

Faculty Biographies

Carl D. Aframe is a sole practitioner with Aframe & Barnhill, P.A. in Worcester, Mass., where his practice consists of protecting both creditors' and debtors' rights, and representing parties in formal and informal insolvency arrangements, collection actions and out-of-court workouts. He also formed and has co-chaired the Worcester County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section off and on for the last 25 years. Mr. Aframe is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He has participated in appeals to the U.S. District Court the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel and the First Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as the Massachusetts appellate courts, and he has litigated matters in the U.S. District Court and Superior Courts of the Massachusetts state courts for 38 years. Mr. Aframe received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1968 and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977.

Joseph H. Baldiga is a partner in the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Group of Mirick O'Connell, LLP, which has Massachusetts offices in Worcester, Westborough and Boston. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial creditor and debtor rights, bankruptcy proceedings, out-of-court loan restructurings, and the purchase and sale of distressed businesses. Since 1997, Mr. Baldiga has also served as a panel chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee for the District of Massachusetts (Central Division), and has acted as an operating trustee, liquidating agent and court-appointed examiner in numerous matters. He previously served as co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section of each of the Boston Bar Association and the Worcester Bar Association. In March 2012, Mr. Baldiga was appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to a five-year term on the Clients Security Board. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Boston College and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Boston College Law School, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Mildred Cabán was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico on March 19, 2010. She sat at the Southwestern Divisional Office in Ponce, P.R., until Aug. 31, 2011, and is currently sitting in Old San Juan. Judge Cabán is chair of NCBJ's Public Outreach Committee and chaired its HNBA Liaison Committee. She is also part of the District Examination Committee for the Federal Bar in Puerto Rico, and she serves as the First Circuit representative for the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group and as faculty for the Education Committee for the Federal Judicial Center. Previously, Judge Cabán clerked for Judge Laffitte of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, then practiced bankruptcy law at Brown Newsom & Córdova. She was then a partner for 11 years at Goldman Antonetti & Córdova, P.S.C., where her law practice focused on representing creditors in both commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. Judge Cabán has spoken on various bankruptcy and consumer law topics for several organizations and has judged trial and moot court competitions. She is a member of ABI and the Judicial Counsel of HNBA, and in 2014 she received the CARE Volunteer of the Year Award in honor of her work with the Credit Abuse Resistance Education organization. Judge Cabán received her B.A. from Barnard College in 1983 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1986.

Hon. Peter G. Cary is the chief judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine in Portland, appointed in 2014. He also serves on the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit. Previously, he clerked for one year for the Maine Superior Court and in 1988 joined the law firm of MittelAsen, LLC where he practiced law until his appointment to the bankruptcy court. Judge Cary has served in various positions in the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves Law Library Board of Directors, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, the Maine State – Federal Judicial Council and the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation. He

is a member ABI, the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Maine State Bar Association and NCBJ, and is certified in both Consumer and Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Judge Cary received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1982 and his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1987.

Nadine Champagne practices law in Roslindale, Mass., at her law office, the Law Office of Nadine Champagne, where she specializes in consumer protection law, with the majority of her practice devoted to consumer bankruptcy. In 2015, she was awarded the Blackshear Fellowship by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Named after Hon. Cornelius Blackshear, the fellowship is awarded to up-and-coming bankruptcy attorneys of color. Ms. Champagne is active in various professional and bar associations, including the Boston Bar Association (BBA), the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA), the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) and ABI. She currently co-chairs the Boston Bar Association Bankruptcy Section 's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Celine E. de la Foscade-Condon has served as counsel in the Litigation Bureau at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in Boston since 2006. She has represented the Massachusetts Department of Revenue before the Appellate Tax Board, the courts of the Commonwealth, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition to her work in the bankruptcy department, she routinely represents the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in personal income and corporate taxation matters. Previously, Ms. de la Foscade-Condon worked in private practice before joining the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. She received her undergraduate degree from John Cabot University in Rome and her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Hon. J. Michael Deasy is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Hampshire in Manchester and a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit. He retired on March 10, 2013, and is currently serving as a recalled bankruptcy judge. Prior to his appointment to the bench in March 1999, Judge Deasy practiced bankruptcy, commercial and environmental law for 26 years with Hamblett & Kerrigan, P.A. (1973-87), Deasy & Dwyer P.A. (1988-98) and McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A. (1998-99), and he also served in the U.S. Navy as a submarine officer (1967-70). In addition, he has traveled to Arkhangelsk, Russia, as a member of rule of law delegations for programs in commercial law, bankruptcy, legal process and local governance involving Arbitrage Court and Oblast Court judges, regional Duma members, local officials and law students. Judge Deasy is Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of ABI, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the New Hampshire Bar Association. He received his B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif and was an editor of the *Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law*.

Hon. Michael A. Fagone is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Portland, appointed in April 2015. Previously, he was co-chair of Bernstein Shur's Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group in Portland, where he specialized in bankruptcy and insolvency law. While practicing law, he was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and by *Chambers USA* as one of the top bankruptcy lawyers in Maine. Judge Fagone is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American

Board of Certification and serves on ABI's Board of Directors. He received his B.A. from Amherst College in 1993 and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law in 1997.

Edmond J. Ford is a principal of Ford & McPartlin, P.A. in Portsmouth, N.H., where his practice is primarily focused on representing debtors and creditors in troubled-debt situations, as well as commercial transactions and commercial litigation. He has also been a member of the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees in the District of New Hampshire since 1998. Mr. Ford was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1982 and the Massachusetts Bar in 2000. He is a member of ABI and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. Mr. Ford graduated *magna cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 1978 with a degree in economics and received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1982.

Janet J. Goldman is a sole practitioner in the Law Office of Janet J. Goldman in Warwick, R.I., where she represents consumer and small business debtors in chapter 7 and 13 cases, with an emphasis on foreclosure defense. She is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, ABI and the National Association of the Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Ms. Goldman serves on the Rhode Island Bankruptcy Court Advisory Panel, Debtor/Creditor Committee and District Court Bench Bar Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association, and is a frequent speaker for the Rhode Island Bar Association, focusing on Rhode Island District Court procedure as well as consumer bankruptcy issues. She is admitted to the state and federal bars of Rhode Island. Ms. Goldman received her B.A. from Skidmore College as a member of the Periclean Honor Society in 1984 and her J.D. from New England School of Law in 1988.

Jonathan R. Goldsmith is the managing partner of Goldsmith, Katz & Argenio, P.C. in Springfield, Mass., and has concentrated his legal practice in bankruptcy and commercial law, including the representation of debtors, creditors, trustees, financial institutions and creditors' committees, for nearly 30 years. His practice includes the representation of parties in cases under chapters 7, 11 and 13, as well as informal workouts. In addition, he serves as a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Panel member. Mr. Goldsmith has served as a panelist on a number bankruptcy programs, including programs for the Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education and ABI. He is a member of the Massachusetts and Hampden County Bar Associations and ABI and is a past chair of the Hampden County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee. In 2004, Mr. Goldsmith received a Massachusetts Volunteer Lawyers Service in recognition for his volunteer legal services provided to low-income individuals, and in 2013, he was honored as the first recipient of the Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court Pro Bono Award for Western Massachusetts. Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in Consumer Bankruptcy Law, he received his B.S. from Boston College and his J.D. from Western New England University School of Law.

William K. Harrington is the U.S. Trustee for Regions 1 and 2 in New York, appointed to Region 1 on Nov. 8, 2010, and Region 2 on Nov. 26, 2013. Prior to his appointment, he was the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware and practiced bankruptcy and reorganization law at Duane Morris LLP. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Boston, Delaware State and American Bar Associations, ABI and the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.

Donald R. Lassman is a sole practitioner with the Law Office of Donald R. Lassman in Needham, Mass., concentrating in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganization since 1983. He is a member of the bar of the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, the Boston Bar Association, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and ABI, and has been a member of the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts since 1995. He is also a member of the Pro-Bono Legal Services Advisory Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. Mr. Lassman participates in many continuing legal education programs as chair and panelist and has written extensively on legal issues relating to insolvency and bankruptcy, including most recently as a contributing author for *Bankruptcy Practice in Massachusetts*, published by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Inc. in 2014, and *Reaffirmation Agreements in Consumer Bankruptcy Cases*, first published by ABI in 2009 with a second edition published in 2010. He also co-authored *Moving for Relief from the Automatic Stay in Bankruptcy* published by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Inc. in 2015. Mr. Lassman received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1983.

Anthony J. Manhart is a partner in the Portland, Maine, office of PretiFlaherty, LLP, and co-chairs the firm's Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights and Restructuring Group. His practice focuses on creditors' and debtors' rights, representation of chapter 7 trustees, and representation of various parties in formal insolvency and collection proceedings and out-of-court workouts. He also serves on the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the District of Maine. Mr. Manhart has been a presenter on bankruptcy law, creditors' rights and Maine's Freedom of Access Act. He is a member of ABI and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and chairs the Executive Committee for the Portland, Maine, Satellite Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association's Northeast Chapter. Mr. Manhart received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts in 1995 and his J.D. in 2003 from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Nancy H. Michels is a partner with Parnell, Michels & McKay, PLLC, in Londonderry, N.H., and was previously a partner with Michels & Michels in Londonderry, which she founded with her late husband, John Michels. Ms. Michels has been representing debtors in consumer bankruptcy matters for more than 30 years. She also represents creditors in chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcies and was a chapter 7 trustee in several cases. Ms. Michels was a former chapter 13 trustee for the District of New Hampshire and has been admitted to practice before the First Circuit Court of Appeals. She has been a frequent lecturer on consumer bankruptcy matters for the New Hampshire Bar Association, Lorman and NBI and was previously a panelist for ABI. Ms. Michels received her B.S. in management engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1969, her M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1971 and her J.D. from Suffolk University in 1979.

Tanya Sambatakos is a member/partner of Molleur Law Office, practicing in both the Portland and Biddeford, Maine, offices. She concentrates her bankruptcy practice on representing consumers and small businesses in Maine. Ms. Sambatakos is a member of the York, Cumberland and Maine State Bar Associations, ABI, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and Maine Attorneys Saving Homes. As a co-chair of the Maine State Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, she has planned numerous continuing legal education programs on the intersection of bankruptcy law and other areas of the law. She has also spoken on numerous panels focusing on solutions to various debt issues, and has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in *New England Super Lawyers* for her work on behalf of consumers.

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Ms. Sambatakos received her B.S. *cum laude* in business administration from Babson College and her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.