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## **Faculty Biographies**

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**Hon. Kevin R. Anderson** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed on Sept. 4, 2015. Previously, he served for 17 years as the standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Utah, administering more than 70,000 chapter 13 cases. Judge Anderson was elected president of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT), and he also served on several national committees regarding chapter 13 legislation, rules, forms and policy. He has frequently written and presented on chapter 13 issues, including for the *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, the *ABI Journal*, the *NACTT Quarterly* and the *NACTT Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education*. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Prior to his appointment as chapter 13 trustee, Judge Anderson practiced for 13 years as a commercial litigator with an emphasis on civil fraud, real property, and representing chapter 11 and 7 trustees. He also clerked for Hon. David N. Naugle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California. Prior to law school, Judge Anderson worked for two years as a data systems specialist testing military and commercial jet engines for General Electric. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from the J. Ruben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

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Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2015-20), *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Litigation: General Commercial (2015-19) and Up and Coming (2015), *Utah Business Magazine's* Utah's Legal Elite: Bankruptcy/Workout, (2015-19), and *Mountain States Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation (2014-19). Previously, Mr. Aramburu was a shareholder with Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough, PC and an associate with Alston & Bird. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in political science in 1998 from Weber State University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2001.

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the state chair for CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education). Mr. Berken was named Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year by *5280 Magazine* for 2014, 2015 and 2016. He received his B.A. *cum laude* in political science from the University of California in 1981 and his J.D. from the University of California-Hastings College of Law in 1984.

**Hon. Sidney B. Brooks** is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, initially appointed on Jan. 4, 1988, for the District of Colorado in Denver. He served as Chief Judge from February 2003 to January 2007. Judge Brooks lectures, teaches courses, conducts seminars and writes for numerous professional organizations, schools and publications. He has been assisting with the development of judicial training and court-management programs on behalf of various government and nongovernment organizations, including the U.S. Russia Foundation, the Library of Congress's Open World Leadership Program, the Central and East European Law Initiative, the International Judicial Relations Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference, the U.S. Department of State and The World Bank. He has also worked with and advised judicial officials from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, the People's Republic of China, Poland, Romania, Macedonia, Thailand, Mexico, India, Canada, Armenia, Egypt, Brazil, Argentina and the Czech Republic with regard to international and commercial and insolvency law, as well as court administration and judicial affairs. Judge Brooks has been a member of or served as an officer or board member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Rotary Club of Denver, Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law, Denver Committee on Foreign Relations, ABI and the U.S. Russia Foundation. He previously served as assistant attorney general for Colorado and was in private practice for 16 years, focusing on bankruptcy and reorganizations, litigation, commercial transactions and general business law. Judge Brooks received his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law.

**Hon. Elizabeth E. Brown** was named a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in 2001 for the District of Colorado in Denver and reappointed in 2015. She also served on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel from 2003-13. Following law school, Judge Brown was in private practice from 1986 through 2001, primarily in the area of corporate insolvency and restructuring. Immediately prior to joining the bench, she was a partner and chair of the bankruptcy department at Holme, Roberts & Owen in Denver. Judge Brown is an adjunct professor at both the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and frequently speaks on bankruptcy. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (for which she has served on various committees and is an editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*) and sat on committees for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and she served as judicial chair of ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference from 2001-15. She is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Brown graduated from Colorado College with honors and received her J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School with honors, where she served as the managing editor of the *University of Colorado Law Review*.

**K. Jamie Buechler** is a practitioner with Buechler Law Office in Denver and specializes in representing small and closely-held businesses as well as individuals with complex debt structures. Her work includes creditor/debtor workouts as well as bankruptcy reorganizations and liquidations representing creditors, debtors, trustees and creditors' committees in such industries as real estate investment and development, hotels, heavy equipment, residential and commercial construction, trucking, oil and gas, farming and dairy operations, banking and municipalities. Ms. Buechler is AV-rated by

Martindale-Hubble and is a sought-after speaker for continuing legal education seminars. In 2014, she received the Donald E. Cordova Distinguished Service Award by the Faculty of Federal Advocates, which is presented to attorneys who take on *pro bono* matters to represent indigent debtors. In March 2016, she became Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. In 2020, Ms. Buechler was listed *Colorado Super Lawyers* and was named a Rising Star by *Colorado Super Lawyers* for 2009 and 2010. She is also a member of the Rhone-Brackett Inn of Court, the Faculty of Federal Advocates and ABI. Ms. Buechler received her B.A. with distinction in 1993 from the University of Colorado and her J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law in 1999, where she was a member of the Trial and Appellate Teams, won First Place in the Criminal Law Association Irving P. Andrews Mock Trial Competition, and received a Dufford & Brown Legal Writing Award with Honorable Mention.

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**Dr. Norman L. Dalsted** is professor and extension farm/ranch management economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. Prior to joining the department in 1981, worked as a research associate and instructor for six years in the Department of Agricultural Economics at North Dakota State University. Prior to his career in academia, Dr. Dalsted was a platoon leader in the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1969-1970. In his current position, his research efforts have been focused in the areas of crop and livestock costs and returns, financial management and strategic business planning. Earlier in his career, he developed models related to coal energy and water consumption in the northern high plains associated with coal gasification. Currently, his research programs address the costs and returns of crops grown in Colorado. Dr. Dalsted has worked with more than 1,500 individual farmers and ranchers and their families over the past 35 years. In many situations, he worked with individual families involved in acquiring operating funds, financial workouts, restricting debt, and/or assisting them with reorganization plans under either chapter 11 or chapter 12 bankruptcies. He also worked with another 200 or more families in addressing estate planning for their family operation typically involving two or more generations in the family. In addition, he served as a mediation officer to resolve disagreements between tenants and landlords, between lenders and borrowers, and between government agencies and farmers or ranchers. Dr. Dalsted received his Bachelor's degree in 1968 and his Master's in 1972 both in agricultural economics from North Dakota State University, and his Ph.D. in economics in 1981 from Colorado State University.

**Jessica E. Deal** is a practitioner with Advanced Legal Services, Inc. in Denver and has been practicing consumer bankruptcy law for more than 10 years, focusing mainly on representing debtors in chapter 7 and 13 cases. She began her legal career as a law clerk in the Domestic Division of Denver District Court and, prior to clerking, was an intern at the U.S. Department of Justice in Rome. Ms. Deal is an experienced lecturer and has a long history of teaching as an adjunct instructor at Colorado Women's College and the University of Denver. She currently serves as an advisor to the tentative Legal Studies program at Regis University. She also advocates for consumer rights at the legislative level, and recently testified as a proponent of House Bill 19-1189 (garnishment reform), which goes into effect in October 2020. Ms. Deal received her B.A.s in philosophy and Italian studies from the University of Denver and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and she has received special training in international arbitration from the Brooklyn College of Law and the University of Bologna, Italy.

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