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## **Faculty Biographies**

**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.

**Troy J. Aramburu** is a partner in the Salt Lake City office of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., where his practice is concentrated in bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He primarily represents secured and unsecured creditors, committees, receivers and other fiduciaries in a variety of contested actions before bankruptcy, federal and state courts. Mr. Aramburu is recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Utah Business Magazine*'s "Legal Elite" for his work as a commercial litigator and bankruptcy professional. He is admitted to the Utah and Georgia Bars. 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.

**Jessica Arett** is an at Sherman & Howard L.L.C. in Denver, where her litigation practice focuses on commercial disputes arising out of corporate governance, construction, creditors' rights and real estate issues, as well as commercial contracts and tort claims. She represents clients of all sizes ranging from international corporations to local small businesses and individuals, successfully helping clients navigate disputes in and out of court. Ms. Arett has experience representing clients all over the country in state and federal court, arbitration and administrative proceedings. She helps creditors navigate state and national laws and regulations related to debt collection and reporting, including state and federal fair debt collection practices acts, state consumer protection laws and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. She also has experience representing debtors in chapter 11 proceedings and has successfully tried numerous claims disallowance cases on behalf of a chapter 11 debtor. Ms. Arett is one of the few Colorado lawyers that is certified as a privacy professional through the International Association of Privacy Professionals. She advises businesses and nonprofit organizations on issues related to privacy and data security, and works closely with clients to ensure compliance with the most recent data-security laws and regulations. She has experience handling data-security issues in the education, health care, public utility and financial space, and frequently advises clients on compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accessibility Act (HIPAA), the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the Colorado Privacy Act (CPA), the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, and other state and federal data security laws. Ms. Arett was recently selected to both the General Counsel Mentorship Program (cohort beginning in 2022) and the Denver Metro Chamber's Impact Denver program. For two consecutive years, she has been named

to *The Best Lawyers in America's* "Ones to Watch" list in recognition of her commercial litigation and appellate practices. Throughout her career, she has also litigated cases involving immigration, civil rights and protection for victims of domestic violence as part of her *pro bono* practice. Prior to joining Sherman & Howard, Ms. Arett clerked for Justice Richard Gabriel of the Colorado Supreme Court. She received her B.A. *summa cum laude* in political science and history in 2010 from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. in 2013 from the University of Chicago Law School.

**J. Thomas Beckett** is a shareholder with Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City and heads the firm's bankruptcy group. He has represented a diverse roster of clients in chapter 11 cases, notably, in the Yellowstone Mountain Club bankruptcy, as lead counsel to the creditors' committee, for which he obtained the equitable subordination of a \$370 million secured loan to enable unsecured creditors to be paid first. Formerly an associate at Milbank in New York City, Mr. Beckett's work experience also includes a year on the staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. He recently served as chairman of the board of directors of Clark Planetarium and currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Ethics and Discipline Committee. He has maintained a whitewater river guide's license and wilderness first responder certification for 40 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. He also was trained as a mediator at the Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation.

**Stephen E. Berken** is a partner with Berken Cloyes, PC in Denver, where he focuses his practice on consumer bankruptcy law, and he is the Colorado state chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He handles cases involving chapter 7 and 13, and the defense and prosecution of bankruptcy adversary matters. Mr. Berken is the founding member of the Colorado Consumer Bankruptcy Association and the creator of the Colorado Debtors' Counsel Listserv, an online source of information for debtors' counsel in the state of Colorado provided as a free service to counsel of the debtors' bar. He serves on the advisory board for ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference and is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He also is the former state chair for CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education). Mr. Berken was named Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year by *5280 Magazine* for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, and was named in *Super Lawyers* from 2020-21. 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.

**Steven M. Berman** is a partner in the Tampa, Fla., office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, specializing in the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group. He has more than 30 years of bankruptcy experience and focuses his practice on business bankruptcy litigation, representing creditors, investors, distressed-debt lenders, trustees, committees and business entities litigating disputes in bankruptcy court. Mr. Berman is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Creditors' Rights Law and Business Bankruptcy Law, and he is a member of the Florida, California, District of Columbia, New York and Puerto Rico (Federal) bars. He is also admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Berman serves on the board of directors of the American Board of Certification and is a member of its Faculty Committee. He also serves on ABI's Board of Directors, its Endowment Committee and its Taskforce on Veterans and Servicemembers Affairs, and he routinely volunteers and speaks at its seminars and other

programs. On a local level, Mr. Berman is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. He also guest lectures at the University of Florida College of Law and Stetson University College of Law, both in the advanced bankruptcy courses. Additionally, Mr. Berman serves as the Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian to the Coronado Yacht Club in Coronado, Calif., and volunteers in providing *pro bono* bankruptcy and insolvency services and training for U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General officers and staff, along with representation of service members and their families in need. He received his B.S. in multinational business operations from Florida State University and his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin 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 a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and was the editor-in-chief of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* from 2018-21. In addition, she has served as an adjunct professor at both the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law for many years, and she served as judicial chair of ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference from 2001-15. Judge Brown frequently lectures at regional and national programs of various organizations. She also has served on various committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. 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 at 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 currently serves as the co-chair of the Colorado Bar Association's Bankruptcy Subsection, as a member of the Prosper Colorado Leadership Council, and on the associate board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. 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.

**Deborah Chandler** is a partner with Anderson & Karrenberg in Salt Lake City and currently serves as the firm's president. She represents debtors, creditors and trustees in all aspects of title 11 work, including subchapter V cases. Ms. Chandler is frequently called upon to represent defendants in various adversary proceedings, including avoidance actions and nondischargeability proceedings. In addition to successfully reorganizing companies in chapter 11, she has also represented debtors in

private restructurings and state court dissolution proceedings. Ms. Chandler has represented receivers and defended actions brought by receivers. In addition to her bankruptcy practice, she maintains a diverse commercial and civil litigation practice. One of her specialties is probate litigation, including both guardianships and conservatorships. Ms. Chandler has been selected by her peers as a member of Utah's Legal Elite since 2017. She received two B.S. degrees *cum laude*, in finance and marketing, in 2004 from the University of Utah and her J.D. in 2008 from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, where she received the CALI Award for highest grade in Intellectual Property and the College of Law Award for second-highest grade in Corporate Finance.

**Brent R. Cohen** is a partner with Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP in Denver and a senior member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He is experienced in a wide variety of bankruptcy and insolvency matters throughout the U.S., and his practice includes the representation of debtors, creditors and trustees in bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, as well as workouts and restructurings outside of court. Mr. Cohen regularly provides bankruptcy advice in conjunction with a variety of complex commercial transactions and has participated in some of the more significant bankruptcy litigation in the Rocky Mountain area. He has also had involvement in oil and gas, debtor/creditor and commercial litigation. Mr. Cohen is admitted to the Bars of Wyoming and Colorado. He previously served on the board of directors of the Faculty of Federal Advocates, which in 2004 presented him with the Donald C. Cordova Distinguished Service Award, and as co-chair of ABI's Unsecured Trade Creditors Committee. Mr. Cohen has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022), *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2021), *Colorado Super Lawyers* for Bankruptcy, Business Litigation (2006-20) and *5280* magazine's "Top Lawyers" List (2020). He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* from the University of Colorado College of Business and Administration in 1978 and his J.D. in 1981 from the University of Colorado Law School.

**Matthew H. Connors, ASA, CPA, ABV, CFE** is a managing member at Rocky Mountain Advisory, LLC in Salt Lake City and leads the firm's business and intellectual property valuation practice. His expertise includes expert witness services in complex commercial litigation disputes and valuing equity securities in and outside of litigation disputes. Mr. Connors has testified in federal and state courts multiple times. He is an expert in calculating economic damages, business valuation, intellectual property valuation, intangible asset valuation and damages related to such intangible assets. Mr. Connors has expertise in preparing and rebutting expert opinions in the above areas. His practice also includes the valuation of intangible assets, intellectual property and goodwill for purposes of post-transaction financial reporting. Mr. Connors has experience investigating fraud schemes of various types and has spent significant time investigating alleged fraud schemes including Ponzi schemes, misappropriation of assets, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations, and evaluating business solvency. He received a B.S. in accounting and a B.S. in information systems, both *magna cum laude*, and his M.B.A. from the University of Utah.

**Shelly L. Cuff, CPA** is a director in Development Specialists, Inc.'s Los Angeles office and has 12 years of experience in insolvency, restructuring and operational services. She has worked on various bankruptcy and distressed corporate matters, including debtor and creditors' committee advisory engagements, and has provided valuation, insolvency analyses and forensic accounting services related to litigation. Ms. Cuff's experience includes static pool analyses to evaluate portfolio col-

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**Brad E. Dempsey** is a partner with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Denver and helps financial institutions and other organizations resolve high-stakes disputes. An experienced trial lawyer and leader of the firm's Colorado finance and restructuring litigation team, he focuses on bank litigation, bankruptcy litigation (contested matters and adversary proceedings), receiverships, negotiation of workout, forbearance and restructuring agreements, real property and Article 9 foreclosures, FDIC and bank failure matters, real estate litigation, appeals and other complex financial matters. Mr. Dempsey has handled numerous cases before state, federal, bankruptcy and appellate courts, and has represented creditors in complex bankruptcy cases throughout the U.S. He also represents clients involved in complex disputes and litigation involving homeowners associations and Colorado's Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). Mr. Dempsey participated in the enactment of Colorado's recent HOA reform legislation and has developed significant knowledge and skill in HOA governance, management and CCIOA compliance through a decade of service to complex residential and resort communities in Jefferson County, Summit County and Eagle County. He also has experience working with domestic and international clients operating in the wine industry. Mr. Dempsey is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his B.A. in 1995 from the University of Colorado Boulder and his J.D. in 1998 from the University of Colorado Law School.

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**Jonathan Dickey** is a partner with Kutner Brinen Dickey Riley, P.C. in Denver and has specialized in the practice of bankruptcy law for over a decade. He represents chapter 11 debtors — both individual and corporate — and has guided many parties through the chapter 11 process to plan confirmation. In addition, Mr. Dickey has experience representing chapter 7 trustees and creditors across

all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. Prior to moving to Colorado in 2014, he practiced bankruptcy law in Indianapolis and was a frequent speaker on bankruptcy issues for the National Business Institute. Mr. Dickey received his B.S. in finance as a Chancellor's Scholar in 2005 from the University of Illinois, and his J.D. in 2008 from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he was a notes editor for the *Journal of Law, Technology and Policy*.

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