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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. Mr. Abbott also frequently serves as a mediator in matters related to insolvency and distressed businesses, including both adversary proceedings and case-dispositive matters. In addition, he has served as an expert witness in matters involving restructuring and bankruptcy matters both domestically and internationally. Mr. Abbott's recent client representations include Boy Scouts of America, John Varvatos Enterprises, Grupo AeroMexico, Papa Gino's, AT&T Inc., General Motors Corporation, Philips International, Viacom Inc., TD Bank and Nortel Networks. He also has served as chapter 11 trustee and chapter 7 trustee of Tough Mudder. Mr. Abbott has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Law & Politics* magazine and *Delaware Super Lawyers*. In 2016, he was invited to join the 28th Class of Fellows of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2018, he was presented with the Delaware State Bar Association's Access to Justice Commitment Award, which recognized his commitment to *pro bono* work throughout his career. 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, for which he served two terms on its Board of Directors and is a member of its Veteran and Servicemembers Affairs Task Force. 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 at West Point 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*.

Justin R. Alberto is a member of Cole Schotz P.C. in Wilmington, Del., where he practices in the areas of corporate restructuring and litigation, with an emphasis on the representation of debtors, creditors' committees and other significant parties in interest. He has led engagements in many large and complex commercial restructurings throughout his career. His notable recent company-side engagements include his representations of True Religion, Advantage Rent-a-Car and Charlotte Russe in their chapter 11 cases. In addition, Mr. Alberto regularly represents official committees in some of the most complex and high-profile chapter 11 cases in the country, including the creditors' committees in the bankruptcy cases of Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt, Insys Therapeutics, JCPenney's, Francesca's, Claire's Stores, Bumblebee Tuna, Brookstone, American Apparel, Marsh Supermarkets and Pacific Sunwear, among others. He has experience negotiating and litigating issues involving valuation, intercreditor and allocation disputes, § 363 asset sales and contested confirmations in an array of industries, notably retail, health care and pharmaceuticals. Mr. Alberto is a frequent speaker on issues involving valuation and debtor-in-possession finance, and he was a recurring guest lecturer of commercial bankruptcy practice and procedure at Temple University Beasley School of Law. In addition to his restructuring practice, he is an experienced litigator with trial experience in state and federal courts involving issues of corporate law and distressed commercial situations. He also is a certified mediator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and is included on the Register of Mediators and Arbitrators maintained by the court. Mr. Alberto received his B.S. in business and economics from Springfield College and his J.D. *cum laude* from Widener University Delaware Law

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Mary Beth Ausbrooks is the sole owner in the consumer debtor firm of Rothschild & Ausbrooks, PLLC, in Nashville, Tenn. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification, for which she presently serves as president. Ms. Ausbrooks has served as the Tennessee State chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and is a member of its board of directors. She has served as president, vice president and secretary for the Middle Tennessee Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Ms. Ausbrooks has been recognized in *Super Lawyers* for many years. She has presented on best practices for consumer debtor attorneys and on other aspects of the consumer debtor practice, and she is admitted to practice in the state of Tennessee, the District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Ausbrooks received her J.D. in 1996 from the University of Memphis.

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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:*

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Steven M. Berman is a partner in the Tampa, Fla., office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, specializing in the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group. He also chairs the firm's Financial Institutions and Insurance Business Sector. Mr. Berman has more than 30 years of bankruptcy experience and focuses his practice on business bankruptcy litigation, representing creditors, investors, distressed-debt lenders, trustees, committees and business entities litigating disputes in bankruptcy court. Mr. Berman is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Creditors' Rights Law and Business Bankruptcy Law, and he is a member of the Florida, California, District of Columbia, New York and Puerto Rico (Federal) bars. He is also admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Berman serves on the boards of directors for ABI and the American Board of Certification. He serves on ABI's Endowment Committee and its Task Force on Veterans and Servicemembers Affairs, and he routinely volunteers and speaks at its seminars and other programs. In addition, he volunteers in providing *pro bono* bankruptcy and insolvency services and training for U.S. Navy servicemembers, including Judge Advocate General officers and staff. On a local level, Mr. Berman is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association, the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum and the California Bankruptcy Forum. He also guest lectures at the University of Florida College of Law and Stetson University College of Law, both in the advanced bankruptcy courses. Mr. Berman is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and was listed in *Florida Super Lawyers* from 2013-22. He received his B.S. in multinational business operations in 1987 from Florida State University and his J.D. in 1990 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Ian Connor Bifferato is director of The Bifferato Firm in Wilmington, Del., and focuses his practice on alternative dispute resolution, commercial bankruptcy and corporate/commercial litigation. His practice has focused on complex litigation, products liability, and creditors rights and business reorganization, as well as mediation of commercial disputes, including appeals from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, secured lender disputes, general corporate litigation, preference litigation and creditor rights issues, and arbitration. Mr. Bifferato has mediated well over 1,000 commercial disputes, including appeals from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, secured lender disputes, general corporate litigation, preference litigation and creditors' rights issues. He also frequently serves as an arbitrator for single and panel binding and nonbinding arbitrations. Experienced as lead counsel in complex litigation, Mr. Bifferato also frequently teams with out-of-state lawyers who need access to Delaware's courts. He is admitted to the Delaware Bar, the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware and the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Bifferato is a member of the Delaware, Federal and American Bar Associations, co-chair of the Delaware State Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee, assistant treasurer to the Delaware State Bar Association, and a member of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Rules Committee for the District of Delaware and of the mediation panel for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. He received his B.A. in 1990 from the University of Delaware and his J.D. in 1994 from Widener University School of Law.

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 is ABI's Vice President-Research Grants and serves as an Executive Editor of the *ABI Journal*. 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.

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Andrew W. Caine chairs Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones's Post-Confirmation Practice Group in Los Angeles, where he oversees the entire spectrum of claims and avoidance litigation for debtors,

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Hon. Kevin J. Carey is senior counsel in Hogan Lovells US LLP's Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice in Philadelphia and a retired bankruptcy judge. He also is ABI's Immediate Past President and represents both companies and creditors in domestic and cross-border bankruptcy proceedings and serves as independent director, expert witness and mediator. 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*. He is currently the Dean's Distinguished Fellow at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. 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.

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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 and is presently a conflicts judge in the Districts of Guam, Hawaii and Southern California. Previously, Judge Collins was a shareholder with the Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C. in Phoenix, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial transactions. He is president of 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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Ted A. Dillman is a partner with Latham & Watkins LLP in Los Angeles, where he represents debtors, creditors, investment funds and buyers in corporate restructuring, distressed M&A and out-of-court workouts, as well as special situations finance and corporate matters. He also serves as vice chair of the firm's Retail & Consumer Products Industry Group, as well as on the firm's Finance Committee and Ethics Committee. Mr. Dillman regularly helps clients navigate large-scale corporate bankruptcies, cross-border restructurings and a variety of special-situations financing and M&A transactions across industries. He also represents hedge funds, private-equity funds, direct lenders and strategic buyers in wide range of challenged M&A and finance matters. Mr. Dillman is a past president of the Financial Lawyers Conference and a member of its Board of Governors. He often writes and speaks on intellectual property, M&A and finance-related issues. Mr. Dillman is recognized by *Chambers USA* for his Bankruptcy/Restructuring work in California and was named a 2021 Rising Star in the Bankruptcy industry by *Law360*. *Business Insider* also recognized him in a feature on top bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers for his representation of Lucky Brand in its restructuring, and of Sycamore Partners in department store chain Belk's prepackaged proceedings. Mr. Dillman received his B.A. with a concentration in history from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School, where he was a founding member of its Small Business Clinic, which advised clients on entity selection, formation, governance and ongoing compliance.

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