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Vincent F. Alexander, CFE is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP and a member of its Bankruptcy & Insolvency and Complex Business & Commercial Litigation practices. He has extensive experience in bankruptcy reorganizations and liquidations, out-of-court restructurings, asset sales, and bankruptcy- and insolvency-related litigation. Mr. Alexander regularly represents debtors, equitholders, chapter 7 and liquidating trustees, and unsecured creditors' committees, as well as other creditors, in bankruptcy proceedings and related litigation. He also has experience successfully representing clients in complex litigation matters, including fraud, trade secret and restrictive covenants, breach of contract, unfair and deceptive trade practices, fiduciary issues, and sports and entertainment. Before becoming a lawyer, Mr. Alexander was a linebacker in the NFL with the New York Jets and Arizona Cardinals, and was a mortgage banker for a large national lender. He received his B.A. in economics and commerce in 2003 from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2009 from the University of Miami School of Law.

Paul J. Battista is a founding shareholder with Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami, where he specializes in complex commercial bankruptcy, financial restructuring and insolvency matters both in and out of court, including related bankruptcy litigation and transactional work. He routinely represents chapter 11 debtors in possession (DIPs), creditors' committees, DIP lenders, purchasers of assets and trustees in large and complex restructurings, workouts, and bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. He also has substantial experience in the representation of franchisors in numerous franchisee bankruptcies around the country. Mr. Battista has experience in litigating a wide variety of bankruptcy-related claims and issues at both the trial and appellate levels, including fraud claims, Ponzi schemes, professional negligence, bankruptcy avoidance actions and collection of judgments. He also has represented lenders and borrowers in all aspects of secured lending, and his background includes the representation of one of the nation's largest investment banking houses in the secondary mortgage market. Mr. Battista is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and continues each year to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy, business reorganizations and creditors' rights: He was named "Lawyer of the Year" for 2012 in Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights and again in 2020 for Bankruptcy-Litigation. He also was recently ranked as one of only three "Star Individuals" in the State of Florida in the bankruptcy field by *Chambers & Partners USA*, having been previously ranked for several years as a "Band 1" Florida bankruptcy attorney. He was named a "Hall of Fame" member by *Legal Elite* and ranked as one of Florida's top lawyers by *Florida Trend*, *South Florida Legal Guide* and *Who's Who Legal*. Mr. Battista is a member of the Florida, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bars, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle District of Florida, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* in accounting in 1983 from the University of Rhode Island and his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1986 from Boston University School of Law.

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America's Top 100 Restructuring Professionals. He was inducted into the International Insolvency Institute in 2014, and also has been an active member of INSOL International for 20 years, co-chairing its Annual Conference on International Insolvency in 2012. Mr. Bloom has written and published extensively and lectured on five continents for INSOL, ALI-ABA, the International Section of the New York State Bar Association and other organizations, and at the Harvard Business School, on areas of interest to insolvency professionals, particularly cross-border recognition and international comity and cooperation. He has served on the editorial boards of both *INSOL World* and the *International Insolvency Law Review*. Mr. Bloom received his B.A. from Yale University in 1975 and his J.D. with honors from the University of Maryland in 1979.

Stephen D. Busey is chairman of Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., and heads its Litigation Department. He is a trial lawyer and focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and insolvency matters. Mr. Busey has a successful record in extended jury trials in major business disputes. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in contract, business torts and corporate-governance disputes. His insolvency experience includes lead representation of debtors and creditors in the chapter 11 reorganizations of publicly held companies. He is also experienced in sports litigation and league governance disputes. Mr. Busey was instrumental in drafting uniform anti-corruption rules, procedures, penalties and investigative process for each of the governing bodies of professional tennis. He is a former chair of the Special Study Commission of The Florida Bar. During his tenure, the commission proposed to the Florida Supreme Court the Rules of Professional Conduct that govern all members of The Florida Bar. Mr. Busey has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, which named him "Jacksonville Lawyer of the Year" on four occasions, and he has been named as one of the top 100 lawyers in the state of Florida by *Florida Super Lawyers*. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Busey received both his B.S. and J.D. from Stetson University.

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Hon. Jeffery W. Cavender is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, sworn in on March 2, 2018. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in the financial restructuring practice of Troutman Sanders LLP, where he primarily represented corporate debtors and secured lenders in chapter 11 cases and mortgage servicers in consumer-related litigation and bankruptcy matters. Judge Cavender previously was a partner in the bankruptcy group of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (n/k/a Dentons LLP) and served as the general counsel for a national mortgage company. He chaired the Bankruptcy Section for the Atlanta Bar Association from 2017-18 and was a member of its board of directors from 2012-18. During Judge Cavender's tenure as chair, the Atlanta Bar Bankruptcy Section was named the national CARE chapter of the year and received the Pro Bono Award for Excellence and the Small Section of the Year Award from the Atlanta Bar. He is an active member of ABI, having previously served on the advisory committee for its Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop. He currently serves as the chair of the Membership Services Committee for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as an adjunct professor at Mercer University School of Law. Judge Cavender received his undergraduate degree in history *summa cum laude* in 1990 from Berry College, and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1993, where he was a member of the *Georgia Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

Jules S. Cohen is a partner in the Bankruptcy and Reorganization group of Akerman LLP in Orlando, where he represents banks and other lenders as secured creditors in bankruptcy proceedings in all types of businesses. He has represented clients in notable bankruptcy proceedings, including the billion-dollar chapter 11 *Braniff Airlines* case, serving as the court-appointed examiner of the *Sheraton Twin Towers* case, and representing a lender group with a \$114 million secured claim in the *Gencor Industries* case. In addition, Mr. Cohen represents buyers of assets from bankruptcy cases and defendants in preference suits. In addition to his recognition in *Chambers USA*, he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* annually since its inception and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Mr. Cohen is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his B.A. *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Florida in 1959 and his J.D. in 1962 from Harvard Law School.

Hon. Roberta A. Colton is a bankruptcy judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, the first bankruptcy judge to be appointed under a memorandum of understanding between the Eighth and Eleventh Circuit Courts. She also serves as a member of the mediation team involved in the Puerto Rico PROMESA cases. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Colton practiced at Trenam Law in Tampa, Fla., where she was a shareholder and a member of the firm's Executive Board. Her practice areas included business reorganization, bankruptcy litigation, foreclosure/lender liability, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustee representation, commercial litigation and bankruptcy asset sales. Prior to joining Trenam Law, she served as a judicial law clerk for Hon. James C. Hill of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta. During her more than 30 years in practice, Judge Colton has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights, Bet-the-Company Litigation and Bankruptcy Litigation. She was also featured as a "Tampa Best Lawyer of the Year" in bankruptcy law. Prior to her appointment, Judge Colton was

named one of the top 10 *Super Lawyers* in Florida from 2011-16. She has served as Eleventh Circuit Regent for the American College of Bankruptcy, chair of the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Middle District of Florida, and chair of the Grievance Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She also is the former chair of the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, as well as the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. Judge Colton has taught numerous CLE programs over the past 20 years, both for the Florida Bar and for bankruptcy programs across the country, on topics ranging from specific bankruptcy and foreclosure issues, workout issues, mediation, and trial and discovery issues. She received her B.A. in commerce with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1979 and her J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 1982, where she served on its law review and was a national moot court finalist.

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Allison R. Day is an equity partner with Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. She specializes in all areas of bankruptcy, business reorganization and creditors' rights and has handled numerous chapter 11 reorganizations, liquidations on behalf of debtors, creditors, creditor committees and trustees, the representation of assignors, assignees and creditors in assignment for the benefit of creditors' proceedings, and receivers in both state and district courts receivership proceedings. Ms. Day is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, *South Florida Legal Guide*, *Florida Trend* and *Lawdragon*. She is a member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, ABI and the American Bar Association. Ms. Day currently serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and has lectured before numerous organizations on bankruptcy-related topics.

In addition, she received the 2007 “Put Something Back” *Pro Bono* “Bankruptcy” Award for providing outstanding *pro bono* legal services to the needy population of Miami-Dade County. Ms. Day is a member of The Florida Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Southern District of Florida. She received her B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her J.D. from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law.

Hon. Caryl E. Delano is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, initially appointed on June 25, 2008, and named Chief Judge on October 1, 2019. She also was appointed Presiding Judge of the Fort Myers Division in July 2012. Previously, Judge Delano practiced before the bankruptcy courts of the Central District of California for 14 years. In 1994, she returned to Tampa and most recently practiced law with the firm of Addison & Delano, P.A., where she concentrated her practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Judge Delano has represented debtors and creditors in numerous chapter 11 cases and related adversary proceedings. She is a member of The Florida Bar, The State Bar of California, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar (Executive Council, CLE Committee), the Hillsborough County Bar Association and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. In addition, she served as the liaison judge to the Middle District of Florida’s Local Rules Lawyers’ Advisory Committee from 2011-20 and is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Federal Rules Advisory Committee. In 2017, Judge Delano received the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association’s Alexander L. Paskay Professionalism Award. In addition, she is the former executive director and past-president of the J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court. Judge Delano received her B.A. in English *cum laude* in 1976 from the University of South Florida and her J.D. in 1979 from Indiana University School of Law, having completed her final year of law school at Emory University School of Law.

Denise D. Dell-Powell is the chair of Dean Mead’s Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights Practice Group in Orlando. She has more than 25 years of experience in bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, as well as distressed property, including CMBS foreclosures, workouts and bankruptcy matters. She has represented secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, chapter 11 trustees, chapter 7 trustees and unsecured creditors’ committees. In addition to a focus on banking and financial institutions, her career also includes representation in the hospitality, restaurant, health care and agricultural industries. In Ms. Dell-Powell’s business litigation practice, she has represented parties in federal and state court and has experience trying both jury and nonjury trials. Her litigation practice involves representing clients in a broad range of matters, including those involving real estate, mortgage foreclosure, receiverships, lender liability, commercial evictions, partnership disputes and other real estate-based litigation. Ms. Dell-Powell is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a frequent lecturer, presenter and author on bankruptcy, restructuring and related issues. She has presented at conferences and seminars sponsored by the American Bar Association, ABI, Trigild, The Florida Bar, The Bankruptcy/UCC Section of The Florida Bar, the Florida Bankers Association, the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association and Lorman Education Series. Ms. Dell-Powell received her B.S. from Florida State University and her J.D. from Mercer University School of Law.

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Hon. Scott M. Grossman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Fort Lauderdale, appointed in February 2019. He previously was bankruptcy and restructuring attorney and litigator based in Greenberg Traurig, LLP's Ft. Lauderdale and Miami offices, where he represented distressed companies, debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, official committees, defendants in insolvency-related litigation, and purchasers of distressed assets. He had worked on bankruptcy cases across various industries, including real estate, hospitality, health care, banking, technology, energy and financial fraud. He also litigated and advised clients on bankruptcy tax issues, Florida's homestead exemption, and fraudulent transfer and preference claims. While primarily involved in chapter 11 reorganizations, Judge Grossman also represented clients in out-of-court workouts and restructurings, chapter 7 liquidations, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and insolvency-related litigation. Before that, he was a trial attorney in the Attorney General's Honors Program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, where he litigated federal tax controversies in bankruptcy courts and federal district courts. From July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, Judge Grossman served as the president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. He received his B.S. in 1996 from the University of Florida and his J.D. in 1999 from George Washington University Law School.

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Hon. Erik P. Kimball is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in West Palm Beach, appointed in 2008. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a member of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Department at Hale and Dorr (now WilmerHale) in the firm's Boston office, where he specialized in corporate bankruptcy, workouts and debt restructuring, and spent considerable time on pro bono representation of individual debtors. Judge Kimball left Hale and Dorr to become a vice president at Colonial Management Associates Inc., a Boston-based mutual fund advisor, where he oversaw all fixed-income defaults for the firm's municipal department. Thereafter, he was a shareholder with the Florida firm Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., where his practice focused on representing institutional investors and indenture trustees in connection with defaults of publicly traded debt securities. He later returned to Boston as a vice president in the Investment Department at Columbia Management Advisors, an affiliate of Bank of America, where he supervised all fixed-income defaults and assisted in the management of its Municipal Department. From 2003 until his judicial appointment in 2008, Judge Kimball was a shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt in the firm's Orlando office, where he represented secured creditors, indenture trustees, institutional investors, corporate debtors and other parties in bankruptcy, receivership and debt-restructuring matters. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kimball was a member of the Board of Governors and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Municipal Analysts, an organization of more than 2,000 municipal credit analysts whose primary goal is to provide educational programs for municipal finance professionals. During his long association with the NFMA, he assisted in writing and presenting on numerous topics relevant to municipal finance. Judge Kimball is a recipient of the Denis Maguire Pro Bono Award of the Boston Bar Association. He received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1987 and his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1990.

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Hon. Catherine P. McEwen is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 22, 2005, and an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. She is the first female judge appointed in her district. Prior to becoming a judge, she was in private practice for almost 23 years in Tampa and was a solo practitioner from 2001 until the date of her appointment to the bench. Before opening her solo practice, she was a shareholder of Akerman Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., formerly known as Moffitt, Hart & Herron, P.A., where she practiced law from 1982-2001 in its Tampa office, concentrating on commercial litigation with an emphasis on representing parties in bankruptcy cases. Judge McEwen was elected into the American Law Institute in 2012. Among her other honors are the Stetson University College of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award (2007), Hillsborough County Bar Association Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award (2008), the Stetson University College of Law J. Ben Watkins Award (2009), the Florida Association for Women Lawyers Leaders in the Law inaugural class designation (2010), the Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association's Luis "Tony" Cabassa Award (2012), the George Edgecomb Bar Association's Delano S. Stewart Diversity Award (2015), the inaugural Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's Distinguished Federal Judicial Service Award (2016), the Stetson Lawyers Alumni Association Ben C. Willard Award (2016), the University of South Florida Distinguished Alumna Award (2016) and the Bay Area Legal Services Inc. Judge Don Castor Justice Award (2016). In 2017, Judge McEwen was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. to serve a two-year term as the nonvoting bankruptcy judge observer to the Judicial Conference of the United States, which ended on Sept. 30, 2019. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she was a sportswriter from 1975-79 for the *Tampa Tribune* and the *Tampa Times*. Judge McEwen received her B.A. in political science from the University of South Florida in 1979 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Stetson University in 1982.

Hon. Mindy A. Mora is U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in West Palm Beach, appointed on April 6, 2018. In 2014, she was named a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2016, in light of her professional achievements in the area of commercial finance, she was named a Fellow in the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys. She also previously chaired the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. Previously, Judge Mora was active in the development of Florida's commercial laws, having chaired the Florida Bar Task Force that sponsored the 2007 revisions of the Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Statute (chapter 727, Florida Statutes); co-sponsored the 1997 revisions to Article 8 and the 1999 revisions to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (chapters 678 and 679, Florida Statutes); led a task force for the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar on revisions to Florida's foreclosure laws, which resulted in the enactment of Fla. Stat. §702.12; and served on a committee studying the Uniform Commissioner's proposed Uniform Real Estate Receivership Act. She has often lectured and published articles about insolvency, restructuring, and commercial lending. Judge Mora continues to serve on the Eleventh Circuit Council of the American College of Bankruptcy and is a member of the Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association and The Florida Bar, as well as the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of South Florida, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves on its Technology and New Member Committees. She received her B.B.A. from George Washington University in 1979 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1982.

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Hon. Peter D. Russin is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Fort Lauderdale, appointed on Aug. 14, 2020. Prior to his appointment, he was co-founder and shareholder of Meland Russin Budwick, a boutique commercial litigation and bankruptcy firm in Miami, where he routinely represented corporate debtors, secured lenders, creditors’ committees and trustees in insolvency proceedings and commercial litigation matters. He also counseled clients through out-of-court workouts and private debt restructuring. Judge Russin successfully prosecuted and defended avoidance actions, including preference and fraudulent conveyance actions, in state and federal courts, and he has written and lectured extensively on insolvency and commercial litigation topics. AV-rated Pre-eminent by Martindale-Hubbell, he was listed in *Chambers USA* (2005-16), *Chambers & Partners* for creditors’ rights, *The Best Lawyers in America*, as a Top Lawyer in the *South Florida Legal Guide*, and in *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite and *South Florida Super Lawyers*. He is also a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. Judge Russin received his B.A. with departmental honors in 1985 from Tulane University of Louisiana and his J.D. in 1988 from George Washington University Law School.

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Hon. Lori V. Vaughan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando, sworn in on Feb. 25, 2020. In moving to the bankruptcy court in Orlando, she returns to sit next to Hon. Karen S. Jennemann, with whom she started her career as a law clerk immediately out of law school. After her clerkship, Judge Vaughan practiced at two law firms. Most recently, she was a shareholder at Trenam Law in Tampa, Fla., and before that, she practiced at Foley & Lardner, the last year of which she spent practicing out of its New York office. Judge Vaughan previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, chair of the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section, and board member for the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation. She has also sat on the boards of the USF Financing Corp. and USF Property Corp. Judge Vaughan received her B.A. with high honors from Eckerd College in 1995 and her J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law in 1998.

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