

Faculty Biographies

John A. Anthony is a managing member of Anthony and Partners, LLC in Tampa, Fla., where his practice focuses on chapter 11 reorganizations, complex chapter 7 liquidations, assignments for the benefit of creditors, loan restructures, state court loan enforcement litigation and lender-liability defense in state and federal courts. Previously, he chaired a statewide 22-lawyer creditors' rights department of a large law firm. Mr. Anthony served for three years on the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association's Board of Directors, and served for two years as an editor of its newsletter, *The Cramdown*. He is a member of the Florida Bar Association's Corporate Banking and Business Law Section, as well as the Federal, American, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy, Polk County and Lakeland Bar Associations and the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida. He has been AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 1983, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Anthony received his B.A. from Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences in theology and political philosophy in 1984 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987.

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Alane A. Becket is a managing partner at Malvern, Pa.-based Becket & Lee LLP, a Women's Business Enterprise as certified by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, and is also ABI's Vice President-Publications. AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, she specializes in litigation strategy, and has been lead counsel in some of the most successful and influential decisions on claim litigation in consumer cases over the last 10 years. Ms. Becket is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has represented creditors and debt purchasers in commercial and bankruptcy matters and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) defense. She has also lectured extensively on consumer bankruptcy issues for a variety of professional organizations, including ABI, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees, the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys, and several local and regional creditor

organizations. Ms. Becket served on the editorial board of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy website and is a past co-chair of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. She also co-authored *Consumer Bankruptcy: Fundamentals of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, Third Edition* (ABI, 2011) and edited the 2011, 2012 and 2013 editions of the book series *Best of ABI: The Year in Consumer Bankruptcy*. Ms. Becket graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

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Daniel F. Blanks is a partner with McGuireWoods LLP; Jacksonville, Fla., where he focuses on bankruptcy, financial restructuring, distressed-asset acquisitions, creditors' rights, commercial workouts, consumer financial litigation and commercial litigation. He is experienced in representing corporate debtors, official and unofficial committees of creditors or equity-holders, asset-acquirers, plan administrators, liquidating trustees, secured lenders, creditors and other stakeholders in a variety of business chapter 11 cases, as well as foreign trustees in chapter 15 proceedings. In addition, he has defended multiple defendants in class-action and single-plaintiff lawsuits brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and comparable Florida state laws regarding consumers. Mr. Blanks is admitted to practice in Florida, New York and Virginia, and before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits, and the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of New York. A frequent writer and speaker, he was named in "Virginia Rising Stars" for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights in *Super Lawyers* for 2008 and 2009, and was named to the "Top Forty Under 40" in the *Hampton Roads Business Journal* in 2008. Mr. Blanks received his B.A. in government from The College of William & Mary in 1996 and his J.D. *cum laude* in 2002 from the University of Richmond, where he served on the editorial board of the *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology*.

Andrew M. Brumby is a partner and co-chair of the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group of Shutts & Bowen LLP in Orlando, Fla., where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and related creditor rights and commercial finance litigation issues. Mr. Brumby is a member of the Florida Bar and the State Bar of Georgia, and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, all Florida state courts, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, all Georgia state courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. The first president of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, he served on its board of directors from its inception through 1996. He is also former chairman of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee of The Florida Bar, and is a member of The Florida Bar's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee and ABI. Mr. Brumby holds the highest AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida Super Lawyers* and *Who's Who*. He received both his B.A. in economics with high distinction and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.

Stephen D. Busey is chairman of Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., where he focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and insolvency matters. He is a former chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, former president of the Jacksonville Bar Association, former chair of the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, former chair of the Florida Bar's Special Study Commission on the Rules of Professional Conduct, former chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission for Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit, and Master of the Bench Emeritus of the Chester Bedell Inn of Court. Mr. Busey has been listed several times in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Business Litigation and Bankruptcy, and was named "2014 Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville in Bet-the-Company Litigation. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Busey received both his B.S. and J.D. from Stetson University.

Roberta A. Colton is a shareholder with Trenam Kemker in Tampa, Fla., where she serves on the firm's executive board and is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Insolvency practice group. Her practice areas include business reorganization, federal bankruptcy (creditor and debtor representation), bankruptcy litigation, foreclosure/lender liability, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustee representation, commercial litigation and bankruptcy asset sales. Prior to joining the firm, she served as a judicial law clerk for Hon. James C. Hill of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Ms. Colton is admitted to practice in Florida, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida, and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits. She is AV-Preeminent Peer-Review rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, having also been featured as Tampa Bay Lawyer of the Year in bankruptcy litigation. In addition, she has been listed in *Chambers USA* and *Florida Super Lawyers*, and as one of *Florida Trend Magazine's* Florida Legal Elite. Ms. Colton is a member of ABI, the Turnaround Management Association, the Hillsborough County Bar Foundation (for which she served on its Board of Trustees from 2001-14) and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (for which she served as former president and chair). She is also an honorary overseas member of the Commercial Bar Association in London. Ms. Colton received her B.A. in commerce with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1979 and her J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 1982, where she served on its law review and was a national moot court finalist.

James H. Cossitt is an attorney in Kalispell, Mont., and has practiced since 1999 in the areas of bankruptcy and workouts, and commercial litigation. He began his career in insolvency law as a bankruptcy attorney with the FDIC, serving as a chapter 7 panel trustee from 1988-95 and as a chapter 11 trustee from 1997-2000. Mr. Cossitt is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Law. As chair of the Best Practices Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on Bankruptcy Court Structure and Insolvency Process, Mr. Cossitt supervised the publication of “Working Paper: Best Practices for Debtors’ Attorneys,” 64 Bus. Law 79. (2008), which was a follow-up to an earlier report by the Task Force entitled, “Attorney Liability under Section 707(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005,” 61 Bus. Law. 697 (2006). A frequent speaker on bankruptcy and related topics, Mr. Cossitt was a member of a task force of U.S. bankruptcy judges, law professors and others who consulted with the Slovak Parliament in Bratislava, Slovakia, in 1993 on a new bankruptcy law and the country’s transition to a market economy. Mr. Cossitt received his B.A. with distinction in 1982 from Iowa State University and his J.D. in 1986 from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Scott B. Davis is a partner in the Corporate Advisory and Restructuring Services practice of Grant Thornton LLP in Charlotte, N.C., and has more than 25 years of experience assisting underperforming businesses in the areas of forensics and litigation. He has restructuring experience in the health care industry both as a consultant and as part of a management team, has led a number of high-profile forensic investigations, and has provided litigation support, including testimony, in a variety of venues. Mr. Davis has spoken at conferences sponsored by the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, the American Bar Association, ABI and the American Transportation Association. He has also written a number of articles on improving business performance in periods of uncertainty in the retail, health care and transportation industries. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, Mr. Davis was a senior managing director with Mesirow Financial Consulting and a partner at KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor and Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Davis received his B.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar.

Hon. Caryl E. Delano was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa on June 25, 2008, and was appointed Presiding Judge of the Fort Myers Division in July 2012. Previously, she practiced before the bankruptcy courts of the Central District of California for 14 years. In 1994, she returned to Tampa and most recently practiced law with the firm of Addison & Delano, P.A., where she concentrated her practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Judge Delano has represented debtors and creditors in numerous chapter 11 cases and related adversary proceedings. She is the executive director of the J. Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court and the Liaison Judge to the Local Rules Lawyers’ Advisory Committee for the Middle District of Florida. She is also a member of the Florida Bar, the State Bar of California, ABI, the Federal Court Practice Committee and the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, the Hillsborough County Bar Association, and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. Judge Delano received her B.A. in English *cum laude* in 1976 from the University of South Florida and her J.D. in 1979 from Indiana University School of Law, having completed some of her coursework at Emory University School of Law.

Hon. Mary Grace Diehl is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed in February 2004. Prior to taking the bench, she was a partner in the litigation section of Troutman Sanders LLP and chaired its Bankruptcy Practice Group. Judge Diehl has chaired the bankruptcy sections of both the Atlanta Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia, and she is a Fellow and vice president of the American College of Bankruptcy. She was also president of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and chaired the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association, and she is president-elect of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Diehl received the “Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award” in 2008 from the International Women in Restructuring Confederation. In addition, she serves on the boards of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association, serves on ABI’s Civility Task Force and served as a trustee of Canisius College from 2008-14. She was also a member of Emory University’s Board of Visitors from 2008-11, where she is currently an adjunct professor of law. Judge Diehl received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and her J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

Robert L. Eisenbach, III is a partner in charge of the San Francisco Office of Cooley LLP’s Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice group, which he joined in 1986. He focuses his practice on restructuring, bankruptcy, distressed M&A and litigation, regularly guides companies and their boards of directors through chapter 11, out-of-court restructurings and recapitalizations, and helps private-equity and company clients navigate distressed M&A transactions. Mr. Eisenbach represents unsecured creditors’ committees in chapter 11 cases in a range of industries, and has expertise in chapter 15 cross-border bankruptcy cases. He has also litigated a wide variety of bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy disputes. Mr. Eisenbach speaks frequently on the interplay between bankruptcy and intellectual property law, as well as other bankruptcy topics, and has testified before ABI’s Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11 on intellectual property licenses, their treatment in bankruptcy cases, and potential reforms to address several key issues. He has also served as vice chair of the Subcommittee on Technology-Oriented Bankruptcies of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section. Mr. Eisenbach received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, and completed his undergraduate education at Louisiana State University, where he received his B.A. *summa cum laude* in political science and economics. Upon graduation from LSU, he was awarded the University Medal for Highest Academic Achievement and received a Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship.

Guy G. Gebhardt is the Acting U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 21) in Atlanta, appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder on Jan. 12, 2013. Previously, he had served as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Atlanta office. Mr. Gebhardt has participated in numerous working groups to implement U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) priorities that include coordinating national enforcement against identity theft and unlawful “foreclosure rescue” operations, tracking and reporting civil enforcement activities, and streamlining field office operations. He received the Director’s Award for Exemplary Service for his longstanding contributions to the USTP. Before joining the USTP in 1991, Mr. Gebhardt practiced law in Atlanta for 17 years. He is a member of the Atlanta Bar Association’s Bankruptcy Section and the State Bar of Georgia’s Bankruptcy Section, as well as ABI. Mr. Gebhardt received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Illinois Wesleyan University and, after completing active duty in the U.S. Army, received his law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Leonard H. Gilbert is a partner in Holland & Knight LLP's Tampa, Fla., office and a member of the firm's Financial Services Practice Group. He focuses his practice in the areas of banking, commercial finance, asset-based lending, creditors' rights, insolvency, arbitration and commercial litigation, and maintains an active transactional practice. Mr. Gilbert's emphasis has been in the representation of financial institutions and other institutional lenders. In his bankruptcy practice, Mr. Gilbert has represented numerous state, national and international banks and other financial institutions and public bodies, secured and unsecured creditors' committees and equity. A frequent lecturer, he has written for various law reviews and was an editor of *Collier on Bankruptcy*. Mr. Gilbert is listed in *Florida Super Lawyers*, *Chambers USA* and in *Who's Who in America*, among others, and is AV-Preeminent Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the Federal, American and Florida Bar Associations, as well as the American Bar Foundation, is treasurer and director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation, and is president of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. Mr. Gilbert is a certified circuit civil mediator and is on the mediator roster for the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Middle District of Florida. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Gilbert received his B.A. from Emory University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Paul A. Giordano is a partner with Roetzel & Andress, LPA in Fort Myers and Naples, Fla., where he handles a variety of business, commercial and banking litigation, with a special focus on bankruptcy and creditors' rights, troubled-debt restructuring, workouts and related litigation, partnership disputes, commercial foreclosures, contract and corporate disputes, construction liens, and general and professional liability lawsuits. He regularly assists national, regional and community banks in stabilizing distressed commercial and industrial properties, from negotiating pre-foreclosure agreements to advocating for the appointment of receivers and judicial sales. He also has experience in insurance coverage litigation, as well as jury and non-jury trial practice. Mr. Giordano is AV-Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and was selected as a *Florida Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" for 2011-13 and as one of *Florida Trend Magazine's* "Legal Elite" for Bankruptcy & Workouts in 2013. He is admitted to practice in Florida, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. District Courts for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida. Mr. Giordano is a member of the American, Federal, Florida, Lee County and Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Associations, and is treasurer of the Bankruptcy Legal Education Series Foundation Inc. He received his B.A. in 1995 from the University of Florida and his J.D. in 1999 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Hon. Paul "Bill" M. Glenn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Jacksonville, appointed in 1993. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District from March 2003 through September 2011. Prior to his appointment, he practiced corporate and commercial law in Jacksonville and Miami, and had been the chief executive and administrative officers of two insurance companies. In 2005, Judge Glenn was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2007 he was honored by the Hillsborough County Bar Association with the Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award. In addition, he has served as president of the Ferguson-White American Inn of Court in Tampa and of the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court in Jacksonville, and he has served on the National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation. In 2013, Judge Glenn was appointed to the Budget Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and in 2014, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Bankruptcy Inn Alliance of the American Inns of Court. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from

Florida State University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gold Key, and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where he was president of the Law School Student Body.

Elizabeth A. Green is an equity partner with BakerHostetler in Orlando and a member of its Firm-wide Policy Committee, its governing body. She practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Ms. Green has represented debtors, creditors and committees in a wide range of industries, and has represented a number of health care-related entities, including nursing homes and health care CROs in chapter 11 cases and workouts in Florida and New York. She has also represented buyers of nursing homes in chapter 11 cases across the country. Ms. Green is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Florida's Legal Elite* and *Super Lawyers*, and was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Orlando by *The Best Lawyers in America* for bankruptcy and restructuring in 2012 and in bankruptcy litigation in 2015. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Ms. Green is admitted to practice in Florida and before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Eleventh Circuits. She received her B.A. in 1984 from the New College of Florida and her J.D. with honors in 1986 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif.

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Hon. Charlene E. Honeywell is a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando, appointed by President Barack Obama in November 2009, and presides over civil and criminal cases in the Tampa Division. Judge Honeywell served approximately nine years as a circuit judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County, Fla., having been appointed by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush in October 2000, where she presided over civil and family law cases. Prior to being appointed to the circuit court, Judge Honeywell was a shareholder with the Tampa law firm of Hill, Ward and Henderson, P.A. and one of the firm's trial attorneys. Her trial practice consisted primarily of the defense of complex litigation. She was also an assistant public defender for five years and an assistant city attorney and chief of the litigation division for the City of Tampa for seven years. Judge Honeywell is an active member and former officer of the Cheatwood Inn of Court, the Smith Litigation Inn of Court, the George Edgecomb Bar Association, the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers and the Hillsborough County Bar Association, among others, and she serves as trustee for the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. Judge Honeywell received her B.A. in political science in 1979 from Howard University and her J.D. in 1981 from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law.

Hon. Barbara J. Houser is the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas. Upon graduation from law school, she joined Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neeley in Dallas and became a shareholder in 1985. Judge Houser then joined Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay PC in 1988 as the shareholder in charge of the Dallas office until she was sworn in as a bankruptcy judge on Jan. 20, 2000. In 1998, the *National Law Journal* named her one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in America. She was elected a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1994.

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Hon. Karen S. Jennemann is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Orlando, initially appointed as judge in November 1993 and as chief judge on Oct. 1, 2011. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Jennemann was a shareholder in the law firm of Mahoney Adams & Criser, P.A. in Jacksonville, Fla., where she specialized in bankruptcy law. Prior to that, she was an associate at Smith Hulseley & Busey in Jacksonville, Fla., and also served as a law clerk to Hon. Robert Doumar of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Norfolk. Judge Jennemann received her J.D. from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, her Masters in Liberal Studies from Rollins College and her undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Roy S. Kobert is a shareholder in the Orlando and Tampa, Fla., offices of GrayRobinson, P.A., where focuses his practice in the areas of bankruptcy law, creditor/debtor law, lender liability, Article 9 and commercial litigation. He has also mediated over 50 bankruptcy and commercial litigation disputes and is the first Florida graduate of the 40-Hour Bankruptcy Mediation Training program, jointly sponsored by ABI and the Hugh Carey Center for Dispute Resolution at St John's University Graduate School of Law. Mr. Kobert has been Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification for over a decade. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, was designated a "Florida Legal Elite" in *Florida Trend Magazine* (2005, 2009 and 2012), and has been featured in *Chambers USA: A Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* as a leading bankruptcy and creditors' rights attorney (2006-14). He has also been recognized in *Orlando Magazine* as one of the region's "Best Lawyers" (2006-07, 2009 and 2011-12), in *Law & Politics* magazine as a "Florida Super Lawyer" and in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2006-15). In addition, the *Orlando Business Journal* named him one of the "Top 10 Businessmen to Watch" for 2009, and he was inducted as a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America in 2014. Mr. Kobert is a former president of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association. He received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Miami.

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