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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 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 also is 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.

**J. Thomas Beckett** is a shareholder with Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City and heads the firm's bankruptcy group. For more than 30 years, 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, debt workouts, asset protection and mechanic's lien and trust fund statutes. He handles cases involving chapters 7 and 13, the defense and prosecution of bankruptcy adversary matters, and state court litigation involving the Colorado Mechanic's Lien statute. Mr. Berken has lectured for various professional groups, and is a frequent guest on KHOW AM radio. For nearly 30 years, he has lectured at many CLE seminars, including those sponsored by ABI and the Colorado Continuing Legal Education. Mr. Berken is a Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, and he has written several articles regarding representing consumer debtors in chapter 7 and 13 cases. He has prosecuted hundreds of motions, adversary cases and appeals. Mr. Berken is the Colorado state chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He also is the founding member of the Colorado Consumer Bankruptcy Association and the founder of the Colorado Debtors' Counsel Listserv, an Internet-based source of information for debtors' counsel in the state of Colorado. The listserv is provided as a free service to counsel of the Debtors' Bar. Mr. Berken is a group leader in NACBA's Advocacy Committee, a post that will allow him inside access this next year to the legislature in Washington D.C., as he continues to fight for consumer bankruptcy legislation. He 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. Mr. Berken is admitted to practice before the Colorado Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of

Colorado, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. 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 the Law in 1984.

**Jeffrey S. Brinen** is the managing partner of Kutner Brinen Dickey Riley, P.C. in Denver and has specialized in the practice of bankruptcy law since 1988, including debtor/creditor relationships, workouts, bankruptcy litigation and other insolvency issues. He represents corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and individuals with respect to chapter 11 reorganizations, out-of-court workouts and chapter 7 liquidations. Mr. Brinen represents both debtors and creditors and has successfully guided many businesses and individuals through the chapter 11 bankruptcy process to plan confirmation. He has handled a wide spectrum of bankruptcy cases, including hotels, office buildings, shopping centers, land developments, cattle ranches, housing developments, construction companies, dental practices, law firms, manufacturing plants, various service industries, and oil and gas companies. He also has represented individuals from a variety of backgrounds, including real estate developers, business owners, doctors, dentists, lawyers, farmers and financial professionals. Mr. Brinen has testified as an expert witness on bankruptcy issues and has served as co-chair of the Bankruptcy Subsection of the Colorado Bar Association. He also has frequently lectured on bankruptcy issues to attorneys and nonlegal professionals. Mr. Brinen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1980 Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from George Washington University in 1984.

**Lacey S. Bryan** is an attorney with Markus Williams Young & Hunsicker LLC in Denver, where her practice is focused on complex bankruptcy litigation. She represents clients in all phases of insolvency and restructuring, including debtors, creditors, and trustees in chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcies. Ms. Bryan previously clerked for Hon. Michael E. Romero of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado and was the staff attorney for the Chapter 13 Trustee for the Northern District of Oklahoma. She is a member of ABI and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Faculty of Federal Advocates, and the Colorado and Oklahoma Bar Associations. Ms. Bryan received her B.A. in 2009 from the University of North Texas and her J.D. with highest honors in 2013 from the University of Tulsa, where she served on the executive board of the *Tulsa Law Review*.

**Deborah R. Chandler** is the president of Anderson & Karrenberg in Salt Lake City, a diverse commercial and civil litigation practice. Since 2008, she has successfully represented individuals and companies in various complex matters, including commercial bankruptcy, contract interpretation, fraud, intellectual property, trademark infringement, employee covenants, securities, and real estate matters, shareholder/member disputes and guardianship proceedings. More recently, Ms. Chandler has represented court-appointed receivers charged with overseeing commercial receivership estates. She also has tort-litigation experience, both in district court and arbitration proceedings, defending care center facilities against wrongful death claims, and providing general insurance defense regarding automobile and premises liability. Ms. Chandler is listed among *Utah Business Magazine's* Utah Legal Elite: Up and Coming™ (2014) and Utah Legal Elite™ (2017-21). She received her B.S. *cum laude* in marketing and finance from the University of Utah in 2004 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.

**Kathryn A. Coleman** is a partner in Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP's New York office. She has handled a wide range of chapter 11 representations and other high-stakes insolvency-related matters in her more than 30 years in practice, including dealing with "bet-the-company" litigation claims, representing acquirers in chapter 11 sale transactions, representing DIP lenders, and handling cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings and distressed investments. Ms. Coleman's clients include individuals and companies defending trade secret theft and RICO lawsuits, publicly traded and privately held companies restructuring their financial affairs, traditional and nontraditional secured lenders, unsecured creditors (both official committees and significant creditors for their own account), equityholders, potential acquirers, equity sponsors, and financial and strategic buyers. She also is experienced in advising management and boards of directors on corporate governance, fiduciary duty and D&O insurance matters. Ms. Coleman has advised clients on, and litigated at the trial and appellate levels, the significant legal issues inherent in modern restructuring and finance practice, including contested plan confirmations, prepackaged plans, credit bidding, exclusivity, debtor-in-possession financings, valuation, adequate protection of security interests, the ability to collaterally attack orders of the bankruptcy court and cash-collateral usage. She has experience litigating venue, remand, removal and stay issues, and has represented recovery trustees dealing with myriad post-confirmation issues and litigation. Ms. Coleman is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and served two terms on ABI's Board of Directors, and she co-chairs ABI's annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program. She was recently named a *Law360* Bankruptcy MVP and a Notable Woman in Law by *Crain's New York Business*. Ms. Coleman frequently speaks on bankruptcy law and distressed investing, participating in programs sponsored by the Practising Law Institute, ABI, the Turnaround Management Association, AIRA, The M&A Advisor, the New York City Bar Association and the American Bar Association. She also serves on the Steering Committee of the NYC Bankruptcy Assistance Project. Ms. Coleman graduated *magna cum laude* from Pomona College and received her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law (U.C. Berkeley), subsequently clerking for Hon. C. Martin Pence, U.S. District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

**Hon. Daniel P. Collins** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed on Jan. 18, 2013. He served as chief judge from 2014-18 and is presently a conflicts judge in the

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Districts of Guam, Hawaii and Southern California. Previously, Judge Collins was a shareholder with the Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C. in Phoenix, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial transactions. He is president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, served on ABI's Board of Directors, is on the board of the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is a member of the University of Arizona Law School's Board of Visitors. He also is a founding member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. Judge Collins received both his B.S. in finance and accounting in 1980 and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Arizona.

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**Mark D. Dennis, CPA, CFF** is a partner with SL Biggs, A Division of SingerLewak LLP, in Denver and has public accounting experience providing tax consulting, compliance and preparation services to individuals, partnerships and corporate entities. He also has specialized experience in the areas of insolvency, bankruptcy and litigation support. Mr. Dennis is regularly retained by trustees, attorneys and debtors to handle the financial aspects of chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy estates. He assists with asset administration, the preparation of monthly operating reports, tax forecasting and preparation, chapter 11 debtor-in-possession reorganizations, and court-reporting compliance. Mr. Dennis's experience in matters of forensic accounting and litigation support includes records reconstruction and tracing of funds to identify recoverable assets, including fraudulent and/or preferential conveyance transactions, liquidation and insolvency analyses, claims analysis and preparation of evidentiary schedules and reports. He has been admitted and has testified as an expert in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and has been appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice as a subchapter V trustee for Region 19 (Colorado and Wyoming). Mr. Dennis is the former president of Dennis & Company, PC, which combined its practice with SLBiggs in June 2020. He is a member of the Colorado Society of CPAs, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, ABI, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Dennis received his B.A. in economics from Cornell University in 1992 and his M.B.A. from London Business School in 1999.

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**Gabriel Fried** is the founder and CEO of Hilco Streambank, LLC in Needham, Mass. He began liquidating intangibles in 2000, when he was retained to dispose of his former employer's digital and trademark assets. He pioneered the distressed brokerage of intangibles during his roles as liquidator, auctioneer, investor, buyer's agent, expert witness and appraiser. As a freelance IP sales agent, Mr. Fried worked through a number of retail and manufacturing cases from 2000-07, when he launched Streambank in order to build a team. After four years of working most major insolvency cases in the U.S. with intellectual property assets, the Streambank team joined Hilco in 2011. Mr. Fried has worked on several hundred appraisals of intellectual property assets for lenders and regularly testifies as an expert in cases involving disputes over intellectual property value, as well as sale process integrity. He received his B.A. with honors from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his M.S. in economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where he was a Ph.D. candidate.

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**Adam M. Goodman** is a standing chapter 13 trustee for the Districts of Colorado and Wyoming in Denver. He was appointed in Colorado on Oct. 1, 2017, and in Wyoming on Oct. 1, 2018. From Jan. 1, 2003, to Sep. 30, 2017, he was a standing chapter 13 trustee for the Northern District of Georgia.

Mr. Goodman is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and The Florida Bar. He began his legal career representing consumer and business debtors in Tampa, Fla., then migrated to representing lending institutions and mortgage-holders in foreclosure and bankruptcy matters throughout the State of Florida. Mr. Goodman continued his creditors' rights practice in bankruptcy and problem loan workouts on a nationwide basis with a law firm in Atlanta. Prior to his appointment, he served as a staff attorney for a chapter 13 trustee. Mr. Goodman is a frequent speaker locally and nationally on chapter 13 topics and is a co-author of Thomson Reuters' *Chapter 13 Practice and Procedure*. He received his B.S. in 1990 from Florida State University and his J.D. in 1993 from Southern Texas College of Law.

**Prof. Brook E. Gotberg** is a professor of law at Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School in Provo, Utah, where she teaches bankruptcy, contracts, secured transactions and other commercial law subjects. She joined the university in 2020 and has since been named the 2022 recipient of the Francis R. Kirkham Professorship, which honors exceptional achievements in scholarship, teaching or citizenship. Prof. Gotberg's scholarship focuses primarily on debtor and creditor relations, both in and out of bankruptcy. She recently presented on bankruptcy venue reform, avoidance actions, and the relationship between small businesses, the SBRA and COVID-19. Prior to joining the BYU faculty, she was an associate professor at the University of Missouri School of Law. Prof. Gotberg's experience with commercial law stems from her time with Sullivan & Cromwell in Los Angeles, where she represented both debtors and creditors in a variety of cases from large antitrust suits to minor contract disputes. She also clerked for Hon. Milan D. Smith, Jr. on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and for Hon. Thomas B. Donovan in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Prof. Gotberg has been published in the *ABI Law Review* and is a 2019 ABI "40 Under 40" honoree. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in political science from Brigham Young University and her J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

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**Lon A. Jenkins** is the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed in September 2015. He has practiced bankruptcy law for nearly 40 years. Following law school, Mr. Jenkins was an associate with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in the firm's Salt Lake City office. While there, he worked with and was mentored by former U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ralph R. Mabey; in 1993, he became a partner in the firm. During his time at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Mr. Jenkins specialized primarily in chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations, representing a wide range of debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, trustees and indenture trustees. Upon departing LeBoeuf Lamb after 23 years in 2006, he continued his bankruptcy practice with the Salt Lake City law firm of Ray, Quinney & Nebeker from 2006-08. While there, he was appointed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah as receiver in two federal Ponzi scheme cases to recover and administer assets for the benefit of defrauded investors. Subsequently, Mr. Jenkins was a shareholder at Jones Waldo from 2008-13 and Of Counsel with Minneapolis-based Dorsey & Whitney from 2013-15). Mr. Jenkins has been a frequent speaker and educational program panelist, both nationally and locally, on a variety of bankruptcy-related topics. He also is engaged in community and civic organizations in the Salt Lake City area, participating on various nonprofit boards and committees. Presently, Mr. Jenkins serves as vice president of the Executive Board of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and become president-elect in July 2023. He received his B.A. from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1976 and his J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law in 1983, where he served as a member of the *Utah Law Review*.

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*Lawyers* “Rising Stars,” has been selected multiple times by *National Trial Lawyers* as one of the Top 40 Under 40 for the State of Wyoming, has been selected by the American Society of Legal Advocates as a Top 40 under 40 in Wyoming, and is a *National Trial Lawyers* “Top 100.” He also serves on the board of advisors for the University of Wyoming Law School, and is a graduate of Leadership Wyoming. Mr. Kaufman was appointed in 2017 by Gov. Matt Mead as the only attorney to serve on the statewide executive council of ENDOW (economically needed diversification options for Wyoming), which helped Wyoming develop a new economic diversification strategy. In 2018, he was appointed by Gov. Mead to additionally serve on the legislatively created Blockchain Taskforce, which he was reappointed to in 2019 by Gov. Gordon. This past year, he was further appointed by the Wyoming Supreme Court to serve on the Chancery Court Committee, purposed with standing up the newly created Chancery (business) court in Wyoming. Mr. Kaufman received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Wyoming and his LL.M. in entrepreneurial law from the University of Colorado.

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