

Faculty Biographies

Stuart M. Brown is a managing partner with DLA Piper's Wilmington, Del., office, where he represents institutional lenders, investors and business enterprises in diverse matters, including general business, transactions with bankruptcy estates, anti-bankruptcy transactional consultation, bankruptcy litigation, substantive nonconsolidation, securitization and servicing and bankruptcy fraud. He also represents traditional and nontraditional funding sources with respect to workouts, claim realization and asset recovery. Mr. Brown is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He has repeatedly been recognized in *Chambers USA* and has also been recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* for his corporate restructuring practice. Mr. Brown received his J.D. in 1988 from Temple University.

Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, first appointed in 2005 and serving as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, beginning in 2001. Judge Carey began his legal career clerking for Hon. Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Committee on Space and Facilities of the Judicial Conference of the U.S., and sits on the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. He is also global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, a member of ABI's Board of Directors and a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Carey is a part-time adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program, and is a contributing author to the *Collier Forms Manual* and *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

Hon. Thomas J. Catliota is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt. Prior to his appointment in 2006, he was a partner in the firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman and a member of its insolvency group, where he chaired its bankruptcy and insolvency practice for seven years, representing debtors, creditors and committees in bankruptcy courts across the country and focusing on all aspects of insolvency law, particularly in the real estate, health care, trucking, technology and food services industries. Judge Catliota lectures frequently on many bankruptcy topics, including landlord/tenant rights in bankruptcy, the acquisition of assets from a bankruptcy estate and the law of letters of credit in bankruptcy. From 1993-96, he was the co-editor of *The Fourth Circuit and District of Columbia Bankruptcy Court Reporter*, which contained the full text, synopses and summaries of bankruptcy court opinions published in the federal courts of the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Catliota received his B.S. from Marquette University in 1977, his J.D. from Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in 1983, where he was the recipient of the Faculty Award, among other academic awards, and his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985.

Hon. Melanie L. Cyganowski (ret.) is a partner with Otterbourg P.C. and chairs its Insolvency Litigation Services, ADR and Fiduciary Appointments practice, and is also an active mediator, having mediated bankruptcy and federal cases nationwide. Her most recent fiduciary appointments include CRO and temporary operator of Brooklyn's Interfaith Medical Center. Among her other representations, she represents the FDIC as receiver in a pending bankruptcy; has served as the auditor in connection with a consent judgment in a national matter; and is an arbitrator/mediator in numerous disputes, including *Madoff*, *Quebecor* and *Metaldyne*. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Cy-

ganowski served as chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, appointed to the bench on March 1, 1993, and subsequently appointed as chief judge on Nov. 29, 2005. She previously served as law clerk to Hon. Charles L. Briant of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York before joining Sullivan & Cromwell as an associate in the firm's litigation department. She then served as a senior attorney in the litigation department at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. In 2014, Ms. Cyganowski was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Bankruptcy. An author of numerous articles, she sits on the editorial advisory board of the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Practice & Law*. She is also a Fellow of the American and New York State Bar Foundations, and 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.

Hon. Jeffery A. Deller is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh, appointed in 2005. Prior to his appointment, he was a shareholder in the bankruptcy and insolvency practice group at Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, P.C. While in private practice, some of his representations included representing the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health System (UPMC) in connection with its \$100 million acquisition of the assets of St. Francis Hospital, serving as counsel to the unsecured creditors' committees of various chapter 11 cases (including the cases filed by National Record Mart and Arcadia Energy Corp.), and serving as advisor to most of the Pittsburgh region's banks and financial institutions with respect to bankruptcy and loan workout matters. Judge Deller is a prior recipient of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award. He authored *Looking Before You Leap Into an Involuntary Bankruptcy Case*, 171 N.J. L. J. 446 (2003), and *Examining the Examiner: Waiver Of the Attorney-Client Privilege and the Outer Limits of an Examiner's Powers in Bankruptcy*, 43 DUQ. L. REV. 187 (2005), and co-authored "Putting Order to the Madness: BAPCPA and the Contours of the New Pre bankruptcy Credit Counseling Requirements," 16 *J. Bankr. L. & Prac.* 1 Art. 5 (2007). He is also a contributing author to West's *Pennsylvania Forms: Debtor-Creditor*, a forms guide and treatise for practitioners. Judge Deller received his B.A. in economics and political science from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. *cum laude* from Duquesne University School of Law, where he served as a member of *The Duquesne Law Review* and was the recipient of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal Prize* awarded by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Gerald K. Gibson Memorial Award granted by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Stephen A. Donato is co-chair of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC's Business Restructuring, Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Group in Syracuse, N.Y. He has represented clients for over 30 years concerning all aspects of financial restructuring, including financial institutions, secured and unsecured creditors, commercial debtors, SIPA trustees in certain liquidation proceedings, health care institutions including hospitals and nursing homes, creditors' committees, debtor-in-possession financing lenders, municipalities, bondholders and purchasers of distressed businesses. Mr. Donato is a founder and director, former program director and former membership director of the Upstate New York Turnaround Management Association. He also currently serves on the advisory board of ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, and is a founder and first president of the Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association. Mr. Donato lectures frequently for ABI, the New York State Bar Association, the Turnaround Management Association and various business clients concerning financial restructuring matters. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2015 in its Bank-

ruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy categories and was featured in 2013 in for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy categories. He was also named the *Best Lawyers'* 2013 Syracuse Litigation-Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year and the *Best Lawyers'* 2012 Syracuse Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law Lawyer of the Year. Previously, Mr. Donato clerked for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1983 from Creighton University, and also attended the London School of Economics in 1981.

Louis J. Ebert is co-chair of the Creditors' Rights Department of Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP in Baltimore. He has represented secured creditors in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, foreclosure and workout matters for more than 30 years. In bankruptcy cases, he regularly represents lenders in cash-collateral proceedings, relief from the automatic stay, discharge litigation, preference and fraudulent conveyance litigation, § 363 sales and confirmation of reorganization plan issues. Mr. Ebert has represented financial services institutions in bankruptcy cases in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Illinois, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. He also regularly represents lenders in commercial loan restructures, commercial litigation, foreclosure proceedings and secured creditor sales, and has represented financial services institutions in a substantial number of lender-liability and fraudulent-conveyance actions. In one of these cases, *Charles E. Brauer Co. v. NationsBank of Virginia*, he successfully argued on appeal before the Supreme Court of Virginia, and his efforts resulted in the establishment of very favorable foreclosure law to lenders in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, his successful appeals before the Fourth Circuit, in the case of *Mohammed Chaudhry v. Gallerizzo, et. al.*, resulted in the establishment of law very favorable to debt collectors governed by the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. Mr. Ebert is a member of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, Inc. and is admitted to practice in the state and bankruptcy courts in Maryland, Virginia the District of Columbia and Delaware. He has been selected as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy, Creditor-Debtor Rights Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy from 2011-15. Mr. Ebert received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in psychology/sociology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1973 and his J.D. from George Washington University National Law Center in 1976, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif in 1976.

Hon. Richard E. Fehling is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Reading, appointed on Feb. 14, 2006. Prior to his appointment, he had been an associate, shareholder, director and general counsel at Stevens & Lee in Reading for nearly 25 years, co-chairing the Stevens & Lee Bankruptcy Group for 17 of those years. Judge Fehling chaired the Pennsylvania Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee from 1992-95, the Berks County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee in 1993 and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's Bankruptcy Conference from 1996-97. He has been a frequent lecturer in bankruptcy, financial distress, litigation and ethics programs. Judge Fehling is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He received his B.A. from Yale and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The Dickinson School of Law, graduating first in his class.

Mark E. Felger is co-chair of the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Reorganization group at Cozen O'Connor and the office managing partner of his firm's Wilmington, Del., office. He has represented all constituencies in corporate reorganizations and business insolvencies over the past 25 years, including debtors, official and ad hoc creditors' committees, trustees and purchasers of assets. For the past ten years, Mr. Felger has served as a certified panel mediator for the Delaware Bankruptcy Court and has successfully mediated more than 100 contested matters and adversary proceedings pending in the Delaware and New York bankruptcy courts. He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and AV Peer Review-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and he has been recognized multiple times by *Law and Politics* as both a Delaware and Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer," as well as been named one of the leading bankruptcy lawyers in Delaware by *Chambers USA* for the past several years. Mr. Felger has been a member of ABI for 25 years and serves on many of its committees. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. Mr. Felger received his J.D. in 1989 from Boston University.

Ryan G. Foley is an associate general counsel in AIG's Commercial Insurance Law Department in Parsippany, N.J., where his responsibilities include overseeing bankruptcy matters for the company's commercial insurance divisions including avoidance actions, claims management, serving on creditor committees and directing outside counsel. He also manages a nationwide, large-volume collections litigation docket, along with paralegal staff in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and the Philippines. Mr. Foley is admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bars, and much of his practice has focused on creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation. He clerked in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey and is Board Certified in Creditors' Rights Law by the American Board of Certification. Mr. Foley completed the ABI-St. John's Mediation Training Program and currently serves as membership relations director for ABI's Financial Advisor and Investment Banking Committee. He received his B.A. in history *magna cum laude* from Misericordia University, his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and his LL.M. in Bankruptcy from St. John's University School of Law in 2013, where he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in International Bankruptcy.

Charles M. Forman is a senior managing member of Forman Holt Eliades & Youngman LLC in Paramus, N.J., and has more than 35 years of experience as attorney for debtors, creditors and other trustees in addition to his service as a trustee appointed by the U.S. Justice Department. In his capacity as trustee, Mr. Forman has overseen more than 17,000 New Jersey and Delaware chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases, including many of the most complex cases that have been filed in this region during the past two decades, such as *Linens 'n Things*, *Workbench Furniture*, *Russ Berrie Toys* and *Upsala College*. Some of his assignments have included serving as trustee for a \$100 million real estate Ponzi scheme and a \$350 million-per-year employee staffing company. The U.S. Department of Justice awarded Mr. Forman the Director's Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Private Trustee. He has worked with telecommunications, manufacturing, real estate, employee benefits and health care, securities law and other complex industries, and serves as chairman of the board of directors of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Law Foundation. Mr. Forman is admitted to the New Jersey, New York, District of Columbia, Essex County, Bergen County and American Bar Associations, the U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia, District of New Jersey and the Southern District of New York, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of ABI and the Turnaround Management As-

sociation. Mr. Forman received his B.S.I.E. from the Newark College of Engineering and his J.D. from Seton Hall University Law School.

Hon. Eric L. Frank is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, initially appointed in February 2006 and appointed Chief Judge in March 2013. Prior to taking the bench, he was a shareholder in DiDonato and Winterhalter, P.C., a partner in Miller, Frank & Miller and a supervising attorney at Community Legal Services, Inc. in Philadelphia. From 1998 to 2005, Chief Judge Frank served as a member of the federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. He is a past chair of the Steering Committee of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference and a past president of the board of directors of the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project in Philadelphia, which provides referrals and representation in chapter 7 bankruptcy cases to low-income individuals on a pro bono basis. Since 1998, Chief Judge Frank has been a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1973 and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1976, where he served on its law review. Following law school, he clerked for the late Justice Samuel J. Roberts of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Bruce I. Fox.

Edward T. Gavin, CTP is a managing director and founding partner of Gavin/Solmonese LLC in Wilmington, Del., where he leads the firm's Restructuring and Fiduciary Services Practice and specializes in complex bankruptcy matters, representing debtors and creditors as financial advisor, asset-sale advisor, restructuring officer or other type of responsible party. In addition, he is frequently appointed liquidating trustee, litigation trustee or plan administrator over post-confirmation liquidating trusts. Mr. Gavin is an expert on rapid § 363 asset-sale processes, SPM gifts/carve-outs and the evaluation of claims against insiders. His engagements have included responsibilities as bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy financial advisor to debtors and creditors' committees, bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy interim management appointments, business viability assessments, mergers and acquisitions, business integrations and strategic sales, corporate strategy and policy development and implementation, e-commerce and marketing strategy development, process re-engineering, and enterprise resource planning (ERP) system implementation and assessment. His roles have also included regulatory affairs management positions in FDA-regulated organizations, including the leadership of process re-engineering to remediate violations of FDA regulations. Mr. Gavin is ABI's Vice President-Development, co-chaired ABI's Financial Advisors Committee from 2010-12 and is a former co-chair and education director of ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation Committee. He is a 30th Anniversary Circle contributor to ABI's Endowment Fund and co-chair of ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, and he serves on ABI's National Ethics Standards Task Force. A contributing editor for the *ABI Journal's* "Last In Line" and "Financial Statements" columns, Mr. Gavin also writes the "Turnaround Tactics" blog for *Forbes* and has contributed to a number of publications. He attended the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, studying music theory and education.

Christopher J. Giaimo is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of BakerHostetler, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights, as well as litigation, representing secured and unsecured creditors, vendors and committees. He also represents investors seeking to acquire the distressed debt and assets of bankrupt and insolvent businesses, as well as

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Hon. Martin Glenn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, sworn in on Nov. 30, 2006. Previously, he was a law clerk for Hon. Henry J. Friendly, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, from 1971-72, and he practiced law with O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles from 1972-85 and in New York from 1985-2006, where he focused on complex civil litigation including securities, RICO, financial and accounting fraud, and unfair competition. Judge Glenn is a member of the Committee on International Judicial Relations of the U.S. Judicial Conference, Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the New York Federal-State Judicial Council, the American Law Institute, the International Insolvency Institute, the New York City Bar and its Federal Courts Committee, NCBJ's Bankruptcy Rules Committee, the Federal Bar Council and the Federal Bar Council American Inns of Court. He is also an adjunct professor of law at Columbia Law School and a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*. Judge Glenn received his B.S. from Cornell University in 1968 and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School in 1971, where he was an articles editor of the *Rutgers Law Review*.

Michael S. Goodman is a founding partner and managing director of SSG Capital Advisors, LLC in Conshohocken, Pa. He is a nationally recognized leader in the restructuring industry with almost 20 years of experience in special-situations transactions, and he has been involved in more than 100 client engagements. Mr. Goodman's investment banking and financial advisory services include mergers and acquisitions for companies both in and out of bankruptcy, restructurings and reorganizations both in and out of bankruptcy, the private placement of debt and equity, complex valuations, feasibility analyses and other bankruptcy-related analyses. His past clients include publicly traded and privately held middle-market and lower-middle-market companies across almost every industry sector. Mr. Goodman frequently speaks on topics ranging from the state of the capital markets to alternatives available to companies in transition, and his articles have appeared in the *Dow Jones Daily Bankruptcy Review*, *ABL Advisor*, *Philadelphia Business Journal* and *Financier Worldwide*. Mr. Goodman began his investment banking career in 1995 as an analyst at Schroder & Co., then began focusing exclusively in the special-situations area in 1998 as part of Berwind Financial, a Philadelphia-based regional financial services firm. In 2001, he became a partner with SSG Capital Advisors, which was formed to acquire the special-situations investment banking practice from Berwind. Mr. Goodman is president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. He received his B.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1995.

Dion W. Hayes is a partner with McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, Va., where he chairs the firm's Restructuring and Insolvency department. He focuses his practice on insolvency law and financial restructuring, including bankruptcy, out-of-court workouts, distressed-asset acquisitions and recapitalizations, and related litigation. He has particular experience representing corporate debtors, creditors' committees, equity-holders, asset-acquirers, plan sponsors, post-confirmation plan

administrators, liquidating trustees, senior lenders and other stakeholders in bankruptcy courts throughout the country. Mr. Hayes has recently appeared in bankruptcy courts and other federal courts in Delaware, Florida, New York, Texas and Virginia. Among his recent major engagements are the representation of a Canadian bank in a \$1 billion Ponzi scheme chapter 11 in the Southern District of Florida, a Tucson-based international copper mining firm in various litigations relating to its chapter 11 case in the Southern District of Texas, and the leading U.S. bowling company in its successful chapter 11 case in the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Hayes has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, *Virginia Super Lawyers* in Bankruptcy and Debtor/Creditor Rights, Banking and Business Litigation, and *Virginia Legal Elite* in Bankruptcy Law. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1989 and his J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 1992.

Thomas M. Horan is a partner in Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP's Wilmington, Del., office, where he represents debtors, committees, secured lenders and creditors in complex chapter 11 cases. He is a member of ABI's Board of Directors, co-chair of ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and a coordinating editor of the *ABI Journal*. Mr. Horan is admitted to practice in the state of Delaware, the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has been named a "Rising Star in Delaware Bankruptcy" by *SuperLawyers* for 2013-15 and is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Before joining Womble Carlyle, Mr. Horan was an associate at Morris James LLP in Wilmington. He received his B.A. in 1989 and his M.A. in 1992 from Fordham University, and his J.D. *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law in 2002, where he was Executive Notes and Comments Editor for the *ABI Law Review*.

Reginald W. Jackson is a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a member of its bankruptcy practice. He has represented secured creditors, chapter 11 debtors, trustees, creditors' committees, equity-holders, asset-purchasers, vendors and suppliers. His practice also includes all aspects of commercial collections and workouts, including loan restructurings, forbearance arrangements, receiverships and foreclosures. Mr. Jackson is a former ABI president and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, having been inducted as a member of its 12th class on March 30, 2001. He was named one of America's "Top Black Lawyers" by *Black Enterprise Magazine* and was formerly chairman of the ABA Conference of Minority Partners in Majority/Corporate Law Firms. Mr. Jackson is a past president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and from 2003-07 was a member of the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association. Since 1995, he has been honored in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and since 1994 he has been named an "Ohio Super Lawyer" and "Leading Lawyer" by *Chambers and Partners*. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and is admitted to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio. He has spoken on several occasions before the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI's Annual Spring Meeting and Winter Leadership Conference, the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar on a variety of bankruptcy and restructuring topics. Mr. Jackson received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Jessica Kitson is a managing attorney at Volunteer Lawyers for Justice in Newark, N.J., where she oversees the organization's bankruptcy and consumer debt defense clinics. Prior to joining VLJ, she served as director of the Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program and was an adjunct professor

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Martha E.M. Kopacz, CMA, CIRA is a senior managing director with Phoenix Management Services in Boston and has more than 25 years of experience assisting stakeholders in analyzing business operations and reorganization possibilities. She was one of the first financial advisors to apply turnaround principles to public sector and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Kopacz has led or participated in more than 100 consulting and restructuring engagements representing companies, debtors, investors, creditor committees, banks and chapter 11 trustees. She has advised in a broad range of industries, including retail, leisure and entertainment, technology, nonprofit and public sector, and professional services. Ms. Kopacz has served as an interim president, chief restructuring officer, chapter 11 trustee, collateral trustee and independent expert. Most recently, she was selected as the court's expert witness in Detroit's chapter 9 case, where she was charged with the task of determining the viability of the city's reorganization plan and devised a standard for developing restructuring plans for municipalities. She also advised the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (NIFA), a New York state control board, as well as seven of the country's largest municipal transit authorities in negotiating their advertising contracts with a New York-based outdoor media company. Ms. Kopacz is a member of ABI, TMA and IWIRC and is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. She received her B.S. in marketing from Indiana University and her M.F.A. in finance and investments from Indiana University.

Hon. Raymond T. Lyons (ret.) is counsel in the Princeton, N.J., office of Fox Rothschild LLP, where he focuses his practice on financial restructuring and bankruptcy, as well as alternative dispute resolution. He is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey and also served as a visiting bankruptcy judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, where he presided over the chapter 11 cases of *Montgomery Ward* and *Federal Mogul*, which had been filed by more than 130 multinational companies with parallel insolvency proceedings in England involving billions of dollars in asbestos claims. Mr. Lyons completed the first ABI/St. John's University School of Law 40-Hour Mediation Training Program and has been appointed to the panel of mediators for the bankruptcy courts in New Jersey, Delaware, the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is on the Roster of Mediators and Arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals and the Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators for Federal Arbitration, Inc. (FedArb). Among his most well-known and significant mediations is the chapter 11 case filed by bank holding company Washington Mutual, Inc. following the largest bank failure in history. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1999, Mr. Lyons spearheaded the bankruptcy department of a major New Jersey law firm, primarily representing secured lenders and other creditors in corporate chapter 11 cases. During the economic downturn and banking crisis of the late 1980s and early 1990s, he represented the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in bankruptcy matters and commercial litigation. Mr. Lyons is a former chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Pro Bono Services Committee, and in 1999 he received the New Jersey State Bar Association's

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