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## **Faculty Biographies**

**Hon. Redfield T. Baum** is a recalled bankruptcy court judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix. He was first appointed to the bench in 1990 and retired on Feb. 13, 2013. He has served on recall status since his retirement from active service. Previously, Judge Baum practiced with and became a partner at the Arizona law firm of Rawlins, Ellis, Burris & Kiewit. He then transitioned his practice to become a partner and director at the O'Connor, Cavanagh, Anderson, Westover, Killingsworth & Beshears law firm, where he concentrated on commercial law, creditors' rights, bankruptcy, chapter 11 reorganizations and litigation. In 2000, Judge Baum was chosen as one of the 10 "outstanding bankruptcy judges" by *Turnarounds & Workouts*. He also was one of the original authors of the *Arizona Civil Remedies Book*. Judge Baum received his Bachelor's degree in history in 1970 from Arizona State University and his J.D. in 1973 from Arizona State University College of Law.

**Alane A. Becket** is an AV-rated attorney and managing partner of Becket & Lee LLP, a Malvern, Pa., law firm providing comprehensive nationwide representation of financial institutions in bankruptcy matters, with a focus on consumer lenders and debt-purchasers. In addition to client and industry relations, she focuses on litigation strategy, and Becket & Lee has been lead or co-counsel in some of the most influential decisions in consumer bankruptcy over the last 20 years. In addition to her duties at the firm, Ms. Becket is ABI's President-Elect, and she formerly chaired its Consumer Committee and has served on its Board since 2009, most recently as Vice President-Publications. She is currently co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section and of the Professional Standards and Grievance Committees of the National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA), and is a member of the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees (NACTT). Ms. Becket has written and lectured extensively on consumer bankruptcy issues for a variety of professional organizations, including ABI, the Federal Judicial Conference, NACTT, NABT, *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, NCBA, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a host of local and regional organizations. She also served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Ms. Becket graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

**Stephen E. Berken** is a partner with Berken Cloyes, PC in Denver, where his practice focuses on areas of consumer bankruptcy law. He handles cases involving chapter 7 and 13 and the defense and prosecution of bankruptcy adversary matters, and he is a frequent lecturer before various professional groups. Mr. Berken the Colorado state chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He is the founding member of the Colorado Consumer Bankruptcy Association and created 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 on the advisory board for ABI Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference and is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He is also the state chair for CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education). Mr. Berken was named Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year by *5280 Magazine* for 2014, 2015 and 2016. 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.

**Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment on Feb. 11, 2013, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate (2003-08) and then a partner (2008-12) with Winston & Strawn LLP, where she focused her practice on

creditors' rights litigation in state and federal court, including bankruptcy court. From 2001 to 2003, Judge Blumenstiel was an associate with Murphy Sheneman Julian & Rogers LLP, where she represented debtors, creditors and trustees in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. She served as a law clerk to Hon. Charles M. Caldwell of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division) from 1998 to 2001, and from 1997-98, she represented the State of Ohio's interests in bankruptcy cases as an assistant attorney general with the Revenue Recovery Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Judge Blumenstiel sits on ABI's Board of Directors. She received her J.D. from Capital University Law School in 1997 while working full-time for the Columbus Bar Association as director of its *pro bono* initiative, "Lawyers for Justice," and her B.A. from Ohio State University in 1992.

**J. Scott Bovitz** is a senior partner with Bovitz & Spitzer in Los Angeles, where he practices both consumer and business bankruptcy law and represents debtors and creditors. He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, for which he serves as Chairman, and he is a Certified Specialist in Bankruptcy Law for the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, which he chaired from 2005-06. Mr. Bovitz is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected as a *Southern California Super Lawyer* in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights since 2004. He is a Lawyer Representative of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, a member of the Committee on Information Technology of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, a contributor to the *ABI Journal*, a former member of the California Committee of Bar Examiners, a former adjunct professor of law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a former executive editor and author of the two-volume treatise *Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Practice in California*. He also served as president of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and was an education and conference co-chair of the California Bankruptcy Forum. Mr. Bovitz received his J.D. in 1980 from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

**Ogonna M. Brown** is a partner in Lewis Roca Rothgerber & Christie LLP's Litigation practice group in Las Vegas. She focuses her practice on creditors' rights, secured party representation and commercial litigation. Ms. Brown has experience representing bankruptcy trustees and state court receivers, and handles complex litigation matters in and out of bankruptcy. Her practice includes deficiency actions, breach-of-contract cases, landlord/tenant matters, enforcement of judgments and partnership disputes, along with recent experience over the last few years representing a charter school receiver. Her bankruptcy practice includes motions to terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362, defending claim objections, oppositions to plans of reorganization, motions to protect her clients' cash collateral, and objecting to the dischargeability of creditors' debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523. Previously, Mrs. Brown was a judicial law clerk to Hon. Johnnie B. Rawlinson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2001-02. She also was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals from 2014-16. During this time, she served as lawyer representative co-chair of the Nevada Delegation and member of the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee, District Conference Planning Committee and the Attorney Admission Fund Advisory Group Committee. While serving as a lawyer representative, she assisted the bankruptcy judges with presentations for the Bankruptcy Breakout Sessions at the Judicial District Conferences and attended and participated with the program for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conferences. Ms. Brown is a member of the State Bar of Nevada, ABI, the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association and the Clark County Bar Association. She has been a *pro bono* advisory counsel member of Legal Aid of Southern Nevada since 2013 and is a member of

the Nevada Bar Association, for which she served as president of its Bankruptcy Section from 2013-14. In addition, she was a member of the Clark County Board of Equalization from 2016-17 and is a member of the Southern Nevada Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys. Ms. Brown received her B.A. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1998 and her J.D. in 2001 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law.

**Howard Brod Brownstein, CTP** is president of The Brownstein Corporation in Conshohocken, Pa., and provides turnaround management services to companies and their stakeholders, as well as investment banking, fiduciary services, litigation consulting, investigations and valuation services. He serves as financial advisor to debtors, lenders and creditor committees, and he was a litigation expert in the landmark *Merry-Go-Round* bankruptcy case. Mr. Brownstein served as CRO in *U.S. Mortgage*, which involved a \$138 million mortgage fraud, and as plan administrator in *Montgomery Ward LLC*, the largest retail liquidation in history. He also regularly serves as an independent corporate board member for publicly held and privately owned companies, as well as large nonprofits. Mr. Brownstein has been named a Board Leadership Fellow by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) and served as board chair and president of its Philadelphia Chapter. In addition, he serves as vice chair of the ABA Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Brownstein received TMA's "Outstanding Individual Contribution" award. He also served on ABI's Board of Directors and is a coordinating editor for the Problems in the Code column of the *ABI Journal*. He guest-teaches at Harvard, Wharton, NYU and elsewhere, and he has published over 90 articles and book chapters, including ABI's *Problems in the Code* ebook series. He also served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Corporate Renewal*, and serves as a contributing editor of the *abfJournal*. Mr. Brownstein served as an officer in the Medical Service Corps USAF Reserve. He received his B.S. and B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and College of Arts and Sciences, and his M.B.A. and J.D. from Harvard University.

**Hon. Kevin J. Carey** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, first appointed in 2005 and serving as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, appointed on Jan. 25, 2001. Judge Carey serves on ABI's Executive Committee as Vice President-Membership and is a past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association. He is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is an honorary member of the Turnaround, Restructuring and Distressed Investing Hall of Fame. Judge Carey is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the International Insolvency Institute. In addition, he is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and served as a member of the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. He is also a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and *Collier Forms Manual*. Judge Carey is a part-time adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at St. John's University School of Law in New York and at Temple University's Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia. He began his legal career in 1979 as law clerk to Bankruptcy Judge Thomas M. Twardowski, then clerked for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge Carey received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

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**Dawn M. Cica** is a partner with Carlyon Cica Chtd. in Las Vegas and has more than 30 years of experience working on transactions of all types, including transactional aspects of bankruptcy and creditors' rights such as strategic resolutions, workouts, restructurings, settlements, debtor-in-possession financings and asset sales. Her transactional experience also extends to a variety of other industries, particularly the complex details surrounding the gaming and real estate fields. Notably, on behalf of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Ms. Cica was part of a team that handled the negotiation of a settlement among various state and federal government agencies allowing for the confirmation of a reorganization plan in the Tronox bankruptcy that ultimately resulted in a recently approved litigation settlement of more than \$5 billion, with almost a quarter being distributed to the State of Nevada for environmental remediation. In addition to her transactional experience, she has represented creditors, committees, affiliated parties and debtors. She has also participated in bankruptcies in other states where she is licensed, as well as in Delaware. From the negotiation and execution of initial lending agreements, through modifications and forbearances, foreclosures, guarantor lawsuits and bankruptcy matters, Ms. Cica has counseled lender, guarantor and borrower clients on the full scope of their legal issues in major commercial and real estate matters and in commercial bankruptcy cases and workouts. She has also advised banks in connection with large corporate, mid-

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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 has lectured on ethics and civility for the annual Los Angeles Federal Bar Association Ethics Program. He was a member of the Virginia, District of Columbia and California bars. 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.

**Hon. Daniel P. Collins** is a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed on Jan. 18, 2013. He served as chief judge from 2014-18. Previously, he was a shareholder with the law firm of Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C. in downtown Phoenix, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial transactions. Judge Collins served on the State Bar of Arizona's Subcommittee on the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. He also served as chairman of the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona and was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was granted the St. Thomas More Award in 2017. Judge Collins is presently an At Large Governor of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a member of ABI's Board of Directors, on the board of the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the University of Arizona Law School's Board of Visitors. He is also a member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, State Bar of Arizona and Maricopa County Bar. 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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**Hon. Bruce A. Harwood** is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Hampshire in Concord, appointed to the bench in March 2013. He also serves on the First Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Harwood chaired the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Group at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Manchester, N.H., representing business debtors, asset-purchasers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees in bankruptcy, and insurance and banking regulators in connection with the rehabilitation and liquidation of insolvent insurers and trust companies. He was a chapter 7 panel trustee in the District of New Hampshire and mediated disputes arising in debtor/creditor relations. Judge Harwood serves on ABI's Board of Directors on its Communication, Information and Technology Committee. He

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**Hon. August B. Landis** is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Las Vegas, appointed on Nov. 27, 2013. Previously, he was the Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 17 in Las Vegas. He also served as the U.S. Trustee Program's first Acting Associate General Counsel for Chapter 11 Practice, and as an Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of Nevada. Judge Landis is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Eighth and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa. From 1987-90, he was an associate with the Des Moines, Iowa, firm of Neiman, Neiman, Stone & Spellman, and he also served as a chapter 7 panel trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Iowa. From 1990 until taking the Assistant U.S. Trustee position in Las Vegas in 2005, Judge Landis practiced with Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C. in Des Moines, where the bulk of his work involved creditors' rights in commercial litigation, secured transactions and bankruptcy cases. Judge Landis received his J.D. from Drake Law School in Des Moines.

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