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Derek C. Abbott is a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Del., and a member of its Business Reorganization & Restructuring Group. He also chairs the firm's *pro bono* committee and sits on the Firm's recruiting committee. Mr. Abbott has represented *Fortune 1000*, local, international and other organizations as lead or Delaware counsel in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation on behalf of debtors, creditors, official and *ad hoc* committees and transactional case constituents. He regularly works with debtors in possession and exit-financing lenders, as well as outside and inside counsel, turnaround professionals, crisis-management firms, and investment and non-investment bank professionals. His recent client representations include AT&T Inc., General Motors Corp., Quality Care Properties, Philips International, Viacom Inc., TD Bank and Nortel Networks. Mr. Abbott has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Law & Politics* magazine and *Delaware Super Lawyers*. In 2011, he received the Caleb R. Layton III Service Award, presented by the judges of the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Delaware. Mr. Abbott is a member of the American and Delaware State Bar Associations, Turnaround Management Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker. He also serves as legal counsel for a variety of indigent clients through Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. Mr. Abbott received his B.S. in human factors psychology in 1987 from the U.S. Military Academy and his J.D. with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1995, where he was an editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Omar J. Alaniz is the hiring partner in the Dallas office of Reed Smith LLP and represents distressed companies, including in out-of-court workouts and chapter 11 restructurings. He regularly advises boards of directors in considering liability management alternatives. Mr. Alaniz's diverse practice also includes representation of creditor committees, equityholders, joint-venture partners, preference and fraudulent-transfer plaintiffs and defendants, and other key stakeholders. He also has experience in energy restructurings, including onshore and offshore matters, and has had significant representations in real estate, financial services, aviation and health care matters. He has appeared in bankruptcy and appellate courts throughout the country, including the Texas and U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Alaniz has been recognized in the 2015-22 editions of *Chambers USA* and in 2021 was invited to membership in the American College of Bankruptcy. In 2019, he was invited to join the prestigious 60-member National Bankruptcy Conference, and he was honored as a member of the inaugural class of ABI's "40 Under 40" in 2017. In addition, he received the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Excellence at a ceremony held in the U.S. Supreme Court hosted by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. Mr. Alaniz is a former chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Texas State Bar and was an adjunct faculty member at SMU Dedman School of Law for several years, where he taught bankruptcy law courses. He also teaches a 12-week chapter 11 course to lawyers in the DFW area entering the restructuring practice. Mr. Alaniz coached the SMU Duberstein moot court team to five national championships — the most in the competition's history. He received his B.A. in economics at Austin College in 2000 and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 2003, where he was a Susman Godfrey Moot Court Champion.

Laura E. Appleby is a partner with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in New York, where she represents clients in all aspects of complex bankruptcy proceedings, out-of-court restructurings and distressed transactions. She has experience representing bondholders, indenture trustees, financial institutions and other creditors in special situations, and has provided advice with respect to corporations and other for-profit business organizations, nonprofit entities and municipalities. Ms. Appleby advises clients on sophisticated restructurings, including those in connection with chapter

11 bankruptcy proceedings, distressed investment opportunities, § 363 sales, UCC Article 9 sales, consensual foreclosures and event-driven acquisitions in such industries as agriculture chemical, financial services, health care and related services, mining, nonprofits, retail, senior living facilities and transportation. She also counsels clients with respect to issues surrounding municipal distress and insolvency. Ms. Appleby clerked for Hon. Victor J. Wolski of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Prior to attending law school, she was a legislative assistant and director of correspondence for U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald (Ret.). Ms. Appleby is a 2018 honoree of ABI's "40 Under 40" program and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second and Ninth Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the Northern District of Illinois. She received her B.S. in 2001 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. in 2007 from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*.

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 a member of the ABI Board of Directors, the CARE National and Chicago Advisory Boards, and the Chicago IWIRC Network Board, as well as several committees. She also is chair of the NCBJ 2023 Education Committee and a frequent speaker for ABI, TMA, the Chicago Bar Association, IWIRC and NCBJ, and she regularly acts as the presiding judge for the Northern District of Illinois in naturalization ceremonies. Judge Baer earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and her J.D. from DePaul College of Law.

Michelle H. Bass is a partner at Wolfson Bolton PLLC in Troy, Mich., where she manages its consumer bankruptcy practice group. She represents both debtors and creditors in consumer bankruptcy proceedings and primarily represents debtors in chapter 7 liquidations and chapter 13 reorganizations, which span from high-net-worth and high-income-earning individuals to individuals seeking to prevent foreclosure or repossession of secured collateral. She also represents both debtors and creditors in divorce-related bankruptcy proceedings, and is a frequent speaker on the intersection of bankruptcy and family law disputes. Ms. Bass has represented individuals reorganizing under chapter 11, including subchapter V, as well as small businesses going through chapter 7 liquidation, and has stopped foreclosures, the stripping of secured liens and the cramming down of loans on collateral for individuals seeking to reorganize under chapters 13 and 11. She also has successfully defended appeals in the Federal Eastern District for the State of Michigan and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Bass is a member of ABI, for which she co-chairs its Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. She also is a member of the Detroit Consumer Bankruptcy Association and the Oakland County Bar Association, for which she chairs its Debtor/Creditor Committee. Ms. Bass is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law, has been named by *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly* as one of 2019's 30 Women in Law, and has been consistently recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star in consumer

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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.

Brian Bonaviri, CIRA is a managing director in Grant Thornton LLC's Advisory practice in Charlotte, N.C., where he specializes in corporate bankruptcy advisory, strategic planning and review, business plan development and assessment, and financial modeling. He has 15 years of advisory experience, with a focus on health care, and his primary responsibilities have included advising on financial distress, developing 13-week cash flows, developing three statement-integrated financial models, assisting clients during restructurings and bankruptcies, and assisting with the development of bankruptcy reporting. Mr. Bonaviri has advised numerous health care providers, as well as other stakeholders, such as lenders and unsecured creditor committees. His clients include Casa Grande Regional Medical Center, Oconee Regional Medical Center, Morehead Memorial Hospital, and several behavioral health organizations and senior living communities. Mr. Bonaviri is a member of the Turnaround Management Association and ABI, and serves as Director of Education for ABI's Health Care Committee. He received his B.S.B.A. and M.B.A. from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Patricia Kirkwood Burgess is a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC in Nashville, Tenn. She chairs the firm's Automotive Industry Team and leads the firm's representation relating to troubled automotive suppliers, including large supplier and automotive bankruptcies, and supply chain risk-management matters (Takata Corp., Dana Corp., Delphi Corp., Johnson Rubber Co., Excello Engineered Systems, Intermet Corp., Lear Corp., Metavation, General Motors, Chrysler, Dura Automotive and Pace Industries). Ms. Burgess has guided individual and corporate debtors in chapter 11 bankruptcy, as well as workout negotiations outside of court across a spectrum of industries, including logistics companies, franchises and franchisors, real estate investors, restaurant owners, manufacturers, communication companies and automotive suppliers. She also counsels businesses of varying sizes engaged in complex commercial disputes, such as breach of contract, negligence, fraud, misrepresentation, tortious interference, successor liability, business ownership, control and governance issues, mineral trespass and energy-related disputes, franchise disputes, and violations of various state and federal statutes. Ms. Burgess assists with secured lenders in protecting and recovering their collateral whether through workout and forbearance, self-help remedies, state or federal court litigation,

or bankruptcy proceedings. She also assists secured and unsecured creditors, debtor-in-possession lenders, landlords, utilities and purchasers of assets in both complex commercial bankruptcies, as well in as large and small individual chapter 11 cases. Ms. Burgess represents plaintiffs and defendants in preference actions nationally, fraudulent conveyance actions, claim objections, breach-of-fiduciary-duty investigations, and any other contested or litigation matters in bankruptcy court, and she represents financial institutions (from local to national) in defending lender-liability claims and violations of state and federal statutes, as well as pursuing commercial foreclosure and collection actions. In addition, she mediates complex commercial disputes. Ms. Burgess has been listed in *The Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers* for 2020, is a member of Leadership Northern Kentucky's Class of 2016, and is a top-rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell. She is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and Southern Automotive Women's Forum, for which she serves as board member. Ms. Burgess received her B.A. *summa cum laude* in 1991 from Thomas More College and her J.D. in 1994 from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she was admitted to the Order of the Coif, Delta Theta Phi and the Moot Court Board.

Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a partner in Hogan Lovells US LLP's Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice in Philadelphia and is a retired bankruptcy judge. He also is ABI's President and represents both companies and creditors in domestic and cross-border bankruptcy proceedings. Judge Carey 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 (serving as chief judge from 2008-11). During that time, he authored more than 200 reported decisions, issued important rulings on key issues such as valuation, fiduciary duties and other complex chapter 11 and confirmation issues, and presided over such high-profile cases as Exide Technologies, Tribune Co. and New Century Financial. Judge Carey was the first judge to serve as global chair of the Turnaround Management Association and is an honorary member of the Turnaround, Restructuring and Distressed Investing Hall of Fame, as well as a Distinguished Fellow of the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors. In addition, he is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the International Insolvency Institute, as well as a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* and a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He also 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 clerking for Bankruptcy Judge Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court of 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.

Richard P. Carmody is a principal bankruptcy lawyer in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Adams and Reese LLP and has practiced law for more than 45 years. He specializes in insolvency law (C&I) and secured lending, and has a network of referral sources that he has developed throughout his career. Mr. Carmody is one of the firm's principal bankruptcy attorneys, representing clients in difficult financial matters. He also provides counsel to lenders for complex commercial transactions and internal policies. In 1992, Mr. Carmody became the first lawyer in Alabama to become Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. On the state level, he helped establish and served as the first chair of the Alabama State Bar section on bankruptcy and commercial law, and he was a member of the Alabama Law Institute's committees for revision of the UCC (Articles 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 9). Mr. Carmody is a founding member of ABI, and he established and

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Tiffany L. Carroll is the Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 15 in San Diego, covering the Southern District of California, the Districts of Hawaii and Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. She became the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the San Diego office, covering the Southern District of California in 2005 after serving as a trial attorney and attorney advisor for the U.S. Trustee Program since 1991. In December 2000, Ms. Carroll received the Executive Office for U.S. Trustee's Director's Award for Excellence in Legal Advocacy. She received her undergraduate degree from Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., and her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law in Tacoma, Wash.

Amber M. Carson is a partner-elect in Gray Reed & McGraw LLP's Dallas office, where she guides debtors, creditors, official committees and other parties through every phase of commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters before courts in Texas and across the country. She has helped clients achieve positive outcomes in difficult cases spanning many industries, from oil and gas, health care and retail to restaurants, construction and manufacturing. She also handles bankruptcy-related litigation involving a number of complex issues, including fraudulent transfers, preference actions and contract disputes. Ms. Carson currently serves on ABI's Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and is a member of ABI's Business Reorganization and Young and New Members Committees. In addition, she serves as president of the DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers, vice president of Law School Relations for the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and membership co-chair for the DFW Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Following law school, Ms. Carson clerked for Hon. Harlin D. Hale, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas. In 2022, she was honored as one of ABI's "40 Under 40." She also has been recognized as a Best Lawyer in Dallas Under 40 by *D Magazine*, a Rising Star by *Texas Super Lawyers* and a "One to Watch" in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and she was selected to participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Next Generation Program. Ms. Carson received her undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and her J.D. from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, where she often serves as a guest lecturer on creditor's rights.

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

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After graduation, he clerked for the Western District of Texas and then worked as an associate at a Texas law firm. He subsequently returned to St. John's to obtain his LL.M. and was awarded the first American Bankruptcy Institute Scholarship.

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 is a frequent speaker at industry conferences of the Turnaround Management Association and ABI on distressed and underperforming businesses, and a regular author for industry periodicals. Prior to joining MorrisAnderson in 1997, he served as an executive with several Fortune 500 manufacturers, including Illinois Tool Works (ITW), an industrial manufacturer, and Allied Signal, an automotive electronics and aerospace manufacturer. He has served on board of directors and been a key advisor to small and large corporations and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Dooley has successfully managed numerous projects for middle-market companies and assumed dozens of interim-management positions as an independent director, 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 specializes 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. Mr. Dooley has achieved results for companies in the automotive, aerospace, agriculture, capital equipment, metals, health care, transportation, food, distribution, oil and gas, and real estate industries. He has served on ABI's Board of Directors and on the board of the Turnaround Management Association, for which he served as president of its 1,000-member Chicago chapter. He is also a contributing author to *The Chief Restructuring Officer's Guide to Bankruptcy: Views from Leading Insolvency Professionals* (ABI 2013). Mr. Dooley received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in finance at the Carlson School of Management from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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Kellie W. Fisher is an attorney with Drummond Woodsum in Portland, Maine, and a member of the firm’s Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights practice. She focuses her practice on bankruptcy matters, commercial litigation and transactions involving distressed companies. Ms. Fisher routinely represents financial institutions, secured and unsecured creditors (including official and ad hoc committees), lenders, debtors, equityholders, chapter 7 trustees, and liquidating and litigation trustees. She has substantial bankruptcy and litigation experience in New England and around the country and advises clients on all aspects of the restructuring and bankruptcy process, including DIP lending and cash-collateral issues, plan negotiation and drafting, § 363 sales, adversary proceedings, contested matters, and fraudulent conveyance and preference litigation. She also routinely represents parties in out-of-court debt restructurings, Article 9 and real estate foreclosures, receiverships, and other debtor/creditor litigation. Recent examples of Ms. Fisher’s representations include the senior secured lenders in numerous subchapter V cases, the official committee of unsecured creditors in the Calais Regional Hospital bankruptcy case, and the largest creditor in a contested sale trial in the IDL Development, Inc. chapter 11 bankruptcy case. She also successfully represented a Vermont-based textile firm as the debtor in its chapter 11 bankruptcy case and restructured millions of dollars in debt in the process. Ms. Fisher is recognized as “One to Watch” in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and she co-chairs the board of the New England chapter of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC). She is also an active member of ABI, and she has spoken at the ABI Northeast Bankruptcy Conference and as well as published articles for ABI. Prior to joining Drummond Woodsum, Ms. Fisher was a restructuring attorney at an international law firm in Boston. She received her B.A. in 2012 from Colby College and her J.D. in 2015 from Boston College School of Law.

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David E. Gordon is a shareholder with Polsinelli PC in Atlanta and leads Polsinelli's national distressed health care practice. He counsels on business bankruptcies and insolvencies with a distinct focus on health care industry restructuring. Mr. Gordon has represented health care providers, REITs, hospitals, lenders, landlords, health care systems, skilled-nursing and assisted-living facilities, purchasers of distressed assets, secured and unsecured creditors, committees, trustees and other parties-in-interest in chapter 11 reorganization proceedings, receiverships and workouts throughout the U.S. His transactional experience includes representing purchasers in § 363 sales and representing various parties in problem loan workouts, bridge loans and other financings, forbearance agreements and other distressed transactions. Prior to joining Polsinelli, Mr. Gordon taught as an adjunct professor of law at the Emory University School of Law for more than seven years. He received his B.A. in 2003 from Georgetown University and his J.D. with honors in 2006 from Emory University School of Law.

Hon. John T. Gregg is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids, appointed on July 17, 2014. Previously, he was a partner with the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he focused on corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and other insolvency matters. Judge Gregg is the chair of the education committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy

Judges for 2022, serves on the ABI's Board of Directors, was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and is a member of the American Law Institute. He is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy and other commercial issues, and he has written and co-edited numerous secondary sources, including *Collier Guide to Chapter 11*, published by LexisNexis; *Strategies for Secured Creditors in Workouts and Foreclosures*, published by ALI-ABA; *Issues for Suppliers and Customers of Financially Troubled Auto Suppliers*, published by ABI; *Michigan Security Interests in Personal Property*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; *Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies in Michigan*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; *Interrupted! Understanding Bankruptcy's Effects on Manufacturing Supply Chains*, published by ABI; and *Receiverships in Michigan*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Judge Gregg received his B.A. in 1996 from the University of Michigan and his J.D. in 2002 from DePaul University College of Law.

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