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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 served as 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.

Dr. Daniel Bachman is a senior manager with Deloitte Services LP in Washington, D.C., and is responsible for Deloitte's quarterly U.S. Economic Forecast. Prior to coming to Deloitte, he worked as a forecaster, economic analyst and model expert at the U.S. Commerce Department and for several economic consulting companies. He also taught economics at Temple University. Dr. Bachman's first professional job was at Israel's Ministry of Finance. He is a participant in the *Wall Street Journal's* Economic Forecasting panel and George Washington University's H.O. Stekler Research Seminar on Forecasting. He is an active member of the National Association for Business Economics and the National Economics Club. Dr. Bachman has published a number of articles in peer-reviewed economics research journals. He received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D. from Brown University.

J. Thomas Beckett is a shareholder with Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City and heads the firm's bankruptcy practice group. He works in the firm's litigation practice group and practices primarily in commercial litigation. For several years following the Great Recession, Mr. Beckett represented creditors' committees in the bankruptcies of numerous high-end luxury resorts in Utah, Nevada and Montana. Over the length of his career, he has represented a diverse group of clients in chapter 11 bankruptcies: debtors, committees, committee members and committee chairs; trustees and receivers; secured and unsecured creditors; bondholders, equityholders and royaltyholders; asset-acquirers, equipment lessors, Ponzi scheme victims, employees and independent contractors. He has represented clients in all manner of bankruptcy and creditor rights issues, including commercial litigation in state and federal courts, out-of-court workouts, equitable subordination, lift-stays, plan confirmations, secured and unsecured financing, exculpation clauses, case conversion, allegations of bad faith, and alter-ego and nondischargeability. Previously, Mr. Beckett was an associate in the financial workout department of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York City. He remains an active member of the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Beckett's work experience includes one year on the staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. He recently completed three terms as chairman of the board of directors of Clark Planetarium. He currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Ethics and Discipline Committee and has maintained a whitewater river guide's license and wilderness first-responder certification for more than 30 years. Mr. Beckett received his B.A. from Brown University in 1979 and his M.B.A. in finance from New York University Stern School of Business Administration in 1986.

Matthew M. Boley is a shareholder with Cohn Kinghorn, P.C. in Salt Lake City. He serves on the firm's board of directors and is a former member of the firm's Executive Committee. He focuses on the areas of bankruptcy, real estate, business/commercial litigation and creditors' rights. Mr. Boley's practice has focused on bankruptcy, receivership and insolvency law for his entire legal career. He has represented all potential constituencies in bankruptcy and insolvency cases, including debtors, trustees, receivers, secured creditors, unsecured creditors and creditor committees. Mr. Boley has represented clients involved in litigation and/or arbitration in many different types of disputes, from real estate and contract disputes to intellectual property litigation. He also has extensive experience in all areas of creditors' rights and debtor/creditor relations. Mr. Boley has experience handling "real estate" transactions and litigation. He previously chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the Utah State Bar, and is active in several insolvency-related legal organizations. Mr. Boley has received several perennial honors and recognitions, including *pro bono* awards from the Utah State Bar, an AV-Pre-eminent rating, and recognitions *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Utah Legal Elite* and *Super Lawyers*. He received his B.S. *cum laude* from Westminster College in 1994 and his J.D. from the University of Utah, College of Law in 1999, where he was inducted as a member of the Order of the Coif and served as a note and comment editor for the *Utah Law Review*.

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 editor-in-chief 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*.

Kyler K. Burgi is an associate in the Trial Department of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in Denver, where his practice focuses on bankruptcy and creditors' rights, complex commercial litigation and toxic tort litigation. He has a diverse bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice that spans multiple industries, including oil & gas, mining, real estate, retail, tech and recreation. Mr. Burgi helps lenders, borrowers, trade creditors, mechanics' and oil and gas lienholders, and equityholders develop and implement strategies to navigate in-court and out-of-court restructurings, bankruptcy proceedings, judicial and nonjudicial foreclosures, and receivership actions. He defends clients against preference and fraudulent transfer claims in courts across the country. He also represents debtors and trustees in chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcies. Mr. Burgi assists clients with purchases of distressed assets through the § 363 sale process, from preparing bids to obtaining court approval to post-closing matters. He also consults on commercial transactions and mergers & acquisitions to help clients manage risks associated with insolvency and bankruptcy. Mr. Burgi has litigated matters throughout Colorado and the Mountain West. He has guided clients to successful results in numerous lawsuits and arbitrations, including adversarial business separations, fraud claims, oil & gas disputes, toxic tort cases, breach-

of-contract actions and real estate disputes. Mr. Burgi currently co-chairs the Colorado Bar Association's Bankruptcy Subsection. He also has been named among the "Ones to Watch" in the area of Commercial Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Previously, Mr. Burgi clerked for Hon. Philip A. Brimmer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. He received his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he graduated first in his class. While in law school, he competed nationally as a member of the Sturm College of Law's ABA-NTC National Trial Team, served as an editor of the *Denver University Law Review*, and interned for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Prior to law school, Mr. Burgi worked as a television news reporter.

Katherine R. Catanese is a partner and bankruptcy and restructuring attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP in New York, where she focuses her practice on the representation of creditors' committees, post-confirmation trusts and trustees, especially in fraud-based litigation. She also focuses her practice on cross-border fraud and representation of investors and managers in hedge funds both onshore and offshore in bankruptcy litigation including involuntary bankruptcies and chapter 15 bankruptcies. In this regard, she assisted in filing an involuntary petition for a group of hedge fund creditors, then assisted in procuring a settlement in that bankruptcy that resolved over a dozen lawsuits in the U.S. and offshore and is liquidating the remaining hedge fund assets. She also has experience in bankruptcy appeals and successfully persuaded a federal appeals court to affirm the dismissal of a "rogue" bankruptcy petition by the ousted former board of directors of a scandal-plagued Chinese clean energy company. Ms. Catanese focuses on for-profit schools and higher-education restructuring generally, with an emphasis on fraud investigation and intervention. She is building a practice focusing on representing higher-education institutions, lenders and private-equity funds in all forms of litigation related to the business and financial restructuring of these schools. Ms. Catanese is a member of the Bankruptcy and Health Care Restructuring subteam at Foley and the women's retention coordinator for Foley's Women's Network in the New York office, and she was named one of ABI's "40 Under 40" emerging leaders in insolvency practice in 2018. Prior to joining Foley, she was an associate at Allard & Fish, P.C., where she represented a chapter 7 trustee and corporate debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and trustees in all aspects of bankruptcy litigation. Ms. Catanese is admitted to practice in New York and Michigan. She is also a lifetime member of the Michigan State University alumni association and a member of the MSU Law Alumni Board. Ms. Catanese received her B.A. in psychology *summa cum laude* in 2001 and her J.D. *cum laude* in 2004 from Michigan State University. During law school, she clerked for Hon. David L. Jordon.

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assets during the bankruptcy process, from vehicles to multimillion dollar apartment complexes and other real estate projects, and the sale of operating business entities. He has represented a variety of clients, including individuals of all income levels, companies varying in size from small companies to some of the larger Colorado companies, including construction companies, real estate companies, apartment complexes, hardware stores, office supply companies and farming operations. Mr. Garber is a member of the Colorado and American Bar Associations and ABI, and he is vice president of the Colorado chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is also on the Colorado Supreme Court working group for addressing *pro bono* and legal assistance needs, and he regularly lectures on bankruptcy related issues. Mr. Garber received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder and his J.D. *cum laude* from Temple Law School in 1997.

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Hon. Terrence L. Michael is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma in Tulsa and a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit. He has authored more than 170 published opinions, as well as articles in the *Tulsa Law Review*, *Texas Tech Law Review* and *Creighton Law Review*. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Michael joined the firm of Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim in Omaha, Neb., where he was a member of the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group. His practice included all types of bankruptcy matters and general civil litigation. While at Baird, Holm, Judge Michael chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association and was a member of the local rules committee responsible for drafting local rules in chapter 12 cases. He also authored and presented numerous papers at various continuing legal education seminars. Judge Michael has taught courses for the American Banker's Association School of Agri-Finance and Metro Technical Community College. On June 9, 1997, he began his career as a bankruptcy judge, and on June 7, 2000, he was appointed to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit, a position he still holds. As a member of the BAP, Judge Michael chaired the committee charged with revising the local rules of that court. He is an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Tulsa, and he has served as a speaker at various seminars presented by the Federal Judicial Center, the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, the Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference, ABI, the Nebraska State Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Tulsa County Bar Association, the West Texas Bar Association and the Southwest Regional Turnaround Management

Association. Judge Michael is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, having served on various committees and the Board of Governors. He received the President's Award for Distinguished Service to the Conference in 2018. Judge Michael is an emeritus member of the Council Oak/Johnson-Sontag American Inn of Court, which awarded him the John A. Athens Leadership Award in 2004, and the Nebraska State Bar Association. He was part of a multi-state select choir, which sang in Carnegie Hall in 1999, and recorded his first studio album in collaboration with Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame member and Grammy winner David Teegarden in 2018. Judge Michael received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in history from Doane College in 1980 and his J.D. from the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law in 1983.

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Hon. Cathleen D. Parker is Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Wyoming in Cheyenne, appointed in June 2015. Prior to her appointment, she was an attorney with the Wyoming Attorney General's Office for 16 years. She primarily represented the Wyoming Departments of Revenue and Audit in front of administrative tribunals, the Wyoming State Courts and the Wyoming Supreme Court. At the time of her appointment, she was the supervisor of the Revenue Section of the Civil Division and was the head of the Attorney General's Bankruptcy Unit. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Judge Parker worked as an attorney in private practice in Colorado handling both civil and criminal matters. She received her J.D. in 1998 from the University of Wyoming School of Law and received the ABI Medal of Excellence.

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vice president and provost from 2015-16, as acting senior vice president for Finance and Business (for July and August 2017), and as special counsel to the president from May 2016-June 2018. Prof. Rapoport is admitted to the bars of the states of California, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas and Nevada and of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2001, she was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and in 2002, she received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Rice University. In 2017, she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi (Chapter 100). She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and of the American College of Bankruptcy. In 2009, the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel presented her with the Public Service Counsel Award at the 4th Annual Counsel of the Year Awards. In 2017, she received the Commercial Law League of America's Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy, and in 2018, she was one of the recipients of the NAACP Legacy Builder Awards (Las Vegas Branch #1111). She has served as the fee examiner or as chair of the fee review committee in such large bankruptcy cases as Zetta Jet, Toys 'R Us, Caesars, Station Casinos, Pilgrim's Pride and Mirant. Prof. Rapoport appeared in the Academy Award®-nominated movie *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room* (Magnolia Pictures 2005) as herself. She received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Rice University in 1982 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1985.

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Hon. Michael E. Romero is Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of Colorado in Denver, initially appointed in 2003 and appointed Chief Judge in July 2014. He has also served on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel since 2010. Previously, he was with the firm of Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson & Hennessey, P.C., where he practiced as a trial attorney specializing in bankruptcy-related matters. He has served on numerous committees and advisory groups for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is the past chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, and served as the sole bankruptcy court representative to the Judicial Conference of the U.S., the governing body for the federal judiciary. Judge Romero recently completed his term as president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and actively participates on several of its committees. He also serves on the Executive Board of Our Courts, a joint activity between the Colorado Judicial Institute and the Colorado Bar Association that provides programs to further public understanding of the federal and state court systems. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, ABI, the Histori-

cal Society of the Tenth Circuit and the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. Judge Romero received his undergraduate degree in economics and political science from Denver University in 1977 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1980.

Hon. Joseph G. Rosania is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado in Denver. Previously, he was a shareholder of Connolly, Rosania & Lofstedt, P.C. (CR&L), where he focused on bankruptcy-related litigation, and clerked for Hon. Jay L. Gueck, former U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado. He also ran a successful solo law practice concentrating on bankruptcy and related litigation. Judge Rosania was a member of the Panel of Private Trustees for the District of Colorado from 1985-2015. He also served as a chapter 7 and 11 trustee, an examiner in three cases including a securities fraud case, and as counsel to unsecured creditors' committees in several cases, and he represented represented chapter 11 debtors. A frequent speaker, Judge Rosania has taught business law classes at the University of Colorado and Colorado State University. He received his J.D. in from the University of Colorado School of Law, where he was in the top 20 percent of his class.

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Hon. William T. Thurman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City and served as its chief judge, and he is a prior member and chief judge of the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. He is a current member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Code of Conduct Committee and a former member of the Conference’s Financial Disclosure Committee. Judge Thurman has also served as a board member for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and has chaired several of its committees. He is a Fellow with the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Thurman received the Distinguished Service Award from the Utah Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in 2012. Previously, he was in private practice in Salt Lake City and practiced with McKay, Burton & Thurman for 27 years, where he focused his practice on bankruptcy law and served as a panel chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee. Judge Thurman received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Utah.

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