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Hon. Martin R. Barash is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills and Santa Barbara, 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 been a partner at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles since 2001, where he represented debtors and other parties in chapter 11 cases and bankruptcy litigation. He first joined the firm as an associate in 1999. Earlier in his career, Judge Barash worked as an associate of Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. in Los Angeles. He also has served as an adjunct professor of law at California State University, Northridge. Following law school, Judge Barash clerked for Hon. Procter R. Hug, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1992-93. He is a former ABI Board member, for which he served on its Education Committee and currently serves on its Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and he is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference. In addition, he is a judicial director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and a frequent panelist and lecturer on bankruptcy law. He also is a co-author of the national edition of the *Rutter Group Practice Guide: Bankruptcy*. Judge Barash received his A.B. *magna cum laude* in 1989 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1992 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as member, editor, business manager and symposium editor of the *UCLA Law Review*.

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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. 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 Dan is President-Elect for 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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Lawyer Representatives. Ms. Corrales devotes considerable time to *pro bono* endeavors, frequently assisting self-represented litigants in bankruptcy court and federal district court. In 2014, she was awarded the inaugural Hon. Eileen W. Hollowell *Pro Bono* Attorney of the Year Award from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. Ms. Corrales received her J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

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Matt Foster is a managing director and founding partner of Sonoran Capital Advisors in Phoenix. Prior to founding Sonoran in 2017, he worked as a director for international insolvency firm KRYS Global, and before that he worked for another restructuring boutique, Odyssey Capital Group. Mr. Foster began his finance career in private equity working for Citizens Capital, Inc. (CCI), the private equity arm of RBS Citizens Bank. He oversaw CCI's interests in its private-equity portfolio consisting of investments in over a dozen private companies. Since that time, Mr. Foster has been involved in a wide range of restructuring engagements, including out-of-court restructurings, chapter 11 restructurings, litigation support and solvency. He has served in multiple CRO, CFO, financial advisor and investment banking positions across various industries. In the past two years, he's been engaged as the CRO of an oilfield services company, CRO of a cryptocurrency bank, and financial advisor to a land development and mining company. Mr. Foster received his B.S. in finance from the University of Utah and his M.B.A. from Northeastern University.

Sasha M. Gurvitz is a partner with KTBS Law LLP in Los Angeles and has represented clients in a variety of restructuring roles, both out of court and in chapter 11 cases in Delaware, New York, California, Nevada and Indiana. She has represented several chapter 11 debtors in complex Delaware bankruptcy cases, including *Woodbridge Group of Companies*, *Open Road Films*, *Pacific Sunwear*, *USA Discounters*, *Vestis Retail Group* and *Wet Seal*, among others. Recently, Ms. Gurvitz's practice has increasingly focused on key claimant-side representations in mass tort chapter 11 cases, including in *Aearo Technologies (3M)*, *Boy Scouts of America* and *USA Gymnastics*. She has experience representing purchasers of assets, secured lenders, contract counterparties, landlords, equityholders, chapter 11 trustees, an environmental regulator and other stakeholders in cases such as *Watsonville Community Hospital*, *Apex Parks Group*, *Blue Stem Brands*, *Exide*, *The Weinstein Co.*, *Bishop Gorman Development Co.*, *BCBG Max Azria* and *Garden Fresh Restaurants*. Ms. Gurvitz has worked on several significant out-of-court workouts and restructurings in the health care industry, including, among others, *Signature Healthcare*, as well as workouts in the retail and marijuana industries, among others. In addition to her primary restructuring work, she has also worked on litigation matters, including federal multidistrict litigation, fraudulent-transfer actions, preference litigation

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Hon. M. Elaine Hammond is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California in San Jose. Prior to taking the bench in 2012, her practice focused on representing debtors and creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings. Judge Hammond was a partner with Friedman Dumas & Springwater LLP in San Francisco, and her private practice focused on representing both debtors and creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings. She represented Universal Music Group Distribution in numerous bankruptcies of music retailers, including Musicland and Tower Records. Prior to joining Friedman Dumas & Springwater LLP upon its founding in 2003, Judge Hammond was an associate with Murphy Sheneman Julian & Rogers and clerked for Hon. Edward D. Jellen (ret.) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her J.D. with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Hon. Mary Jo Heston is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Washington in Tacoma, appointed on Jan. 31, 2017. Previously, she was a shareholder in the Seattle and Portland, Ore., offices of Lane Powell PC, where her practice involved commercial litigation and transactional matters with an emphasis on business reorganizations, international insolvency and the acquisition of troubled businesses and assets. Between 1988 and 1993, Judge Heston served as the first Region 18 U.S. Trustee, overseeing bankruptcy cases and fiduciaries in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Montana. She also is a former law clerk to a federal district court judge and a bankruptcy judge and a former estate administrator of the federal bankruptcy court. Judge Heston taught bankruptcy courses for more than 21 years at Seattle University School of Law and two years at the University of Washington Law School. She is a 2001 Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and an active participant in both professional organizations and community service organizations, and she currently serves or has served in leadership positions for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, INSOL International, the Washington State Bar Association's Debtor Creditor Section, the Turnaround Management Association, CARE and CENTS. Judge Heston is a frequent international, national and regional speaker and author on topics including creditors' rights issues, commercial, consumer and cross-border insolvency issues. Her recent community service efforts have focused on military and veterans' financial and bankruptcy-related issues through her service on the *Pro Bono* Committee of ABI's Veterans and Servicemembers Affairs Task Force. Judge Heston received her undergraduate degree *cum laude* from the University of Washington in 1975 and her J.D. *cum laude* from the Seattle University School of Law in 1980.

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Hon. Stacey G. C. Jernigan is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas, initially appointed on May 12, 2006. Prior to her appointment, she practiced for 17 years in the Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy Practice Group of Haynes and Boone LLP in Dallas, where she represented debtors, committees and purchasers in large, complex chapter 11 cases and out-of-court workouts, particularly with regard to energy companies, regulated entities, real estate businesses and public companies. She was also an advisor to the California Legislature in Sacramento in connection with the California utility financial crisis in 2001. Judge Jernigan is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a Fellow of the Texas and Dallas Bar Foundations. She is a frequent author and has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *D. Magazine* and *Texas Monthly Law & Politics*. Judge Jernigan received her B.B.A. *magna cum laude* from Southern Methodist University in 1986 and her J.D. from the University of Texas Law School in 1989.

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Kathleen A. Leavitt is a chapter 13 trustee for the District of Nevada in Las Vegas, appointed in 1981. She also served as a chapter 7 panel trustee from 1981-92 and has administered numerous state district court receiverships and probate estates. Ms. Leavitt served on the Executive Board of Consumer Credit Counseling of Southern Nevada from 1995-2005. She is a past president of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT) and served as an officer for five years and as a member of its advisory board for four years. Ms. Leavitt previously chaired the NACTT Liaison Committee to the Internal Revenue Service and the NACTT Bankruptcy Rules Committee, and she was the editor of the *NACTT Quarterly* from 1998-2009. In addition, she was a founding member of the board of directors for the NACTT Academy from 2007-13. Ms. Leavitt is a current member of ABI, NACTT and the NACTT Academy. She has written articles for bankruptcy publica-

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