

Faculty Biographies

Patricia Antonelli is a partner with Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP in Providence, R.I., and a member of the firm's Mortgage Banking Consumer Finance Practice, Commercial Restructure and Asset Recovery Groups. She advises both bank and non-bank financial institutions on all aspects of federal, Massachusetts and Rhode Island regulatory compliance consumer finance matters. She also represents mortgage-holders, loan servicers, bondholders and trade creditors in bankruptcy, receivership and insolvency actions. Ms. Antonelli is admitted to practice in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and is a member of the Boston Bar Association's Bankruptcy Law Section, ABI, the Turnaround Management Association and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. She is also a member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Associations. Ms. Antonelli is a frequent speaker and author of consumer compliance, mortgage banking, foreclosure and bankruptcy topics, and she has been an instructor of federal and state law and regulatory topics for the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association's loan officer licensing program. She is Board Certified in Creditors' Rights Law by the American Board of Certification. Ms. Antonelli graduated from Boston College in 1986 and received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1989.

Amy N. Azza is a managing attorney at Orlans Moran, PLLC in Waltham, Mass., and has specialized in real estate, bankruptcy, foreclosure and creditor's rights for more than 15 years. She has been both a panelist and program chair for numerous CLE programs over the past four years, and her articles have appeared in national bankruptcy journals. Ms. Azza is licensed to practice law at the state and federal levels in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She is a member of ABI and the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations, for which she was recently named the co-chair of its Consumer Bankruptcy Committee. Ms. Azza received her undergraduate degree in political science and philosophy *cum laude* with honors from the College of the Holy Cross, and her J.D. *cum laude* from Suffolk University Law School.

Hon. Frank J. Bailey was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts in Boston on Jan. 30, 2009, and served as Chief Judge from December 2010 until December 2014. Previously, he clerked for Hon. Herbert P. Wilkins of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1980-81 and was an associate at the Boston office of Sullivan & Worcester LLP until 1987, where he practiced in its litigation and bankruptcy departments. Judge Bailey spent the next 22 years as a partner at Sherin and Lodgen LLP, where he chaired its litigation department and was a member of its management committee. His practice focused on complex business litigation and creditors' rights, and he often represented clients in medical device, pharmaceutical and high-technology businesses. Judge Bailey served as the consul for the Republic of Bulgaria in Boston before his appointment to the bench, and he has participated in many international judicial programs. In 2013, he taught at the Astrakhan State University School of Law in south central Russia, and he has also taught courses in Bulgaria and in Uzbekistan. In addition, he taught legal writing and research at Boston University School of Law from 1981-93 and business bankruptcy at New England Law. Judge Bailey received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law.

Randy J. Creswell is a shareholder and director of Perkins Thompson in Portland, Maine, where his practice focuses on commercial and consumer bankruptcies and out-of-court insolvency proceedings and receiverships, predominantly representing secured creditors, businesses, lenders, banks, vendors, lessors and other financial entities. He has extensive experience litigating complex commercial cases in state and federal court, including the Maine Business & Consumer Court, and he has served as counsel

to numerous chapter 7 trustees in bankruptcy liquidation cases, as well as to many creditor committees under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. He has prosecuted and defended scores of preference, fraudulent transfer and breach of fiduciary duty cases, and he has substantial experience in litigating nondischargeability and denial-of-discharge cases in bankruptcy court. Mr. Creswell is AV Peer-Review Rated for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability by Martindale-Hubbell, and every year since 2009 he has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law. Since 2013, he has also been recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the field of Litigation –Bankruptcy. He has also been listed in *Chambers USA* and in *New England Rising Stars*, which recognized Mr. him for his work in the field of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and Bankruptcy/Consumer and Business Litigation. Prior to prior to joining Perkins Thompson, Mr. Creswell clerked for Hon. Gene Carter and Hon. David M. Cohen of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, and prior to those clerkships he served as a law clerk for the Connecticut Superior Court. Mr. Creswell has served on the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine since 2008. He recieved his B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Southern Maine in 1995 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Quinnipiac College School of Law in 1997.

Hon. J. Michael Deasy is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Hampshire in Manchester and 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 is a member of the Portland, Maine/Arkhangelsk sister city committee and 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 a member of ABI, the American Bar Association, 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*.

Peter C. Fessenden is a standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Maine in Brunswick. He also acts as trustee for all chapter 12 cases filed in Maine, and occasionally as a chapter 11 trustee. Mr. Fessenden founded and directed Maine Legal Services for the Elderly, Inc. and was a partner with Ranger, Fessenden & Copeland P.A. before limiting his practice to trustee work in 1994. He sometimes teaches bankruptcy as an adjunct at the University of Maine School of Law and is currently a law school team coach for the Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. In addition, Mr. Fessenden is a mediator/arbitrator for the state court ADR program and frequently serves as a referee or special master in civil cases. He currently serves on the Grievance Commission for the Maine Board of Bar Overseers and has also spoken at numerous CLE programs. Mr. Fessenden was a delegate to Slovakia in 1996 and to Archangel, Russia, and he has been faculty at numerous CLE programs for the Maine State Bar Association, ABI, National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, New Mexico Bar Association, New York Bar Association, Florida Bar Association and the Maine Federal Judicial Conference, among others. Mr. Fessenden is a graduate of Antioch College and received his J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law.

Hon. Diane Finkle is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Rhode Island in Providence, appointed on Sept. 6, 2012. She was appointed to the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2013. Since taking the bench, Judge Finkle has conducted legal education seminars for the Rhode Island Bar Association on bankruptcy topics and has served on seminar panels for ABI and MCLE/New England. Prior to her appointment, she was an attorney for 30 years with Winograd, Shine and Zacks PC in Providence, R.I., where she represented debtors, secured creditors and creditors' committees in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and served as counsel to bankruptcy trustees, also having served as a court-appointed receiver for various manufacturing, service and retail businesses, and commercial and residential real estate developments in numerous state court receivership proceedings. Judge Finkle had been continually listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Rhode Island Bankruptcy and Insolvency practitioners since 2007, and was named a *Super Lawyer* in 2008. She is a member of ABI and a former member of the Committee on Debtor and Creditor Rights of the Rhode Island Bar Association. Judge Finkle received her B.A. from Colorado University and the University of Rhode Island, and her J.D. from George Washington National Law Center at George Washington University.

Nathaniel R. Hull is an associate at Verrill Dana LLP in Portland, Maine, where he focuses on providing sound legal and strategic advice to clients involved in financially distressed situations. He is also a member of the panel of chapter 7 trustees for the District of Maine. Mr. Hull has managed the complex asset sales and wind-downs of several businesses, including what may be the fastest 363 sale in the history of the District of Maine. He has also been entrusted to serve as bankruptcy counsel to creditors' committees, debtors, secured lenders, critical vendors, commercial landlords, asset-purchasers and defendants in many preference and fraudulent transfer actions. Mr. Hull is actively involved with the Maine division of ABI's Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program and is a frequent publisher and lecturer. He also serves as a coordinating editor for the *ABI Journal*. Mr. Hull received his B.A. from Evergreen State College and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law.

Hon. Enrique S. Lamoutte is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Puerto Rico in San Juan, appointed in November 1986. He is also Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit. Judge Lamoutte previously clerked for U.S. District Judge Hernan G. Pesquera of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico and was chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. He is also a colonel and director of support for the Puerto Rico Air National Guard. Judge Lamoutte graduated from Boston College and the University of Puerto Rico Law School.

Christopher M. Lefebvre is an attorney with Claude Lefebvre, Christopher Lefebvre, P.C. in Pawtucket, R.I., where he practices consumer bankruptcy law with an emphasis on mortgage litigation and foreclosure defense. He testified at a congressional hearing regarding loan modifications in the bankruptcy process and was co-counsel in the Sears multi-district class action bankruptcy litigation, which eventually became one of the largest bankruptcy scandals of the 1990s, involving more than 187,000 unfiled reaffirmation agreements. A former member of the Debtor/Creditor Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and a frequent speaker on consumer bankruptcy issues at seminars sponsored by the Rhode Island Bar Association, ABI and the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys, Mr. Lefebvre is also a member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and a charter member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He was the 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Champion of The Order of Protectors of Consumer Debtors from the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and twice received the Rhode Island Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award.

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Jessica A. Lewis is an attorney at Molleur Law Office in Biddeford, Maine, where she represents consumer and small business debtors in chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases, as well as creditors, contract counterparties and defendants with various interests in larger chapter 11 cases. Prior to joining the firm in December 2013, she was an associate at a Portland, Maine, law firm where she represented debtors and creditors in regional and national bankruptcy cases. Ms. Lewis is admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First and Seventh Circuits. She is a member of ABI, the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Ms. Lewis received her B.A. from Bowdoin College in 1998 and her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law in 2006.

Marques C. Lipton is an attorney with the Law Office of Nicholas F. Ortiz, P.C. in Boston, where he counsels individuals and businesses on bankruptcy and debt-related legal matters. He is a member of ABI and the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations. Mr. Lipton received his B.S. from Southern Connecticut State University and his J.D. from New England School of Law.

Alex F. Mattera is a partner with Demeo, LLP in Boston and chairs the firm’s Bankruptcy Practice Group. He focuses his practice on commercial bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation, business reorganization, and creditor and debtor rights, and his representations include debtors, creditors’ committees, trustees, secured creditors, and other parties in interest in bankruptcy and related proceedings. He is a frequent panelist at ABI conferences and for the Boston Bar Association’s Brown Bag Lunch series. Prior to joining Demeo, LLP, Mr. Mattera was an associate at the law firm of Gadsby Hannah LLP (n/k/a McCarter & English, LLP) and before that clerked for Hon. James F. Queenan, Jr., former Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire, the U.S. District Court for the Districts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First and Third Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also a member of ABI and the Gloucester, New Hampshire and Boston Bar Associations, and serves on the steering committee for the BBA’s Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Mattera was named a “Rising Star” in *Boston Magazine* from 2005-12 and was an assistant editor of the treatise *Chapter 11 Theory & Practice: A Guide to Reorganization*. He received his B.A. in political science and Russian studies with honors from the University of Rhode Island in 1994, his M.A. in international relations from Boston University in 1997, and his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1998. While studying for his juris doctorate, he served an internship with the Office of the U.S. Trustee.

William J. McLeod is the *pro se* law clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, where he helps *pro se* debtors and creditors navigate through the bankruptcy process and works with local bar leaders throughout the state on pro bono programs for indigent and disadvantaged persons. Prior to joining the bankruptcy court in 2011, Mr. McLeod was in private practice in Boston

representing debtors and creditors in bankruptcy matters. He is the author of *Chapter 13 in 13 Chapters* (ABI, 2009), as well as many legal articles on insolvency matters, and he has presented on panels for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations, and ABI. Mr. McLeod is the past co-chair of the Consumer and the Education subcommittees of the Bankruptcy Section of the Boston Bar Association, and in December 2014, he was recognized by the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers as an “Unsung Hero of the Legal Community.” He is a graduate of Salve Regina College (n.k.a. Salve Regina University) and Western New England College School of Law (n.k.a. Western New England University).

Andrea M. O’Connor is an attorney with Hendel & Collins, P.C. in Springfield, Mass., where her practice primarily focuses on representing debtors, creditors, trustees and receivers in all aspects of bankruptcy and insolvency matters. She is also an adjunct professor at Elms College, where she teaches legal research and writing, and she serves as an editor and regular contributor to ABI’s VOLO project. Ms. O’Connor serves on the Pro Bono Legal Services Advisory Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. She also chairs the Hampden County Bar Association’s Bankruptcy Section and is an executive board member of the Hampden County Bar Association. Ms. O’Connor is a member of the Federal Bar Association, ABI and the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Connecticut and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from Western New England University School of Law, during which time she served editor-in-chief of the *Western New England Law Review*.

Jennifer H. Pincus is a trial attorney with the Office of the U.S. Trustee in Portland, Maine. Previously, she was a shareholder and director of Perkins Thompson, P.A., where her practice focused primarily on bankruptcy law and commercial litigation. Ms. Pincus is co-chairs the Maine State Bar Association’s Bankruptcy & Reorganization Section, as well as the Maine Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program. She practiced in Washington, D.C., New York City and Manchester, N.H., prior to moving to Maine. Ms. Pincus received her B.A. from Ithaca College and her J.D. from Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in 1999.