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Lita Abella is a senior program analyst with the State Bar of California in Los Angeles, where she conducts outreach for the Lawyer Assistance Program, which assists law students, bar applicants, and attorneys with substance use and mental health issues. Prior to that, she was an investigator for more than five years in the Office of Chief Trial Counsel, where she investigated and assisted in the prosecution of attorneys for misconduct. Beginning in 1980, Ms. Abella served with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for 20 years, where she worked various assignments including but not limited to patrol, internal affairs, narcotics, vice and the DARE program. She received extensive training in both substance use disorders and mental health and was a court-qualified narcotics expert during her years in law enforcement. She attained the rank of lieutenant. Ms. Abella also has been a business owner and licensed private investigator. While in law school, she clerked for the Riverside District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Abella received her J.D. from Western State University College of Law.

Rachel Ehrlich Albanese is a partner with DLA Piper LLP (US) in New York and is experienced in representing secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, equityholders, purchasers of distressed assets, and other parties in interest in a wide range of restructuring matters, including cases under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, out-of-court workouts and cross-border insolvency proceedings. She is a contributing author of the *Bloomberg Law: Bankruptcy Treatise* and co-chairs the National Association of Women Lawyers' (NAWL) Practice Area Affinity Group, Women in Bankruptcy & Restructuring. She also is a member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and ABI. After law school, Ms. Albanese clerked for Hon. John W. Bissell, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. She is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, and before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. District Courts for the District of New Jersey and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Ms. Albanese volunteers with ABI's Task Force on Veterans and Service Members Affairs, which successfully advocated for the passage in 2019 of the HAVEN Act to help low-income veterans more easily weather economic hardship. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Economic Law*.

Hon. Janet S. Baer is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. She also acts on a regular basis as the presiding judge in the Northern District of Illinois for naturalization ceremonies. Previously, Judge Baer was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the country. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters, and she also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. She is currently chair of the NCBJ Membership Services Committee, Seventh Circuit Representative of the NCBJ Board of Governors, a member of ABI's Board of Directors and an advisory board member of ABI's Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a member of the NCBJ Education Committee, a board member of the Chicago Chapter of IWIRC, chair of the Northern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Committee and a member of its Rules Advisory Committee, an advisory committee member to the National Board of CARE and a board member and volunteer for its Chicago Chapter, and a member of the Chicago Bankruptcy Court's Liaison Committee. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

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. 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 member of ABI's Board of Directors and a member of its Education Committee, and he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and a judicial director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He is also a frequent panelist and lecturer on bankruptcy law issues. 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*.

Carrienne J.M. Basler, CPA, CIRA is a managing director based in the Chicago office of Alix-Partners, LLP. She has more than 25 years of financial consulting experience combined with hands-on management in the areas of contingency planning, contract negotiations, litigation management, treasury, business planning and risk management. Ms. Basler has served in an advisory capacity to senior management in the areas of business plan feasibility and financial strategy, lender negotiations, reorganization plan development, divestiture strategies and post-confirmation administration. Her recent cases include serving on the management team for Motors Liquidation Company (aka "Old GM") and advising the debtors of David's Bridal, Pacific Drilling, C&J Energy, Altegrity, Eastman Kodak and Dana Corp. She most recently served as CFO of Aceto Corp. during its chapter 11 process. Ms. Basler is currently serving as the worldwide chair of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), and she is a member of ABI, the Turnaround Management Association and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. She regularly speaks and has published numerous articles concerning turnaround management and reorganization matters. Ms. Basler received her B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Wisconsin.

Hon. Catherine E. Bauer is a Bankruptcy Judge with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California in Santa Ana, appointed on Feb. 26, 2010. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she represented Bank of America in bankruptcy proceedings for 15 years. She also served on the Central District's bankruptcy mediation panel and helped form the Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project, which provides legal assistance to low-income families and individuals. Judge Bauer is former vice chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Bankruptcy Committee, and is an active member of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, the American Bar Association, the National Civil Trial Competition, the Federal Executive Board and the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. She was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1985. Judge Bauer received her undergraduate degree from UCLA and her J.D. from USC Gould School of Law.

Charles A. Beckham Jr. is a partner with Haynes and Boone, LLP in Houston and has more than 30 years of experience helping a broad spectrum of clients with bankruptcy and insolvency problems. After graduating from law school, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward in Lub-

bock, Texas, and was a partner at Kemp, Smith, Duncan and Hammond, LLP in El Paso, Texas, for almost 20 years before joining Haynes and Boone in 1999. Mr. Beckham has represented numerous debtors, creditors, purchasers and other parties-in-interest in energy related cases over the years, including recent involvement in Sanchez Energy, Bristow Helicopters, Linn Petroleum, Harvey Gulf and Erin Petroleum. He has also represented parties in mining cases including ASARCO, LLC and Trinity Coal Corp. In addition, he was appointed the fee examiner by the Southern District of Texas Bankruptcy Court in the iHeart Media, Inc. and for the Seadrill, Ltd. bankruptcy cases, in which he reviewed more than \$100 million in professional fees. He is also very active in cases with cross-border bankruptcy and insolvency issues in Mexico, Canada, the U.K. and Nigeria. Mr. Beckham is board certified in business bankruptcy law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and the American Board of Certification. He is the former chair of the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Exam Commission, and in 2010, he was named the 2010 St. Mary's University School of Law Distinguished Graduate. Mr. Beckham is a Fellow and the former Fifth Circuit Regent of the American College of Bankruptcy, former chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, former president of the Moller/Foltz Bankruptcy American Inn of Court and former co-chair of the United States-Mexico Bar Association. In 1991-1992, he served as president of the 20,000-member Texas Young Lawyers Association. In 2012, he was recognized as the Go-To Lawyer for Bankruptcy in Texas by the *Texas Lawyer*. Mr. Beckham is a frequent author and speaker on bankruptcy and insolvency topics, including serving as a guest lecturer at the University of Texas School of Law, Southern Methodist University School of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, South Texas College of Law and the London Business School. He is listed in the *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* and in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mr. Beckham received his B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.

Ted A. Berkowitz is partner at Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP in its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Litigation and ADR Practice Groups in Garden City, N.Y. He also serves as general counsel to the firm. Prior to joining MHH, he served as an assistant attorney general for New York State, where he was one of the lead negotiators in the Weinstein mediation. Mr. Berkowitz concentrates his practice on complex bankruptcy and restructuring-related matters and commercial litigation. The scope of his practice includes the representation of corporate debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, official committees, landlords, purchasers of assets and other parties of interest in bankruptcy court proceedings. Mr. Berkowitz has more than 35 years in the bankruptcy field, and his experience includes the representation of major institutional lenders and corporate and individual creditors in many well-known chapter 11 matters. He has represented the official creditors' committees in some of the largest and highest-profile chapter 11 cases filed in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Mr. Berkowitz has been appointed as both an examiner and chapter 11 operating trustee by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, and is a member of the official mediation panel for the bankruptcy courts of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He also served on the subcommittee that advised the Eastern District of New York Bankruptcy Court concerning the formulation of the new local bankruptcy rules. Mr. Berkowitz received his B.A. with honors from State University of New York College at Oneonta and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston University School of Law, where he was a member of its law review and a Paul J. Liacos Scholar.

Susan A. Berson is a partner with and co-founder of the Berson Law Group LLP in Overland Park, Kan., and has more than two decades of legal experience in financial, tax and regulatory matters. She previously worked at the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division in Washington, D.C., where she

was awarded the Outstanding Attorney Award from the Attorney General in 1996 for trying tax cases in her representation of the IRS. Since entering private practice, Ms. Berson has advised entrepreneurs and small business owners in various industries and professions, including other attorneys and financial service professionals, on diverse tax, business and regulatory matters. She is also experienced in blockchain, FinTech and virtual currency matters. For practitioners and their clients in the bankruptcy realm, she has provided pre-bankruptcy planning tax-consequence analysis on tax-indebtedness discharge, negotiating acceptable IRS offers-in-compromise, pursuing administrative remedies, guiding officers and directors of troubled businesses through tax-related fiduciary duties, and handling state and federal tax disputes. In addition, she is a certified mediator and provides mediation services in business and partnership disagreements, commercial contracts, tax disputes and conflicts among family beneficiaries in trusts and estates matters. The author of many articles and several books, including *Federal Tax Litigation* (Law Journal Press), which she is responsible for updating twice a year, Ms. Berson has written on a variety of topics and received an ASBPE Award of Excellence, as well as an Azbee Bronze writing medal for her *ABA Journal* work. She received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law and her LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.

Margaret A. Burks is the chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, appointed in July 1992. Previously, she clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Vincent Aug, Jr. from 1988-91 and was counsel to PNC Bank in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law. Ms. Burks has served as chairperson of the CBA Bankruptcy Committee. She is a past president of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and also co-chaired the ABI Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. Ms. Burks received her B.S. and B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1985, where she was a member of its law review.

Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a partner in Hogan Lovells US LLP's Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice in Philadelphia and a retired bankruptcy judge. He was first appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 2001, then in 2005 began service on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (as chief judge from 2008-11). Judge Carey is ABI's Vice President-Membership, a past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association and an honorary member of the Turnaround, Restructuring and Distressed Investing Hall of Fame. He also is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the International Insolvency Institute, and he is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. In addition, he is a part-time adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at St. John's University School of Law in New York City. Judge Carey began his legal career in 1979 as law clerk to Bankruptcy Judge Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

Rudy J. Cerone is a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC in New Orleans and co-chairs its Creditors' Rights, Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group. He also served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. Mr. Cerone was admitted to the California Bar in 1979 and to the Louisiana Bar in 1984. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (2001) and is certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Certification (1993) and by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (1997). In 2019, he received a Mid-Size

Company Turnaround of the Year Award from the Turnaround Management Association and a Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (\$10MM to \$25MM) Award from The M&A Advisor. Mr. Cerone is a long-time ABI member and former Board member, and he served as a commissioner on ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy and as a co-chair of ABI's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium. He also is former chair, president and board member of the American Board of Certification. Mr. Cerone is a member of the State Bar of California, Louisiana State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission, Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit and the American Bar Association. He is an author and frequent lecturer on both business and complex consumer bankruptcy issues. Mr. Cerone received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of California at San Diego in 1976 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School in 1979, where he received the Order of Coif (1979), was the executive editor of the *Boston College International & Comparative Law Review* (1978-79) and received the Best Law Review Editor Award (1979).

Kathryn A. Coleman is a partner in Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP's New York office and has handled a wide range of insolvency-sensitive and other high-stakes matters in her more than 30 years in practice, including dealing with "bet-the-company" litigation claims, chapter 11 cases for U.S. and non-U.S. companies, cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings, acquisitions and investments. Her 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), equity-holders, potential acquirers, equity sponsors, and financial and strategic buyers. Ms. Coleman is experienced in advising management and boards of directors on corporate governance, fiduciary duty and D&O insurance matters. She 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 substantial 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 serves on ABI's Board of Directors, for which she co-chairs its annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program. She 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 was named one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Business by the *San Francisco Business Times*, and she is ranked by *Chambers USA* as a leading restructuring lawyer. She was also designated a leading lawyer in bankruptcy in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and her expertise in cross-border insolvency was noted in the *IFLR 500* and in PLC's *Cross-Border Restructuring and Insolvency Handbook*. Ms. Coleman graduated *magna cum laude* from Pomona College and earned 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 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 trans-

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Richard J. Corbi is the founder of the Law Offices of Richard J. Corbi PLLC in New York. He previously clerked for Hon. Laura Taylor Swain of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in the Title III proceedings of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He also served as a term law clerk to Hon. Alan S. Trust in the Eastern District of New York, and previously clerked for Hon. Louis A. Scarcella. Prior to his clerkships, Mr. Corbi was an associate in Proskauer Rose LLP's and Lowenstein Sandler LLP's bankruptcy groups in New York, where he represented such debtors such as Philadelphia Newspapers, TLC Vision and Gas City, as well as Ares Management in its capacity as rights-offering backstopper in the Lyondell Chemical Co. chapter 11 case, defendants in the Madoff litigation, Major League Baseball in the Los Angeles Dodgers chapter 11 cases, DIP lenders, private-equity funds and other investors in U.S. and cross-border insolvencies and out-of-court restructurings. He is admitted to the New York Bar, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Corbi received his B.A. in 2001 from Ithaca College, his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law and his LL.M. from St. John's University School of Law.

Hon. Melanie L. Cyganowski chairs Otterbourg P.C.'s Bankruptcy practice in New York. She joined the firm in 2008 after serving a full 14-year term as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York and as its Chief Judge from 2005-08. She currently represents the State of Texas in connection with opioid bankruptcy issues, and her fiduciary appointments include receiver in *SEC v. Platinum Partners*, an alleged billion-dollar fraud; CRO and temporary operator of Brooklyn's Interfaith Medical Center, a 287-bed acute-care teaching hospital; patient care ombudsman in *Promise Healthcare*, *Orianna Health Systems*, *21st Century Oncology* and *California Proton*; auditor of Capital One; and various trusteeships. She has also served as a special master in *Vivendi* and *Neogenix Oncology*, a court-appointed expert in *Orion HealthCorp*, and an arbitrator/mediator in numerous cases including *Madoff* and *Lehman Brothers*. In addition, she has testified as an expert in international cases involving U.S. bankruptcy laws. Prior to taking the bench, Ms. Cyganowski clerked for the late Hon. Charles L. Brieant, former Chief Judge in the Southern District of New York, then was a litigator at Sullivan & Cromwell and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. In addition, she mediated a dispute involving 19 state attorneys general and the chapter 7 trustee in *ITT* involving the issue of retention of student records. Ms. Cyganowski is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the American and New York State Bar Foundations. In addition, she sits on the editorial advisory board of the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Practice & Law*, and is an adjunct professor of law at St. John's University School of Law. Ms. Cyganowski received her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law in 1981.

James L. Day is a partner in the Seattle law firm of Bush Kornfeld LLP and specializes in the resolution of complex commercial creditor/debtor issues, with an emphasis on the representation of companies in chapter 11 reorganizations and out-of-court workout negotiations and agreements. Much of his time since 2007 has been spent in workout activities in the residential, commercial and retail real estate sectors, including multiple engagements involving a dozen or more lenders holding claims aggregating over \$100 million. Mr. Day has experience in a variety of other industries, including manufacturing, tech and internet-based entities, fishing and maritime, telecom, and franchised restaurants. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Super Lawyer by *Washington Law & Politics* each year since 2003, and was named 2020 Lawyer of the Year in Litigation-Bankruptcy by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mr. Day previously clerked for Hon. Sidney C. Volinn in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington on both trial matters and appeals before the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit. He received his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law.

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Daniel F. Dooley, CTP is a principal and CEO at MorrisAnderson in Chicago, where he manages the firm's distressed business consulting practice. He is an accomplished crisis manager, business operator and debt-restructuring. Mr. Dooley has successfully managed numerous projects for middle-market companies and assumed dozens of interim management positions as CEO, CRO and CFO for client companies nationwide. During his career, he has negotiated numerous transactions involving debt restructuring, supplier accommodations and business sales. Mr. Dooley is experienced in the development and implementation of cost-reduction and restructuring plans, as well as restructuring negotiations between companies and their creditors. He educates company ownership and management on realistic business plans, implementation of cost and liquidity improvements and effective end-game strategies for clients. He also collaborates with management on issues related to turnaround, restructuring plans and business sales, and he specializes in the automotive, aerospace, capital equipment, metals, health care, transportation, food, distribution, oil and gas and real estate industries. Prior to joining Morris Anderson in 1997, Mr. Dooley served as an executive with several Fortune 500

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Hon. Robert D. Drain is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in White Plains. Since his appointment, he has presided over such chapter 11 cases as *Loral*, *RCN*, *Cornerstone*, *Refco*, *Allegiance Telecom*, *Delphi*, *Coudert Brothers*, *Frontier Airlines*, *Star Tribune*, *Reader's Digest*, *A&P*, *Hostess Brands*, *Christian Brothers* and *Momentive*. He also has presided over the ancillary or plenary cases of *Corporacion Durango*, *Satellites Mexicanas*, *Parmalat S.p.A.* and its affiliated U.S. debtors, *Varig S.A.*, *Yukos (II)*, *SphinX*, *Galvex Steel*, *TBS Shipping*, *Excel Maritime*, *Nautilus*, *Landsbanki Islands*, *Roust* and *Ultrapetrol*. He also has served as the court-appointed mediator in a number of chapter 11 cases, including *New Page*, *Cengage*, *Quicksilver*, *LightSquared*, *Molycorp* and *Breitbart Energy*. Prior to his appointment to the bench in May 2002, Judge Drain was a partner in the bankruptcy department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where he represented debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, official and unofficial creditors' committees, and buyers of distressed businesses and distressed debt in chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. He was also actively involved in several transnational insolvency matters. Judge Drain is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member and board member of ABI, a member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member and board member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, as well as a founding member of the Judicial Insolvency Network. He also is the current chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group established through the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and was an adjunct professor for several years at St. John's University School of Law's LL.M. in Bankruptcy Program. He is currently is an adjunct professor at Pace University School of Law. Judge Drain has lectured and written on numerous bankruptcy-related topics and is the author of the novel *The Great Work in the United States of America*. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for three years.

Amy Edgy is a restructuring and insolvency partner with Linklaters in Washington, D.C., where her practice is focused on municipal bankruptcies, health care systems, cultural institutions, retail corporations, financial institutions and airlines. She regularly represents both debtors and creditors in connection with some of the country's largest restructurings and reorganizations. Most recently, she advised the world's largest private sector coal company, Peabody Energy Corp., and its subsidiaries in their chapter 11 cases. In addition to her debtor-side representations, Ms. Edgy has also advised large creditor groups throughout her career, including creditors in one of the country's largest municipal bankruptcies in Jefferson County, Ala., as well as creditors in the Forum Health and Delta Air Lines bankruptcies. Her recent representative matters include advising a large multinational corporation on a potential acquisition of assets in a chapter 7 bankruptcy; advising Steinhoff International Holdings N.V. as the largest creditor and equityholder in the Mattress Firm chapter 11 case filed in October

2018 and representing Stripes US Holding Inc., the U.S. parent company through which Steinhoff indirectly owned Mattress Firm, in its petition for recognition of an English scheme of arrangement that implemented the restructuring of Stripes's financial indebtedness, which was critical to the successful implementation of Mattress Firm's chapter 11 plan; and representing Lehman Brothers International (Europe), the principal trading company in Europe within the Lehman Brothers group of entities, in its petition for recognition of an English scheme of arrangement as a foreign main proceeding under chapter 15. Ms. Edgy has received numerous honors throughout her career, including most recently being recognized in *Chambers USA* 2017 as a "Leader in Field" and receiving *DCA Live's* 2019 "Emerging Women Leaders in Private Practice" award. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in politics in 1996 from Wake Forest University and her J.D. in 1999 from Emory University School of Law, where she was a James L. Colson Scholar.

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