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## **Faculty Biographies**

**Kelly M. Barnhart** is an attorney with Roussos & Barnhart, PLC in Norfolk, Va., having joined the firm in November 2008. She focuses her practice on bankruptcy and debt-restructuring, and has represented select creditors and trustees in chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases. She also is counsel for R. Clinton Stackhouse, Jr., the standing chapter 12 and 13 trustee for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions of the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Barnhart is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association, for which she is one of the past presidents. In addition, she is a past member of the Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions of the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Barnhart is admitted to practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, and in all courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has been selected as a “Rising Star” and a “Super Lawyer,” and she was listed as a member of Virginia’s “Legal Elite” (Bankruptcy/Creditors’ Rights) for 2015 and 2016. Ms. Barnhart received her B.A. in history and political science in 1998 from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College and her J.D. in 2002 from the University of Mississippi School of Law; she spent her last year of law school as a visiting student at the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

**Hon. Suzanne Bauknight** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee in Knoxville, appointed on Nov. 10, 2014. She previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Civil Division Chief, representing federal agencies in a variety of matters including bankruptcy and debt collection. During her term as chair of the DOJ’s Civil Chiefs Working Group, she was appointed to the Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. Following law school, Judge Bauknight clerked for South Carolina Court of Appeals Judge C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr., then was an associate at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, where she practiced in commercial and employment litigation. She is a member of the Tennessee, South Carolina and Knoxville Bar Associations, serving as a member of the KBA Board of Governors and as co-chair of the Government and Public Service Sector Lawyers’ Section. She also is an Emeritus Master of the Bench and past president of the Hamilton Burnett Chapter of the American Inns of Court. Judge Bauknight teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law and is an associate editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. She received her B.A. with honors and *magna cum laude* in international studies from the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina, and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she attended as a Carolina Legal Scholar.

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**Brian J. Fox, CPA** is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal and co-head of the firm's Eastern Region Restructuring practice in New York. He specializes in providing a full range of financial advisory, operational-improvement and interim-management services in restructurings and other special

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**Hon. Catherine J. Furay** is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin in Madison. Prior to her appointment, she practiced bankruptcy, commercial law and business litigation. Judge Furay is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, commercial law, ethics, marital property and litigation skills. She served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Law School teaching lawyering skills for 21 years and guest lectures for its bankruptcy course. Judge Furay is a member of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the bankruptcy judge member of the Advisory Process Review Working Group, and a member of the Advisory Group for the AO's Bankruptcy Case Weighting Study. In 2020, she became a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Furay is a contributing author of *Construction Law*, Chapter 16, "Bankruptcy," and is the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property and litigation topics. In 2019, Judge Furay became the editor-in-chief of *Ginsberg & Martin on Bankruptcy*. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, for which she serves as a member of its Elections, Finance, and Online Learning Committees. She has also served as the Seventh Circuit representative on the NCBJ Board of Governors and on the NextGen and Technology Committees of NCBJ. Judge Furay is a member of ABI and currently serves on the Education Advisory Committees for the Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and the Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference. In addition, she is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, a member of the Board of Trustees, past chairman of the board, and past president of the Certification Oversight Committee. Judge Furay has served on the board of governors and various committees of the State Bar of Wisconsin, including its Executive and Finance Committees. In addition to being co-author of *Wisconsin Business Advisors Series: Collections & Bankruptcy Vol. 4* (Pinnacle Books), she co-authored the *Wisconsin Civil Litigation Forms Manual* (Pinnacle Books). Judge Furay received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

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**Hon. Scott M. Grossman** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Fort Lauderdale, appointed on Oct. 2, 2019. Prior to his appointment, he was a shareholder with a large international law firm in its global restructuring and bankruptcy practice and represented distressed companies, debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, official committees, trustees, landlords and purchasers of distressed assets. Judge Grossman worked on bankruptcy cases across various industries, including real estate, hospitality, health care, entertainment, banking, technology, energy and financial fraud. While primarily involved in chapter 11 reorganizations, he also represented clients in out-of-court workouts and restructurings, chapter 7 liquidations, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and insolvency-related litigation. Judge Grossman was active in local bar activities, including having served as president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. When in private practice, he was listed in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and *Super Lawyers*, and was a member of the winning teams for the Global M&A Network's Turnaround Atlas Awards for both "Cross Border Special Situation M&A Deal (Small-Mid Markets)" in 2019 and "Turnaround of the Year — Small Markets" in 2015. Judge Grossman began his legal career in the Attorney General's Honors Program at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was a trial attorney in the Tax Division, Civil Trial Southern Section, from 1999-2004. He received his B.S.Acc., with honors, and M.Acc. in 1996 from the University of Florida, and his J.D. in 1999 with honors from George Washington University Law School.

**Hon. Barbara J. Houser** is the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas and ABI's President. She previously was with Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely in Dallas and became a shareholder there in 1985. In 1988, she joined Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. as the shareholder-in-charge of the Dallas office and remained there until she was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in 2000. While at Sheinfeld, Judge Houser led the firm's representation of clients in a variety of significant national chapter 11 cases. She lectures and publishes frequently, is a past chairman of the Dallas Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization, is a member of the Dallas, Texas and American Bar Associations, and is a Fellow of the Texas and American Bar Foundations. Judge Houser served as a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* for many years and taught creditors' rights as a visiting professor at the SMU Dedman School of

Law. She was elected a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1994, and in 1996, she was elected a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. In 1998, the *National Law Journal* named Judge Houser as one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in America. After becoming a bankruptcy judge, she joined the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and served as its president from 2009-10. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law in February, 2011, the William L. Norton Jr., Judicial Excellence Award in October 2014, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Alliance of Bankruptcy Inns of the American Inns of Court in October 2016. Judge Houser currently serves as a member of the executive board of the SMU Dedman School of Law, and in March 2017, Chief Justice John Roberts appointed her to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Judicial Center, the education and research arm of the Third Branch. In June 2017, she was appointed to serve as the leader of a five-federal-judge mediation team in the Title III proceedings under PROMESA for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and four related governmental instrumentalities. Judge Houser received her undergraduate degree with high distinction from the University of Nebraska and her J.D. from Southern Methodist University Law School, where she was editor of its law review.

**Hon. Stephani W. Humrickhouse** is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh, sworn in on Jan. 6, 2010. She began her legal career with Hunton & Williams LLP, and then joined Moore & Van Allen PLLC, where her practice concentrated on creditor representation. From 1990 until her appointment, Judge Humrickhouse was a principal with Nicholls & Crampton PA in Raleigh, N.C., where her practice primarily involved civil corporate litigation and debtor/creditor rights, with a focus on chapter 11 cases. She is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and was designated a Bankruptcy Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Specialization. Judge Humrickhouse has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and bankruptcy related topics, has served as chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, and has served as chair of the Attorney Advisory Group and Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, as well as on the 2016 planning committee for the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. She presently serves on various committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is an editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. She also is contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and *Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*. Judge Humrickhouse received her B.S. in industrial and labor relations in 1977 from Cornell University and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1980.

**Hon. Benjamin A. Kahn** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina in Greensboro, sworn in on Feb. 3, 2014. Prior to his appointment, he was a member of Nexsen Pruet PLLC and clerked for Bankruptcy Judge Jerry G. Tart of the Middle District of North Carolina. Judge Kahn was recognized as among the Top 10 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* across all practice areas for the two years immediately preceding his appointment, was elected to the Legal Elite Hall of Fame by *Business North Carolina Magazine* in 2014 as a result of being the category winner in North Carolina for bankruptcy, and was included among Band 1 bankruptcy practitioners in North Carolina in *Chambers & Partners USA*. He is certified as a specialist in business and consumer bankruptcy law by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization and by the American Board of Certification, for which he served as a member of its board of directors until his appointment to the bench. Judge Kahn currently serves on the Committee on Bankruptcy Judge Education for the Federal Judicial Center and is one of the instructors for Phase I and Phase II Orientation for Newly Appointed Bank-

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**Hon. Christopher M. López** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Texas in Houston, sworn in on Aug. 14, 2019. He was previously counsel in the Business, Finance and Restructuring Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges and had been involved in a number of significant chapter 11 cases in Houston and across the country. Judge López is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association. He is also a member of the Honorable Arthur L. Moller/David B. Foltz, Jr. American Inn of Court and has studied cross-border and banking issues in Mexico. Judge López is a member of the board of directors of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston. He received his B.A. in psychology in 1996 from the University of Houston, his M.A. in theology in 1999 from Yale University and his J.D. in 2003 from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the *Texas International Law Journal* and elected permanent class president for the class of 2003.

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**Hon. Gregory R. Schaaf** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington, appointed on Oct. 1, 2012. Prior to coming to the bench, he practiced in the areas of commercial reorganizations, including bankruptcies and workouts, and commercial transactions, including energy-related matters. He represented debtors, creditors' committees, trustees and individual creditors. Judge Schaaf is a CPA and worked as a solicitor in London from 1997-99, handling corporate matters and real estate transactions for English, Russian and American clients. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law and Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Judge Schaaf received his B.B. in accounting and his B.S. in law enforcement administration from Western Illinois University in 1984 with high honors, and his J.D. in 1991 from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and participated in its national moot court team and on its moot court board, as well as on the school's *Journal of Mineral Law and Policy*.

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**Hon. Sage M. Sigler** is a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed in March 2018. She succeeded Hon. Mary Grace Diehl, for whom she clerked after graduating from law school. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Sigler was a partner in Alston & Bird LLP’s Bankruptcy Group. She is an active member of ABI, IWIRC, TMA and the Bankruptcy Section of the Atlanta Bar Association, and she is a volunteer presenter for the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program. Judge Sigler was an honoree in ABI’s inaugural class of “40 Under 40” in 2017. She received her B.A. in political science from the University of Florida in 2001 and her J.D. in 2006 from Emory University School of Law, where she was a member of the executive board of the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*.

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