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Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed in February 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Ballinger served as an Arizona Superior Court judge in a number of capacities, including associate presiding judge, presiding criminal judge and presiding juvenile judge. In 2000, the Arizona Supreme Court appointed Judge Ballinger to preside over both the Gila River Stream Adjudication and the Little Colorado River Adjudication, two of the largest lawsuits ever litigated in the state court system. He was a member of the Arizona Judicial College, serving as the dean during 2010-2011, and of Arizona's Judicial Performance Review Commission. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in the law firm of Brown & Bain, P.A., where his practice focused on civil litigation and business reorganizations. He is a frequent speaker and author, and his most recent publications address the legal ramifications of the judge-created economic loss rule to civil litigation. Judge Ballinger received his J.D. and M.B.A. from Ohio State University in 1979 and his LL.M. in taxation from New York University in 1981.

Hon. Martin R. Barash is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills, sworn in on March 26, 2015. He brings more than 20 years of legal experience to the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Barash had served as a partner at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles since 2001, where he counseled parties in chapter 11 cases and litigated chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Procter R. Hug, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1992-93. Judge Barash is a member of ABI's Board of Directors. He also serves as a director of the Judicial Leadership Development Council and is a member of the NCBJ Committee on Judicial Security. He previously was a member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. Judge Barash is a frequent panelist on bankruptcy law issues and has been a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law. He has also been involved in the local legal community as a pro bono attorney with the Public Counsel Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Hearing Clinic, and has been a volunteer judge for a course on negotiating and confirming chapter 11 plans at the UCLA School of Law and with UCLA's Mock Trial Competition. He currently

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Hon. Scott C. Clarkson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Santa Ana and Riverside, appointed on Jan. 20, 2011, and has also sat on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Prior to his appointment, Judge Clarkson practiced bankruptcy law and bankruptcy litigation for more than 20 years in Los Angeles, and he served as chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section from 2008-09. He is a board member of the Orange County Federal Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association, and has lectured on ethics and civility for the annual Los Angeles Federal Bar Association Ethics Program. From 1977-82, Judge Clarkson was a legislative assistant to U.S. Congressman Harold L. Volkmer in Washington, D.C., and was assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, where he was a direct observer of and participant in the creation of the 1978 Bankruptcy Code in the House. He later clerked for Hon. William L. Hungate, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Judge Clarkson has also been an established documentary photographer in the U.S., Southeast and Central Asia, and South America for more than 20 years. He also traveled to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kashmir in 2008-09, and Jordan and Israel in 2014, covering recent events in these regions of the world. Judge Clarkson received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1979 and his J.D. from George Mason University School of Law in 1982.

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Hon. Laura Stuart Taylor is Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California in San Diego, initially appointed in January 2008 and named chief judge in October 2012. In January 2013, she was also appointed to a seven-year term on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Judge Taylor served as the conference chair for the 2012 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and as program chair for the 2011 Conference. She previously served on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee and the Ninth Circuit's Pro Se Committee. Judge Taylor

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