactions. Mr. Carter has been listed in *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" and is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, ABI and the Boston Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. Prior to joining the firm, he volunteered with the New York City Bankruptcy Assistance Project, advising low-income individuals on bankruptcy issues. He continues to give of his time on a pro bono basis, and he recently acted as pro bono counsel for a nonprofit organization in connection with purchasing real estate assets out of bankruptcy to preserve affordable housing in gentrifying areas of the City of Boston. Mr. Carter received his undergraduate degree from Columbia College in 2003 and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 2010.

**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 also serves on the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit. Previously, he clerked for one year for the Maine Superior Court and in 1988 joined the law firm of MittelAsen, LLC where he practiced law until his appointment to the bankruptcy court. Judge Cary served as the treasurer of the Maine State-Federal Judicial Council and as an advisory director of the Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves Law Library. He presents at various continuing legal education seminars for lawyers and judges, including those held by the Federal Judicial Center, ABI, the Maine State Bar Association and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. Judge Cary is a member of ABI, the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Maine State Bar Association and NCBJ, and is certified in both Consumer 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. Michael A. Fagone** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Bangor, appointed in April 2015. Previously, he was co-chair of Bernstein Shur's Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group in Portland, where he specialized in bankruptcy and insolvency law. While practicing law, he was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and by *Chambers USA* as one of the top bankruptcy lawyers in Maine. Judge Fagone is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and serves on ABI's Board of Directors. He received his B.A. from Amherst College in 1993 and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law in 1997.

**Hon. Joan N. Feeney** is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, initially appointed in 1992. She served as Chief Judge from 2002-06 and as Chief Judge of the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Judge Feeney is the business manager of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, for which she served as an associate editor from 2013-16. She is a Fellow, vice president and a member of the board of directors of the American College of Bankruptcy, and served for three years on its Board of Regents. Judge Feeney is a co-author of the *Bankruptcy Law Manual*, a two-volume treatise published by Thomson Reuters, and of a book for consumers, *The Road Out of Debt*, published by John Wiley & Sons. She was president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges from 2011-12 and has served that organization in numerous capacities, including on its board of governors, as chair of its Newsletter Committee, as editor-in-chief and reporter for *Conference News*, and on special projects. Judge Feeney is a founder and co-chair of the M. Ellen Carpenter

Financial Literacy Project, a joint venture of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Boston Bar Association. She was a member of the International Judicial Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2006-12, hosting many delegations of foreign judges in the U.S. and traveling to foreign countries on behalf of the federal judiciary. Judge Feeney chairs the Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court's Pro Bono Committee and was co-chair of the Massachusetts Local Rules Committee for many years. She also served for several years on ABI's Board of Directors and as judicial chair of several regional ABI educational programs, in addition to being a frequent ABI panelist. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Feeney was an associate and partner in the Boston law firm Hanify & King, P.C., was a career law clerk to Hon. James N. Gabriel, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and a partner in the Boston law firm Feeney & Freeley, where her practice included service as a trustee on the U.S. Trustee's private panel of trustees. She received the Boston Bar Association's Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service, and in 2009 the American College of Bankruptcy First Circuit Fellows recognized her for her contributions to bankruptcy jurisprudence and practice. She is also the 2018 recipient of the Charles P. Normandin Award of Lifetime Achievement from the Boston Bar Association. Judge Feeney is a graduate of Connecticut College and Suffolk University Law School.

**Tinamarie Feil** is co-founder and president of Client Services of BMC Group, Inc. in New York and has 30 years of experience in directing various aspects of corporate compliance, communications and insolvency case administration, as well as the due diligence process in major merger & acquisition transactions. She served on ABI's Board of Directors and is Committee Leader of IWIRC's delegation to the United Nations Committee on International Trade Law (Working Group V, Insolvency). Ms. Feil is a frequent author and speaker. Articles she has authored include "Planning a Smooth Chapter 11 Distribution Process," "Quick, or Not So Quick, Sales Under Chapter 11," "What About the Cloud" and "Concerns Surrounding the Transmission of Personally Identifiable Information," and co-authored "Claims Trading Promotes Ownership Concentration." Ms. Feil is an active member of Turnaround Management Association, ABI, the Association for Corporate Growth and INSOL International. In addition, Ms. Feil is committed to community service, mentoring, and physical and mental well-being. She received her B.A. in communications from the University of Washington in 1984.

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**Hon. Diane Finkle** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Rhode Island in Providence, appointed on Sept. 6, 2012. She was appointed to the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2013. Since taking the bench, Judge Finkle has conducted legal education seminars for the Rhode Island

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**Hon. Robert E. Gerber** is Of Counsel with Joseph Hage Aaronson in New York and a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, appointed in 2000 and reappointed in 2014. He assumed recall status in January 2015 and retired in January 2016. Judge Gerber offers services in bankruptcy and commercial arbitration, mediation, fiduciary work and consulting. While on the bench, Judge Gerber presided over a wide variety of chapter 11, chapter 7, chapter 15, § 304 and SIPA cases, including *PSINet*, *Ames Department Stores*, *Global Crossing*, *Adelphia*, *ABIZ*, *Basis Yield Alpha Fund*, *Lyondell Chemical*, *BearingPoint*, *DBSD North America*, *Chemtura*, *Pinnacle Airlines*, *Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt* and *General Motors*. He presided over more than 20 cases with over \$100 million in debt, including 10 with over \$1 billion in debt. Judge Gerber has published roughly 200 opinions, principally in the business bankruptcy and corporate governance areas, and throughout his tenure on the bench was named one of the nation's outstanding bankruptcy judges six times. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced with the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York City, specializing in securities and commercial litigation and, thereafter, bankruptcy litigation and counseling. He is an adjunct professor of law at Columbia Law School (where he teaches Columbia's Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar), a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, and a Fellow and former director of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Gerber earned his B.S. with high honors in industrial engineering from Rutgers University in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Columbia Law School in 1970, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a James Kent Scholar. He then served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-72.

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**William K. Harrington** is the U.S. Trustee for Regions 1 and 2 in New York, appointed to Region 1 on Nov. 8, 2010, and Region 2 on Nov. 26, 2013. Prior to his appointment, he was the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware and practiced bankruptcy and reorganization law at Duane Morris LLP. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Boston, Delaware State and American Bar Associations, ABI and the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.

**Hon. Bruce A. Harwood** is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Hampshire in Concord, appointed to the bench in March 2013. He also serves on the First Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Harwood chaired the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Group at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Manchester, N.H., representing business debtors, asset-purchasers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees in bankruptcy, and insurance and banking regulators in connection with the rehabilitation and liquidation of insolvent insurers and trust companies. He was a chapter 7 panel trustee in the District of New Hampshire and mediated disputes arising in debtor/creditor relations. Judge Harwood serves on ABI's Board of Directors on its Communication, Information and Technology Committee. He served as co-chair of ABI's Commercial Fraud Committee, as program co-chair of (and presently as judicial advisor to) ABI's Northeast Bankruptcy Conference; and as Northeast Regional Chair of the ABI Endowment Fund's Development Committee. He also served on ABI's Civility Task Force. Judge Harwood is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and was consistently recognized in the bankruptcy law section of *The Best Lawyers in America*, in *New England SuperLawyers* and by *Chambers USA*. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

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2005, and the Bruce W. Nichols Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard during the spring of 2001. During the spring of 2002, she was ABI's Scholar in Residence, and she previously served as ABI's Vice President-Research Grants. Prof. Howard has written a number of articles on bankruptcy, one of which — "Shifting Risk & Fixing Blame: The Vexing Problem of Credit Card Obligations in Bankruptcy," 75 Am. Bankr. L.J. 63 (2001) — won the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal's* Editors' Prize. Her casebook on bankruptcy, published by West, is now in its sixth edition. Prof. Howard is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy topics, and testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission on discharge in consumer bankruptcy. She is past chair of the Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights of the Association of American Law Schools and has served on the faculties of the American Board of Certification and the Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals. She currently serves on the editorial board of *The Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, and has formerly served on the editorial boards of *The Business Lawyer*, *Business Law Today* and the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, for which she remains a peer reviewer. In December 2015, Prof. Howard became the inaugural recipient of ABI's Jean Braucher Memorial Award for leadership in the field of consumer bankruptcy. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University, her J.D. and M.S.W. from Washington University in St. Louis, and her LL.M. from Yale Law School. She is a member of the Order of the Coif and is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*.

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**Hon. James J. Tancredi** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut in Hartford, sworn in on Sept. 1, 2016. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a commercial litigation and business restructuring partner at Day Pitney, LLP (f/k/a Day Berry & Howard), where he cultivated a diverse and challenging practice that crossed major industries, moved from regional to national scope and secured material roles in prominent restructuring and bankruptcies. During his 37-year career at Day Pitney, he tried dozens of cases, represented a full range of constituents, and assembled and led innumerable teams in often highly contested, first-impression financial reorganizations. Judge Tancredi frequently lectures at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at bar association CLE programs. His professional activities have included service as president and director of the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut Turnaround Management Association. Judge Tancredi has been an active member of the ABA, ABI, Connecticut Bar Association, HCBA and CTTMA, and he was a director of the Hartford County Bar Foundation and Connecticut Mental Health Association. He is also a Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellow. In practice, he wrote widely about business restructuring issues and co-authored the Connecticut chapter in *Strategic Alternatives for and Against Distressed Businesses, 2016 Edition* (Thomson Reuters). Judge Tancredi received his

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**Hon. Brian K. Tester** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan, appointed by the First Circuit Court of Appeals on Nov. 13, 2006. He previously worked as an associate for a small law firm in Encino, Calif., until 1993, when he relocated to Puerto Rico. In San Juan, Judge Tester worked for a chapter 7 trustee, a chapter 11 bankruptcy firm, the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office of the U.S. Trustee, and the law firm of Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez. At Fiddler, he headed its bankruptcy and business reorganization division. While in private practice, Judge Tester was lead counsel in several published decisions and spoke regularly at bankruptcy seminars and conferences. In 2007, Judge Tester was appointed to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit and is currently still a member. In 2009, Judge Tester became the first U.S. Bankruptcy Judge to sit permanently in the newly renovated U.S. Courthouse located in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Since 2010, he has maintained his chambers and holds court in the Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse located in Old San Juan. In 2011, Judge Tester was appointed to the Next Generation of CM/ECF Bankruptcy Functional Requirement Group for one year. In 2012, his appointment was extended another year and was merged with the CM/ECF Working Group and became the Next Generation Working Group. In 2014, Judge Tester was appointed to a two-year term on the First Circuit Judicial Council. Judge Tester has been a speaker for ABI, the Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants, the Federal Judicial Center, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico, the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida and the National Business Institute. He also is a professor on the faculty for the School of Law at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. Judge Tester received his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1990.

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