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Jamie Angarita, CPA, ABV, CIRA is a senior manager in CohnReznick LLP's Advisory's Restructuring and Dispute Resolution Practice in New York. He has experience in areas of executive management and finance, and advises corporations on how to maximize value and recover assets. In his role, he provides financial-advisory and litigation-support services, specializing in the areas of turnaround and corporate restructuring, as well as investigative and forensic accounting. Over his career, Mr. Angarita has provided advisory services both in and out of court in the areas of interim management, process and profitability improvement, large-scale investigations, fiduciary roles, strategic planning, liquidity management, financial planning and analysis, cost-reduction initiatives, financial modeling and forecasting, preference and fraudulent transfers, damage and lost-profit calculations, computer forensics and eDiscovery, and M&A due diligence. He has testified as an expert witness in court and has represented and advised court-appointed trustees, receivers, examiners, lenders, private-equity firms, unsecured creditors, senior management and boards of directors in a variety of matters. Prior to joining CohnReznick, Mr. Angarita worked for national and global consulting firms, as well as large regional private-sector companies. He is fluent in Spanish and is a member of the Association for Corporate Growth, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, Commercial Finance Association, Counsel of Urban Professionals, Hispanic National Bar Association and Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Angarita received his B.S. in finance and accounting from the University of South Florida and his M.S. in accounting from Florida International University.

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. During her career, Judge Bostwick has been active in professional and bar associations and is a member of the Boston Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and ABI. In 2007, she was selected to become a member of the American College of Bankruptcy. She is also a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Bostwick is a current director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation, the largest funder of bankruptcy *pro bono* projects and grants, providing more \$2 million in funding in the last five years. She chairs its *Pro Bono* Committee, for which she oversees the review and administration of the grant requests. In addition, she is co-chair of the Closely Held and Small Business Subcommittee of the ABA Business Bankruptcy Law Committee. 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.

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 is the treasurer of the Maine State-Federal Judicial Council, an advisory director of the Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves Law Library, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maine School of Law, and a member of the First Circuit Workplace Conduct Committee, and he is certified in both Consumer and Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He

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Stephen B. Darr, CPA, CIRA, CFF, CDBV is a managing director in the Boston office of Huron Consulting Group and has more than 35 years of experience providing accounting, auditing and financial consulting services to business organizations experiencing significant financial and operating difficulties. His industry experience includes law and professional services firms, health care, pharmaceuticals, energy, automotive, real estate/construction, mortgages/derivatives, telecommunications, and manufacturing and distribution. Mr. Darr's experience also includes providing litigation support and expert testimony in bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy matters involving proposed plans of reorganization, preference and fraudulent conveyance actions, professional liability claims, patent infringement, royalty and intellectual property disputes, construction claims, wrongful employment discharge, and lender liability and business tort claims. He has testified in court proceedings in Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, California and Vermont on a wide range of matters, including feasibility of business plans, valuation, contract disputes, financing arrangements, allowability of creditors' claims, preference and fraudulent conveyance claims, solvency, substantive consolidation and veil-piercing issues, equitable subordination, reorganization tax issues, and key employee retention plans. Mr. Darr is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a director of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. He received his B.B.A. from Boston College and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Elisabeth O. da Silva is a partner in the Business Advisory practice of DiCicco, Gulman & Co. LLP in Boston and has more than 27 years of experience conducting white-collar investigations and providing litigation consulting and expert-witness services in the context of complex commercial

litigation for a wide variety of companies, ranging from small, privately owned businesses to large, multinational publicly traded entities. Ms. da Silva has directed numerous international high-profile investigations involving complex accounting rules, alleged accounting malfeasance, asset misappropriation/concealment, and a variety of other accounting, auditing and financial matters. She frequently assists companies and their counsel with the analysis/quantification of alleged white-collar crimes, as well as presentations to regulatory and prosecutorial offices. Ms. da Silva has served as the financial advisor for both debtors' and creditors' committees in unprecedented bankruptcy matters, including municipalities and energy businesses. She has performed extensive and complex analysis of solvency as well avoidance actions and preference claims. Ms. da Silva has testified as an accounting or damages expert at trial, arbitration and deposition for privately owned and publicly traded entities, as well as on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission. She also serves as an arbitrator in commercial disputes and is an active member of the American Arbitration Association's roster of arbitrators. Ms. da Silva advises legal counsel, management, shareholders and boards of directors on accounting and auditing, financial, valuation and internal control matters in the context of internal investigations, shareholder disputes, post-acquisition and net working capital disputes, business and contract disputes, accountants' liability, bankruptcy and restructuring, and enforcement or regulatory issues. Prior to joining DGC, she co-founded and operated a boutique litigation consulting firm after 14 years at EY, where her career began. Ms. da Silva has published numerous articles and participated in webinars on a variety of topics. She serves on the Joint Trial Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, is co-chair of the Litigation Support and Business Valuation Committee of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, a public member of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, and a member of ABI, the Women in White Collar Defense Association and the Turnaround Management Association. She also serves on the Roster of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. Ms. da Silva received her B.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Hon. Robert D. Drain is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in White Plains. Since his appointment, he has presided over such chapter 11 cases as *Loral*, *RCN*, *Cornerstone*, *Refco*, *Allegiance Telecom*, *Delphi*, *Coudert Brothers*, *Frontier Airlines*, *Star Tribune*, *Reader's Digest*, *A&P*, *Hostess Brands*, *Christian Brothers* and *Momentive*. He also has presided over the ancillary or plenary cases of *Corporacion Durango*, *Satellites Mexicanas*, *Parmalat S.p.A.* and its affiliated U.S. debtors, *Varig S.A.*, *Yukos (II)*, *SphinX*, *Galvex Steel*, *TBS Shipping*, *Excel Maritime*, *Nautilus*, *Landsbanki Islands*, *Roust* and *Ultrapetrol*. He also has served as the court-appointed mediator in a number of chapter 11 cases, including *New Page*, *Cengage*, *Quicksilver*, *LightSquared*, *Molycorp* and *Breitburn Energy*. Prior to his appointment to the bench in May 2002, Judge Drain was a partner in the bankruptcy department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where he represented debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, official and unofficial creditors' committees, and buyers of distressed businesses and distressed debt in chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. He was also actively involved in several transnational insolvency matters. Judge Drain is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member and board member of ABI, a member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member and board member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, as well as a founding member of the Judicial Insolvency Network. He also is the current chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group established through the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and was an adjunct professor for several years at St. John's University School of Law's LL.M. in Bankruptcy Program. He is currently is an adjunct professor at Pace University School of Law. Judge Drain has lectured and written

on numerous bankruptcy-related topics and is the author of the novel *The Great Work in the United States of America*. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for three years.

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. 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 Bar Association on bankruptcy topics and has served on seminar panels for ABI and MCLE/New England. Prior to her appointment, she was an attorney for 30 years with Winograd, Shine and Zacks PC in Providence, R.I., where she represented debtors, secured creditors and creditors' committees in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and served as counsel to bankruptcy trustees, also having served as a court-appointed receiver for various manufacturing, service and retail businesses, and commercial and residential real estate developments in numerous state court receivership proceedings. Judge Finkle had been continually listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Rhode Island Bankruptcy and Insolvency practitioners since 2007, and was named a *Super Lawyer* in 2008. She has also served on numerous education panels for ABI, the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. Judge Finkle received her B.A. from Colorado University and the University of Rhode Island, and her J.D. from George Washington National Law Center at George Washington University.

Jeremy R. Fischer is Drummond Woodsum's Practice Group Leader for Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors' Rights in the firm's Portland, Maine, and Manchester, N.H. offices. He represents clients in distressed commercial matters from the first sign of trouble through the most complex financial restructuring or chapter 11 bankruptcy. Mr. Fischer has experience in bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation and bankruptcy appellate matters across northern New England and around the country. His clients include secured and unsecured creditors (including official and ad hoc committees), asset-purchasers, trustees, DIP lenders, insurance companies, contract counterparties, directors/officers and debtors. He also regularly represents parties in out-of-court debt restructurings, receiverships and debtor/creditor litigation. Mr. Fischer has written numerous articles for the *ABI Journal*, served in a leadership role in ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation Committee, and served on the advisory board for the Northeast Conference and Consumer Forum. In 2017, he was recognized as part of the inaugural class of ABI's "40 Under 40," and in 2018 he co-authored and co-edited the second edition of *ABI's Quick Evidence Handbook*. Before entering the practice of law, Mr. Fischer served three terms in the Maine Legislature, where he was House Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He now teaches business law at the University of Maine School of Law, serves on numerous civic and professional boards and committees, and regularly appears as a political analyst on local TV and radio. Mr. Fischer received

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Michael Friedman is a partner and co-practice group leader of Chapman and Cutler LLP's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group in New York. He joined the firm in 2013 and focuses his practice on special-situation transactions, bankruptcy and financial restructurings, including the representation of investors and debt-holders in event-driven merger-and-acquisition transactions, debt financings, financial restructurings and bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Friedman regularly represents hedge funds, private-equity funds, alternative lenders, investment banks and financial institutions. He has finance, M&A, bankruptcy and restructuring experience and helps clients structure event-driven and special-situation investments in a manner that will allow them to achieve their business objectives in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. Mr. Friedman regularly speaks at industry conferences on distressed investing and restructuring topics and also lectures to undergraduate business and M.B.A. students on restructuring topics. He is currently an adjunct professor teaching a class on corporate restructurings at Yeshiva University. In addition, Mr. Friedman has co-authored three case studies, one of which has been published, that highlight restructuring concepts in both for-profit and nonprofit entities and have been presented in business schools and at industry conferences. He received his B.A. in 1988 from Yeshiva University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1991 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Cindi E. Giglio is associate general counsel with Gordon Brothers Group, LLC in New York, where she serves as front-line transactional counsel in North America primarily for the company's Retail and Commercial & Industrial businesses. She advises on legal strategy, transaction structuring and negotiation, managing deal documentation and execution, and related corporate matters. Ms. Giglio brings more than 15 years of experience in the areas of corporate restructuring and insolvency, with a primary focus on retail business clients facing financial distress, with deep experience in both transactional work and bankruptcy litigation. She has received numerous recognitions from industry organizations and publications, and most recently was named among 2020's "Notable Women in Law" by *Crain's New York Business*. She also received a Commitment to Justice, Partner Award from Her Justice in 2018 and was named among the "40 Under 40 Emerging Leaders" by M&A Advisor in 2015. Prior to joining Gordon Brothers, Ms. Giglio was a partner at the global law firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, where she led the firm's Insolvency and Restructuring practice. She previously held positions as both counsel and partner at Curtis, Mallet Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, frequently dealing with bankruptcy litigation on behalf of debtor companies. Ms. Giglio received her B.F.A. from New York University and her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, and is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

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.

Andrew C. Helman is a business, workout, and restructuring attorney with Murray Plumb & Murray in Portland, Maine, and works with all types of businesses, including those in the health care sector, to help them protect their assets. A large part of his work is focused on helping debtors and creditors, and he represents clients in distressed and nondistressed transactions, business litigation and preference actions. Mr. Helman has been involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 cases in Maine and New Hampshire in recent years, including the representation of the debtor-in-possession in the largest health care bankruptcy case in Maine's history. In that same case, he subsequently represented a liquidating trustee under a confirmed chapter 11 plan and successfully resolved about 50 preference actions with an estimated value exceeding \$3 million. Mr. Helman frequently writes articles for national insolvency publications and teaches seminars on bankruptcy and fraudulent-transfer law. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2015-17 issues of *Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" and was one of 40 attorneys nationally to participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' 2016 NextGen Program.

Eric A. Henzy is a partner at Zeisler & Zeisler, P.C. in Bridgeport, Conn., and has represented debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors and other parties in bankruptcy cases and out-of-court workouts. He has appeared in bankruptcy courts around the country and has represented parties in a number of the first hedge fund insolvencies in the country. He has first-chair tried more than 30 contested matters and adversary proceedings to judgment. Previously, Mr. Henzy practiced in the bankruptcy group at Reid and Riege, P.C. in Hartford and at the New York firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy. He also clerked for Hon. Alan H. W. Shiff in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut. Mr. Henzy is a member of ABI, the American Bar Association's Business and Litigation Sections, the Connecticut Bar Association's Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section and the Turnaround Management Association. He is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, named in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year" in the Hartford Metro Area (2016 and 2018), Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights "Lawyer of the Year" in the Hartford Metro Area (2014), Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights (2006-18), and Litigation - Bankruptcy (2011-18), and was listed in *Connecticut Super Lawyers* for Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights (2007-17). He is admitted to practice in Connecticut, New York, the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Mr. Henzy received his B.A. in 1984 from the University of Connecticut and his J.D. in 1988 from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Hon. Elizabeth D. Katz is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Springfield, appointed on March 13, 2017, and assigned to the Western and Central Divisions. On April 17, 2018, she was appointed to the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. From 1995-2007, Judge Katz was

an assistant district attorney for the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, and she was chief of the District Court Prosecutors from 2000-07. She also was an associate at the firm of Katz, Argenio and Powers, PC from 2007-08 and later became an associate at the Ostrander Law Office from 2008-13, where she concentrated her practice on bankruptcy law. At Ostrander Law Office, she represented a chapter 7 trustee in adversary proceedings, counseled individuals and businesses in financial distress, and represented clients in bankruptcy cases. In 2013, she formed and operated The Law Office of Elizabeth D. Katz, focusing on criminal defense and bankruptcy law. Immediately prior to her appointment, she had been a founding partner at Rescia, Katz & Shear, LLP since 2015. An active member of the Hampshire County, Hampden County and Massachusetts Bar Associations, Judge Katz served as president of the Hampshire County Bar Association from 2012-14. She also was co-chair of both the Massachusetts Bar Association's Western Massachusetts Bankruptcy Symposium and the Western Division of the M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program. In 2016, Judge Katz was awarded the Massachusetts Bar Association's Community Service Award. In addition, she has been a frequent panelist and lecturer on the topics of both criminal and bankruptcy law. Judge Katz received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont in 1991 and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where she received the Edward F. Hennessey Award in 1994.

Robert J. Keach is a shareholder at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A. in Portland, Maine, where he 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. He served as co-chair of ABI's Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. Mr. Keach has appeared before the bankruptcy courts in the Districts of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Delaware, the Northern District of California and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He has appeared as a panelist on national bankruptcy, lender liability and creditors' rights programs, and is the author of several articles on bankruptcy and creditors' rights appearing in the *ABI Law Review*, *Commercial Law Journal* and *ABI Journal*, among other publications. He is admitted to practice in Maine and Massachusetts. Mr. Keach is an adjunct professor teaching cross-border insolvency at Boston College Law School, and he is the estate representative (and formerly the chapter 11 trustee) in the cross-border railroad reorganization of Montreal Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. He is also the fee examiner as to all professionals retained by the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, and in the cases of *In re AMR Corporation* (the chapter 11 cases of American Airlines and its parent and certain affiliates), *Exide Technologies*, *Mineral Park* and *Relativity Media*. Mr. Keach has, *inter alia*, represented ad hoc committees in the *Homebanc Mortgage*, *New Century TRS Holdings* and *Nortel Networks* cases in Delaware, as well as a public utilities commission in the *FairPoint Communications* case in the Southern District of New York, and parties in *In re Sports Authority Holdings Inc.*, *In re Heritage Home Group*, *In re The Bon-Ton Stores Inc.* and *In re Verso Corp.*, all in Delaware, and *In re Toys "R" Us Inc.* in the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Keach represents international private-equity funds in distressed company acquisitions throughout the U.S. He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Mr. Keach received his J.D. in 1980 from the University of Maine.

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Hon. Julie A. Manning is the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut in Bridgeport, initially sworn in on Sept. 9, 2013, and named Chief Judge on Sept. 9, 2014. Prior to her appointment, she was in private practice for 25 years, representing corporations, partnerships, financial institutions and insurance companies in bankruptcy and commercial litigation cases throughout the U.S. From 1999 until her judicial appointment, she was a partner with the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, where she chaired the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights Group, co-chaired the firm's Finance and Investment Practice Group, and was a member of the firm's Partnership Review Committee and Compensation Committee. As a practicing attorney, Judge Manning was listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, was repeatedly named a *Connecticut Super Lawyer* and *New England Super Lawyer*, and was listed as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights. She is a member of ABI, the Connecticut Bar Association and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves on its Public Outreach Committee and Endowment for Education Board. During law school, Judge Manning clerked with the Office of the U.S. Trustee. She received her B.A. from Fairfield University and her J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law.

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Hon. Cecelia G. Morris is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in Poughkeepsie, initially appointed on July 1, 2000, and named Chief Judge on March 1, 2012. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served as an assistant district attorney in the Child Support Recovery Unit of the Spalding Judicial District Attorney's Office in Griffin, Ga. She also worked in private practice and served as clerk of court for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York from 1988-2000, one of the first districts to implement the electronic filing of documents. Chief Judge Morris has led efforts by attorneys representing debtors and secured creditors to implement a model chapter 13 plan and order, and a detailed worksheet that requires disclosure of arrearages and other current mortgage information as part of a motion seeking relief from the automatic stay concerning residential real estate and cooperative apartments. She also collaborated with other judges and practitioners to develop loss-mitigation procedures for residential real estate, resulting in the adoption of a court-supervised program that is the first of its kind in the U.S. Chief Judge Morris serves as an editor of treatise on bankruptcy being developed by Bloomberg Law, and published an article describing the history and legal basis of the court's loss-mitigation program in the Spring 2011 edition of the *ABI Law Review*. She has also authored several articles on electronic filing, including a chapter on electronic case filing in *Collier on Bankruptcy*, and has published articles on loss-mitigation, mediation, the consumer credit counseling requirement in bankruptcy and cross-border insolvency cases under chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code. Chief Judge Morris has testified before Congress and served on the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Board to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She teaches bankruptcy ethics at St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program, and currently serves as a member of the Barry Zaretsky Roundtable Steering Committee at Brooklyn Law School, on the advisory board of the *ABI Law Review*, and as a member of the International Insolvency Institute, American College of Bankruptcy, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Global Restructuring Organization's Scientific Committee, headquartered in Modena, Italy. She is also a board member on Tina's Wish, which is dedicated to funding groundbreaking research for the early detection and prevention of ovarian cancer. Chief Judge Morris received the Annual Conrad B. Duberstein Memorial Award for Excellence and Compassion in the Bankruptcy Judiciary and the *New York Law Journal* Impact Award for pioneering the use of e-filing in federal court. She received her B.S. from West Texas State University and her J.D. from the John Marshall Law School.

Hon. Ann M. Nevins is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Connecticut in New Haven, appointed in 2015. Previously, she was a senior assistant U.S. Attorney in Bridgeport, Conn., and before that practiced bankruptcy law with a private firm in Bridgeport. Judge Nevins received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where she served as a case editor on the *American Journal of Law and Medicine* from 1987-89.

Hon. Christopher J. Panos is Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, initially appointed on Sept. 21, 2015. He also serves on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit. Prior to his appointment, Judge Panos practiced at Craig and Macauley P.C. in Boston for more than 25 years and served as its managing shareholder until the attorneys at that firm joined Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP to open its Boston office. He then served as partner in charge of the Boston office until his appointment. Judge Panos had a diverse practice focusing on business restructuring and insolvency, mergers and acquisitions, commercial finance, business litigation and general business law. He represented companies, individuals, banks, hedge funds and private-equity funds in many different industries, including financial services, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, retail and real estate development. Judge Panos was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2008 and served on its First Circuit Council from 2012-15. He has also served as chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Boston Bar Association and on the Board of Trustees of the Boston Bar Foundation. Judge Panos is co-author of the *MCLE Bankruptcy Practice in Massachusetts* chapter on “Courts, Jurisdiction and Abstention,” published in 2014. He was regularly recognized in peer-review publications such as *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, and was selected Boston “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of bankruptcy and restructuring for the 2012 and 2016 issues of *The Best Lawyers in America. Law & Politics* and *Boston Magazine* designated him a “Super Lawyer” each year of publication of that list and several times named him a “Top 100 Attorney” in Massachusetts and New England. Judge Panos received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1985 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston University School of Law in 1989.

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