

Faculty Biographies

Eric W. Anderson is a partner in bankruptcy group of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta, where he concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, workouts, financial restructuring and commercial finance. He represents lenders and other parties in bankruptcy and financial restructuring matters both in and out of bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession financing, purchase and sale of assets of distressed companies, and various related transactions. A frequent writer and speaker, Mr. Anderson is a member and past chair of the advisory board for ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and has contributed articles to the *ABI Journal* and other publications. He is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and chairman of the College's 11th Circuit Educational Programs Committee, and is a member of the boards of directors of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute and of Meritas, a worldwide law firm organization. He also served on the board of directors of the Atlanta Bar Association and is a past chair of the Atlanta Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Anderson has been selected as one of Georgia's Legal Elite in 2007-14, and has been listed as a "Georgia Super Lawyer" in *Atlanta Magazine*. He is also recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of America's leading lawyers for business, and by *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mr. Anderson received his undergraduate degree with distinction in 1982 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1986 from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Bryan C. Bacon is Of Counsel with Evans & Dixon, L.L.C. in Columbia, Mo., where he focuses on representing both creditors and borrowers in a wide array of commercial distressed-lending environments, including out-of-court workouts and actions to enforce creditors' rights. He has also represented various constituent groups in chapter 11 proceedings, including employees, unions, equity-holders and landlords, and has represented both debtors and purchasers in § 363 sales. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Bacon served as a judicial law clerk for Hon. David P. McDonald of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit. He is licensed to practice in Missouri and Illinois and is an ABI member. Mr. Bacon has been listed as a Missouri-Kansas *Super Lawyer* for 2013, 2014 and 2015. He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* in economics from Truman State University and his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1997, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Robert D. Berger was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Kansas in Kansas City in October 2003. Prior to his appointment, Judge Berger practiced law as a bankruptcy and insolvency specialist representing debtors and creditors, and was among the first group of attorneys in Kansas and Missouri to be certified by the American Board of Certification in both consumer and business bankruptcy law. Judge Berger is a member of ABI and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a founding member of the Kansas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He has written numerous articles on bankruptcy issues, including chapter 13 tax matters, and is a contributing author to the Kansas Bar Association's *Bankruptcy Handbook* and to *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He has also served as a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, insolvency and related tax issues. Judge Berger received his B.A. from the University of Kansas in 1983 and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1986.

Geoffrey L. Berman is a vice president of Development Specialists, Inc. in Los Angeles and has more than 35 years of experience in the extension of secured and unsecured credit and the liquidation of numerous businesses. He has expertise in all types of insolvency case administrations with a specialty in the area of general assignments for the benefit of creditors (in various businesses and

industries including wholesale seafood, retail auto parts, various manufacturing concerns, wholesale nursery operations and high-tech companies), and liquidating and creditor trusts under chapter 11 reorganization plans, and has served as an examiner and federal court receiver. A certified mediator, Mr. Berman is on the bankruptcy mediation panel for the Central District of California, as well as the register of mediators for the District of Delaware, and he has served as a federal court receiver. Prior to joining DSI, Mr. Berman was with Credit Managers Association of California for 11 years, where he was managed its Adjustment Bureau and was a member of the association's senior management. He served as ABI's president from April 2011 to April 2012 and before that as its vice president-publications, overseeing the *ABI Journal* and other publication projects. He was also a member of ABI's Executive and Management Committees. Mr. Berman wrote the ABI manual on general assignments, *General Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors: The ABCs of ABCs*, now in its third edition (2015). He also served as contributing editor and co-executive editor to the *ABI Journal* and authored a law review article published in the *ABI Law Review*. Mr. Berman has been responsible for the administration of numerous other post-confirmation estates, including Sizzler Restaurants International, Inc. Creditor Trust, WATTHealth Foundation Creditor Trust (resulting from a state court conservatorship) and Horizon Natural Resources Liquidating Trust, and Vista Hospital Systems. He has also administered the liquidation of numerous businesses through general assignments. Mr. Berman is a member of the Los Angeles, Orange County and Bay Area Bankruptcy Forums and the Association of Insolvency Accountants, and is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and insolvency subjects. He received his B.B.A. with honors from the University of the Pacific in 1975 with a degree in business administration (accounting and finance) and his J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles.

Scott K. Brown is a partner with Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP in Phoenix, where he represents commercial, agricultural and private lenders, religious institutions, health care companies, and other businesses in a broad array of transactions and litigation. His experience includes both in-house and outside counsel roles in loan origination and documentation, regulatory compliance, advising religious institutions, litigation in state and federal court, receiverships and bankruptcies. Mr. Brown is a contributor to and co-founder of the *ABI Journal's* humor column, "Chapter 8 Humor." He received his J.D. in 2000 from Brigham Young University.

Hon. Thad J. Collins is the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa in Cedar Rapids. Previously, he clerked for Hon. Michael J. Melloy as Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa and as Chief U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, and for Hon. David R. Hansen, U.S. Eighth Circuit Court Judge. He was also an associate with Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis and a partner with Pickens, Barnes & Abernathy in Cedar Rapids. Judge Collins is a member of the American, Iowa and Linn County Bar Associations, as well as the Dean Mason Ladd Inn of Court. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Prof. Prentiss Cox is a professor of law with the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he writes about and teaches in the area of consumer protection law, public civil law enforcement and legal practice skills. He was manager of the Consumer Enforcement Division in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office prior to joining the faculty in 2005 and was a judicial clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Prof. Cox has prosecuted numerous nationally recognized cases involving subprime mortgage lending, foreclosure, banking regulation, state at-

torney general enforcement authority, consumer fraud and related matters. He is a frequent speaker on consumer protection issues and is often quoted in media on consumer law topics. Prof. Cox has drafted and testified for numerous consumer protection statutes and rules related to mortgage lending, foreclosure fraud, telemarketing sales practices, private attorney general enforcement, and other consumer protection laws. He has also served as a trainer and consultant for state and federal government agencies and for developing nations. Prof. Cox is a member of the Consumer Advisory Board of the U. S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the board of directors of the State Center for Antitrust and Consumer Protection Enforcement, among other activities. He has been selected as a Minnesota *Super Lawyer* and has received numerous university service and teaching awards. Prof. Cox received his B.A. from Oberlin College and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Hon. Dennis R. Dow is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Nov. 10, 2003, by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, where he represented trustees in chapter 7 cases involving significant assets, individual and corporate debtors in proceedings under chapters 7 and 11, and secured, unsecured and priority creditors and lessors in chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases, and had been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law every year since 1995. He also tried numerous adversary proceedings and contested matters, including preference actions, objections to discharge, dischargeability complaints and objections to confirmation of chapter 11 plans. Judge Dow is a *pro tem* member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. He also serves on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and chairs its subcommittee on forms. Judge Dow is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, inducted in March 2013, and was selected in November 2014 to become a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and a member of the faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute. Judge Dow is a member of the Missouri and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations, and serves as ABI's Secretary. He received his B.A. with honors from the University of Wyoming and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law, where he was notes editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Deborah K. Ebner is the principal of The Law Office of Deborah Kanner Ebner in Chicago. She is experienced with the representation of debtors-in-possession and creditor committees in chapter 11 cases in a multitude of business environments, and is proficient in chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13. Ms. Ebner is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has served as a federal bankruptcy trustee since 1983. She is admitted to the Illinois Bar and has served as faculty for ABI, the Chicago Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and for numerous bar associations, including the Illinois, Chicago and Will County Bar Associations, and she is the author of Chapter 22 of the 2003 *IICLE Residential Real Estate Publication*, "Residential Real Estate in Bankruptcy," and she co-authored its 2008 update and completed its 2011 edition. Ms. Ebner participated in a multitude of legislative activity, including the provision of technical comment to the House Judiciary Committee concerning proposed changes to the Bankruptcy Code, and the development of comment for the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Practice of the Judicial Conference of the United States. She continues to serve on the League's Legislative Committee. Ms. Ebner received her J.D. from Samford University Cumberland School of Law in 1981.

Hon. Arthur B. Federman is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Dec. 18, 1989, and reappointed in 2003. He currently serves as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City. Upon graduation from law school, he worked as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. From 1979-89, Judge Federman was in private practice in Kansas City and served as a panel trustee for the Western District of Missouri. While in private practice, he represented debtors, creditors and creditors' committees in chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases. Judge Federman became a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy in 2003. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1973 and from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law in 1976 with distinction, where he was elected to the Order of the Bench and Robe and was an associate editor of its law review.

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.

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counting in 1977 and his J.D. in 1980 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he served as an editor of the *Missouri Law Review*.

Deborah M. Gutfeld is senior counsel with Perkins Coie's Corporate practice in Denver, where she focuses her practice on financial restructuring and bankruptcy, representing debtors, creditors, examiners and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings throughout the country. She has particular experience in the hotel and hospitality industry, regularly counseling hotel owners, developers, lenders and major hotel brands in transactions, state and federal litigation, and bankruptcy. During her 15 years of practice, Ms. Gutfeld has also handled a wide range of commercial litigation cases, including complex litigation and class action lawsuits involving business and contract disputes, mechanics' liens, distressed real estate foreclosures and workouts. She has represented clients in numerous proceedings before federal courts, state courts, and in both arbitrations and mediations throughout the country. Ms. Gutfeld has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 for Corporate Law. She received her B.S. in marketing and international business with high distinction in 1997 from Indiana University and her J.D. in 2000 from Northwestern University School of Law.

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Prof. Susan E. Hauser is a professor of law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, N.C. She is a frequent presenter on the treatment of student loan debt in bankruptcy, and publishes on student loan debt, predatory lending, bankruptcy procedure, and the intersection of constitutional law and bankruptcy law. Prof. Hauser co-authored ABI's *Graduating with Debt: Student Loans Under the Bankruptcy Code* (2013), and in October 2012, Prof. Hauser was awarded the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* Editors' Prize; she is currently a member of its editorial advisory board. In the fall of 2012, Prof. Hauser served as an ABI Robert M. Zinman Resident Scholar. She has also been named an *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* Fellow, received the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2013, and was named Professor of the Year by her students in 2008 and 2011. Prof. Hauser is a member of the North Carolina State Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina. She clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Rich Leonard and U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt. Prof. Hauser received her undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

David G. Heiman founded Jones Day in 1984 and practices in Cleveland. He has focused on the bankruptcy and restructuring area for more than 35 years, playing a key role in many of the larg-

est business bankruptcy and out-of-court business restructurings in the U.S. His practice is broad-based, including representations of debtors, lenders, creditors and purchasers of distressed assets. Notably, Mr. Heiman led the City of Detroit's chapter 9 case. His representative chapter 11 and out-of-court debtor representations include Allied Stores and Federated Department Stores (also as acquirer of R.H. Macy), RadioShack, NII Holdings, Boscov's Department Stores, Burlington Industries, Cardinal Industries, Child World, Chrysler LLC, Imperial Home Decor Group, Kendavis Industries, LTV Steel, Oglebay Norton, Pillowtex, Tribune Companies, USG and White Motor. In addition, he has represented lenders in the Carmike Cinemas, Olympia & York and Phar-Mor restructurings, and creditors in the Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation; Home Place; and Paragon Trade Brands restructurings. Mr. Heiman has advised numerous acquirors of distressed assets, including American Greetings and WL Ross & Co., in various matters, including American Home Mortgage, Bethlehem Steel, Collins & Aikman and Horizon National Resources. Among his current engagements is counsel for the debtors in Alpha Natural Resources's chapter 11 case. Mr. Heiman is a past chair of the American College of Bankruptcy, currently co-chairs the Governance Advisory Board of ABI Commission for the Study of the Reform of Chapter 11, and has led numerous bar-related and community and charitable groups. He was named as a leading lawyer in bankruptcy/restructuring in virtually all of the relevant ranking publications, and was one of *The American Lawyer's* 2015 "Dealmakers of the Year" and received *Law360's* 2014 MVP Award for Business Restructuring and Reorganization. Mr. Heiman received his B.A. in 1967 and his J.D. in 1970 from the University of Cincinnati, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and an articles editor for its law review.

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Hon. Lee M. Jackwig is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Iowa in Des Moines. Prior to her appointment in 1986, she was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Iowa, an Iowa Deputy Industrial Commissioner and an Assistant Attorney General of Iowa. Judge Jackwig is a former member of ABI's Board of Directors, a former member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Board of Governors and a former chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association. She served on the Committee on Automation and Technology of the

Judicial Conference of the U.S. from 1990-97 and is a member of numerous local, state, national and international professional organizations, including the American Bar Association's Business Law Section and Judicial Division. Judge Jackwig received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in the classics from Loyola University and her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

Hon. Janice M. Karlin was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Kansas in Topeka in 2002 and is in her second five-year term on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. She became Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit BAP on Sept. 4, 2015. Before taking the bench, Judge Karlin served as an assistant U.S. attorney for 22 years, concentrating on civil litigation in the federal courts. She also served as an adjunct professor of trial practice at the University of Kansas. Judge Karlin chairs the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is the court's liaison to the Bankruptcy Bench Bar Committee, and serves on the board of editors of the *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*. She is also a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, ABI, the American and Kansas Bar Associations, and the Women Attorney Association of Topeka. Judge Karlin received her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas and served as note and comment editor for the *Kansas University Law Review*.

Prof. Michael Korybut is a professor of law at St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, where he teaches in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial transactions and secured transactions and his principal scholarship focuses on secured transactions. Since joining the SLU Law faculty, he has received its Best Teacher of the Year award twice. He was also awarded the Thompson Coburn Award for Exceptional Faculty Scholarship. Previously, Prof. Korybut was an associate attorney with Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe in San Francisco and with Gray, Cary, Ware and Friedrich in Palo Alto, Calif. At both firms, he represented lending institutions and corporate borrowers. He then taught at Stanford Law School and Santa Clara University Law School. Prof. Korybut received his J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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Hon. Robert E. Larsen is a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed in 1991. He also teaches two classes as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law, and manages the Western District's Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy, which trains new lawyers on trial advocacy. Judge Larsen began his legal career with the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division. In 1976, he transferred to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Kansas City and spent the next 15 years as an assistant U.S. attorney representing the federal government in both criminal and civil cases before the district court and court of appeals. Judge Larsen is the author of *Navigating the Federal Trial*, now in its 11th edition, and is a frequent lecturer on federal trial practice and evidence. He received his J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law in 1973.

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James T. Markus is a co-founder and manager of Markus Williams Young & Zimmermann, LLC in Denver, where he specializes in the representation of secured creditors, lessors, asset-purchasers, debtors, official committees and trustees in workouts, restructurings and chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. He is a former ABI president and chairman, as well as a former director, president and chairman of the American Board of Certification. He was also an *ex officio* member of ABI's Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. Mr. Markus is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in Business Bankruptcy Law and is a former president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and is admitted to the Colorado and Illinois State Bars. He co-founded ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference and has lectured before ABI, the American Rocky Mountain and Chicago Bar Associations, Equipment Leasing Association, Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora-

tion, Savings and Community Lender's Association and the Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Markus is AV-rated and has been recognized as a "Top Lawyer in Denver Area," "Colorado Super Lawyer," "Denver Best Lawyer," "Denver Lawyer of the Year-Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights" and one of "America's Most Honored Professionals" by his peers. He received his B.S.E. in chemical engineering with high honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law.

Hon. Margaret Dee McGarity is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, appointed in 1987 and reappointed in 2001. She served as Chief Judge from 2003-10. Judge McGarity is a frequent lecturer on various marital property and bankruptcy-related topics, especially on the interrelationships between family law and the Bankruptcy Code. She is a co-author of *Marital Property Law in Wisconsin*, published by the State Bar of Wisconsin; a co-author of *Collier Family Law and the Bankruptcy Code*, published by Matthew Bender/LexisNexis; and a contributing author of *Collier on Bankruptcy*, also published by Matthew Bender/LexisNexis. She has also authored numerous articles dealing with the practical aspects of bankruptcy practice. Judge McGarity is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. She received her J.D. in 1974 from the University of Wisconsin.

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Hon. C. Ray Mullins is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed as judge by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Feb. 29, 2000, and named chief judge in January 2012. Previously, Judge Mullins served as an instructor in the Management Department of Bowling Green State University's School of Business Administration from 1977-82, then joined the Toledo, Ohio, firm of Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer (now Cooper Walinski),

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Hon. Charles E. “Sketch” Rendlen, III is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, appointed to a 14-year term on May 23, 2006. He was also appointed as a *pro tem* member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in August 2010 and was appointed to the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council in January 2015. Judge Rendlen previously was in private practice as a litigator for 28 years and served as the firm’s managing partner for 13 years. In June 2003, he was appointed by the Attorney General to serve as a U.S. Trustee for Region 13, which is comprised of Arkansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Judge Rendlen graduated *magna cum laude* from William Jewell College in 1972 and received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1976.

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