

Faculty Biographies

Hon. Kevin R. Anderson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed on Sept. 4, 2015. Previously, he was the standing chapter 13 trustee for the District of Utah for 17 years. Judge Anderson started his career as a law clerk for Bankruptcy Judge David Naugle of the Central District of California. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from the J. Ruben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

Britney Beall-Eder is an attorney with Frasca, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. in Boulder, Colo., where she represents clients in real estate litigation and bankruptcy matters. She is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts in Colorado and Kansas and the state court in Wyoming. Ms. Beall-Eder is a member of the Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and Denver Bar Associations. She is a past co-chair of the Bankruptcy subsection of the Business Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association and is a current member of the Standing Local Bankruptcy Rules Revision Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. Ms. Beall-Eder is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy and creditors' rights for CLE Colorado and other organizations. In addition, she is a current co-author of West's *Colorado Practice* series volumes 9 and 10 and of *Colorado Creditors' Remedies-Debtors' Relief*, and she is a current editor of *Colorado Methods of Practice* chapters on attachment, garnishment, replevin and bankruptcy (2012-15). Ms. Beall-Eder received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Colorado and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she was a senior staff editor on the *Denver University Law Review*.

William (Bill) A. Brandt, Jr. is president and CEO of Development Specialists, Inc. in New York and has been involved in thousands of insolvency and restructuring cases for nearly 40 years. He has advised Congress on matters of insolvency and bankruptcy policy, and in that capacity was the principal author of the amendment to the Bankruptcy Code permitting the election of trustees in chapter 11 cases. He was involved in drafting several amendments to the Bankruptcy Code revisions enacted into law in April 2005 as part of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act, and served on ABI's Committee to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. Mr. Brandt was a member of the President's National Finance Board during the Clinton administration, and was elected a Florida delegate to the 1996 Democratic National Convention. He also worked with various public policy, law and banking leaders in China on approaches to the reorganization and restructuring of some of that nation's state-owned industries. Mr. Brandt has been involved with some of the more celebrated financial restructuring cases in the nation's history, including Mercury Finance Co., Southeast Banking Corp., Malden Mills, the Keck, Mahin & Cate law firm, the Coudert Brothers law firm, the Ohio "Coin Fund" scandal and the Bernie Ebbers Settlement Trust. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Loyola University Chicago, a member of the National Advisory Board for the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and is currently serving as chair of the Illinois Finance Authority by appointment of the governor and unanimous confirmation by the Illinois State Senate. Mr. Brandt served several terms on ABI's Board of Directors and sat on the advisory board of the *ABI Law Review*. A frequent author and speaker, he regularly appears on CNN, CNBC, CNNfn, Bloomberg, Canada's BNN and the Arise America news network, as well as the CBS Radio and National Public Radio networks. He has also been listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Finance and Industry* and *Who's Who in American Law*. Mr. Brandt received his B.A. from St. Louis University and his M.A. from the University of Chicago, where he also completed further post-graduate work toward a doctoral degree.

David T. Brennan is a shareholder in the Denver law firm of Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff + Ragonetti, P.C., where he practices in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights, lending, real estate finance and commercial litigation. Within his bankruptcy practice, He most often represents secured creditors, but he has also represented creditors' committees, chapter 11 debtors and trustees. Mr. Brennan has represented lenders and borrowers in hundreds of commercial mortgage lending transactions involving a variety of property types, including office buildings, retail centers, multifamily projects and industrial properties. He also has extensive experience in loan modifications, workouts and litigation arising from loan defaults. As a trial and appellate lawyer, Mr. Brennan has handled bench and jury trials and appeals in commercial cases before state and federal district courts, bankruptcy courts and state and federal appellate courts. His trials have involved disputes relating to lending, real estate, construction, mechanics' liens, design professional malpractice, business torts and copyright ownership. Previously, Mr. Brennan worked as a financial and operational auditor for a bank holding company in Denver from 1982-83. He received his B.S. in business from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1981 with an emphasis in accounting and finance and his J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1986, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *University of Colorado Law Review*.

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Hon. Elizabeth E. Brown was named a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in 2001 for the District of Colorado in Denver and reappointed in 2015. She also served on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel from 2003-13. Following law school, Judge Brown was in private practice from 1986 through 2001, primarily in the area of corporate insolvency and restructuring. Immediately prior to joining the bench, she was a partner and chair of the bankruptcy department at Holme, Roberts & Owen in Denver. Judge Brown is an adjunct professor at both the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and frequently speaks on bankruptcy. She is a member of numerous organizations, including the National Association of Women Judges, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (for which she has served on various committees and is an editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*), the Bankruptcy Subsection of the Colorado Bar Association (past chair) and ABI, for which she has served as the judicial chair of its Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference since 2001. Judge Brown graduated from Colorado College with honors and received her J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School with honors, where she served as the managing editor of the *University of Colorado Law Review*.

Scott M. Browning, CPA is a partner with Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP in Denver and has represented a broad array of well-known business and nonprofit entities, including ESPN, Hon-

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Andrew W. Caine is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones LLP, and has had lead responsibility in litigation concerning a variety of business, bankruptcy and commercial law issues, as well as the representation of debtors, trustees, creditors and committees in chapter 11 reorganization cases. He handles matters in federal courts throughout the nation, with an emphasis on disputes tried in bankruptcy court, including avoidance actions and contested reorganization matters. Mr. Caine leads PSZJ's Post-Confirmation practice group. He has written numerous articles and often lectures nationally on bankruptcy and litigation. He is also a former member of the Los Angeles Superior Court panel of business law arbitrators and member of the Delaware Bankruptcy Court Mediation Panel. Mr. Caine served as ABI Chairman from 2004-05, ABI President from 2002-03, and ABI Vice-President-Education 1999-2001. He is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been named a "Super Lawyer" in the field of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights every year since 2007 in a peer survey conducted by *Law & Politics* and the publishers of *Los Angeles* magazine, an honor bestowed on only 5 percent of Southern California attorneys. Mr. Caine earned his B.A. at Northwestern University and his J.D. at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and was a member of the Mortar Board.

Hon. A. Bruce Campbell is a retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado in Denver. Prior to his appointment, he entered private practice with the law firm of Davis, Graham & Stubbs in Denver, where he worked from 1971-85. In 1985, he moved to the Denver law firm of Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, where he practiced until his appointment to the bankruptcy bench in 2001. Judge Campbell received his B.A. in sociology from the University of Colorado in 1967 and his J.D. from Cornell University in 1970.

Kenneth L. Cannon, II is a shareholder in the law firm of Durham Jones & Pinegar in Salt Lake City, where he specializes in commercial bankruptcy law. He has represented debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, purchasers, DIP lenders, creditors' committees, shareholders, trustees, receivers, and examiners in chapter 11 reorganization cases, workouts, receiverships and chapter 7 cases. Besides acting as a mediator in the resolution of substantial disputes, he has advised clients with respect to bankruptcy issues in a variety of commercial transactions, including securitization of assets and structured financings, and has issued critical opinions related to those transactions. Mr. Cannon is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the Advisory Board of the Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference, and was named *The Best Lawyers in America's* 2010 "Salt Lake City Lawyer of the Year" in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Law. He sometimes teaches commercial law at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah and formerly taught debtor-creditor and chapter 11 reorganization courses at BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School. Mr. Cannon serves on the Utah Bankruptcy Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee and on the Utah District Court's Attorney Discipline Committee. He has published articles and is a frequent lecturer at seminars on a variety of bankruptcy topics. Mr. Cannon is admitted to practice in Utah and New York. He received his B.A. *summa cum laude*, his M.A. in American history and his J.D. *cum laude* from Brigham Young University, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. In 1985, he served as a senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Helsinki, where he conducted research on Scandinavian insolvency law.

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Tom H. Connolly is a principal of Connolly, Rosania & Lofstedt, P.C. in Louisville, Colo. Previously, he was Of Counsel at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a partner with Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. In 1993, he formed the firm the present day firm. Mr. Connolly has extensive business experience, having served as chairman, president and CEO of several operating businesses and as a director of Colorado National Bank in Glenwood Springs, Colo. His chapter 11 activities include representing creditors, serving as debtor's counsel, creditors' committee counsel and as chapter 11 trustee. His national cases include Resorts International and Drexel Burnham Lambert. Mr. Connolly has also served as plan agent or liquidating trustee under confirmed chapter 11 plans for Amdura Corp., Rexon Tecmar Corp., Vail Plaza Hotel & Club, the Mercury Cos. and others. As the chapter 7 trustee for Miniscribe Corp. he recovered for and distributed to general unsecured creditors over \$100 million. Mr. Connolly founded the Bankruptcy Liaison Committee of the local Faculty of Federal Advocates, and has been an occasional speaker at bankruptcy seminars and events sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association, ABI and the Office of the U.S. Trustee for Region 9. He received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University, taught science for two years, then received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Ohio State University School of Law. While in law school, he served as the law school dean's research aide, was a member of the *Ohio State Law Journal* editorial board and was awarded the Order of the Coif and best senior article writer's award.

John H. Curtis, CPA, CIRA, CFA, ABV, CDBV is a managing member with Rocky Mountain Advisory, LLC in Salt Lake City, where he is primarily involved with forensic accounting work, including fraud examinations, corporate bankruptcy case work, business valuations, troubled company workouts, lost profits analysis and contract claims analysis. He has provided expert witness testimony in state and federal courts on various accounting, financial and valuation issues, and has served as an accountant to trustees and receivers. Prior to joining RMA, Mr. Curtis was a manager in the Advisory Services group in the Salt Lake City office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from 1998 to 2010. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. Mr. Curtis received both his bachelor's degree in accounting and his M.B.A. from the University of Utah.

Matthew T. Faga clerks for Hon. Chief Judge Michael E. Romero of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado in Denver. Previously, he was an associate at the law firm of Sender & Wasserman, P.C., where he represented consumer and business clients in a wide array of bankruptcy, real estate and commercial law matters, focusing on the representation of trustees, creditors and debtors in complex chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. Mr. Faga is an experienced speaker and presenter on many bankruptcy issues, and currently serves as an *ex officio* judicial member of the local bankruptcy rules committee. He has remained actively engaged in the bankruptcy community for well over a decade in various roles, and most recently accepted a position as co-chair of the CBA Bankruptcy Subsection. Mr. Faga received his J.D. in 2009 from the University of Denver College of Law.

Daniel Fisher is general counsel and corporate secretary of the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) in Saint Paul, Minn., and the primary legal advisor to the corporation and affiliates, including its executive management team and board of directors. He also provides executive oversight to the legal department, compliance department and several shared services departments. In addition to ensuring the compliance with all laws and regulations, Mr. Fisher has been critical in forming ECMC's national bankruptcy litigation strategy. He has argued appeals involving student loan dischargeability standards, due process matters and collection cost issues. Prior to joining ECMC in 2000, Mr. Fisher served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate for six years in Georgia and the Washington, D.C., area, where his primary focus was court-martial litigation. He is admitted to practice in most federal appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Fisher received his J.D. in 1994 from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Peter M. Friedman is a partner with O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Washington, D.C., and a member of the firm's Restructuring and Distressed Company Litigation Practices. He specializes in contested, complicated high-stakes restructuring matters. Mr. Friedman was recently named a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Previously, Mr. Friedman represented the U.S. Treasury and the Presidential Task Force on the Automobile Industry as lender and acquirer in the Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcies. He also advised LyondellBasell Industries as a debtor in every aspect of its bankruptcy restructuring of more than US\$25 billion in debt, and recently represented US Bank, NA as indenture trustee for leveraged lease bonds in the Dynegy Holdings bankruptcy. Before joining O'Melveny, Mr. Friedman was a partner at a major New York law firm and clerked for Hon. Joel M. Flaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is an adjunct pro-

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Jenny M.F. Fujii is an associate with Kutner Brinen Garber P.C. in Denver. Her experience has included bankruptcy, commercial litigation and homeowner association law. Ms. Fujii has been responsible for numerous chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases, debtor and creditor negotiations, mechanic’s lien litigation and creditor representation. She has also analyzed and presented materials for the Colorado Bar Association’s Bankruptcy Subsection *Annual Case Law Update*. Ms. Fujii is a member of the American, Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, as well as ABI. She received her B.B.A. with distinction from the University of Hawaii in 1992 and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1998.

Caroline Case Fuller is a managing director with Fairfield and Woods P.C. in Denver and practices in all aspects of commercial bankruptcy and out-of-court debt restructuring. She regularly represents secured creditors, landlords, business debtors, creditors’ committees, trustees and indenture trustees in business reorganization and liquidation proceedings in bankruptcy court throughout the country. She also represents receivers in state and federal court receivership proceedings. Ms. Fuller routinely advises clients in anticipation of bankruptcy, including clients who are attempting to resolve their own financial difficulties without the need for a bankruptcy filing and clients who are creditors of companies that may be insolvent. She also has significant appellate experience, having represented clients in numerous bankruptcy appeals before federal district and appellate courts. In addition, she represents lenders and borrowers in real estate and asset-based lending transactions and workouts, as well as landlords and tenants in the negotiation of commercial leases. Ms. Fuller is a trained mediator and has been named to a panel of mediators selected by the Faculty of Federal Advocates to provide mediation services in disputes arising in bankruptcy proceedings. Prior to joining Fairfield and Woods in 1986, she clerked for Chief Judge John F. McGrath of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. Ms. Fuller received her J.D. from the University of Texas in 1980.

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court, maintains and supervises a panel of private trustees, and ensures that violations of law are referred to the U.S. Attorney and federal law enforcement officials. Prior to joining the U.S. Trustee Program, Mr. Garvin was an attorney in private practice in Kansas City, Mo., for 20 years, focusing on commercial litigation and bankruptcy matters, including representing debtors in chapter 7 and 13 as well as individuals, small businesses and creditors in chapter 11. He received his B.S.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kansas in 1985 and 1988, respectively.

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Andrew D. Johnson is a member of Onsager | Guyerson | Fletcher | Johnson in Denver, where his practice focuses on representing businesses, business owners and trustees in out-of-court restructurings, chapter 11 and chapter 7 bankruptcies, and related litigation. He has represented clients in the oil and gas, high-tech, construction, automotive, real estate and broadcasting industries, among others, in bankruptcy cases and litigation nationally. Mr. Johnson has litigated numerous § 547 preference cases, and §§ 544 and 548 fraudulent transfer cases on behalf of debtors, trustees and defendants. He has represented clients in appeals to the Federal Circuit, Tenth Circuit, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for Colorado and the Colorado Court of Appeals. Previously, Mr. Johnson was in-house counsel for a real estate development company, where he advised the company, did transactional work related to real estate development and managed outside counsel on various litigation matters, and was with Jessop & Co., a bankruptcy boutique in Denver. He served as co-chair of the Colorado Bar Association's Bankruptcy subsection for the 2013-15 term. Mr. Johnson received his B.A. from the University of Colorado in 1999 and his J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law in 2005.

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*.

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Hon. Joel T. Marker is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, sworn in on July 1, 2010. Previously, he was a shareholder in the Salt Lake City law firm of McKay, Burton & Thurman, where his practice focused on bankruptcy law. Judge Marker also served on the panel of chapter 7 trustees in the District of Utah (1997-2010), representing individuals and businesses in a variety of proceedings before the state and federal courts. He has served as chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Utah State Bar and as president of the Utah Bankruptcy Lawyers Forum, and he is an ABI member. Judge Marker earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and his J.D. from the University of Utah.

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Hon. Thomas B. McNamara is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado in Denver, appointed on March 23, 2015. He is a member of the International Judicial Relations Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, as well as a member of the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. Previously, Judge McNamara practiced in the dispute-resolution field for nearly 25 years with a Colorado-based law firm. He also worked on cases involving the banking, securities, financial services, skiing, telecommunications, hospitality and consumer products industries, with a particular focus on the natural resources sector. In addition, Judge McNamara prosecuted or defended cases involving foreign sovereigns, foreign state-owned enterprises, companies, debtors, creditors and individuals in matters throughout the U.S. He also published and lectured frequently on international topics. Judge McNamara received his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota and his J.D. from the Yale Law School, where he was active in international matters and legal services clinics.

Hon. R. Kimball Mosier is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Utah in Salt Lake City, appointed in February 2009. Prior to taking the bench, he represented and provided legal advice to debtors, creditors, bankruptcy trustees, examiners and committees. Judge Mosier served as a member of the standing panel of chapter 7 trustees of the District Court, Central Division for more than 25 years, and served as trustee in numerous chapter 11 cases. He received his B.A. in economics *cum laude* in 1975 and his J.D. in 1980 from the University of Utah.

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Hon. Michael E. Romero is Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of Colorado in Denver, initially appointed in 2003 and appointed Chief Judge in July 2014. He has also served on the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel since 2010. Previously, he was with the firm of Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson & Hennessey, P.C., where he practiced as a trial attorney specializing in bankruptcy-related matters. He has served on numerous committees and advisory groups for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is the past chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, and just concluded his term as the sole bankruptcy court representative to the Judicial Conference of the U.S., the governing arm of the federal judiciary. Judge Romero recently served on the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and actively participates in several committees of that body. He also serves on the Executive Board of Our Courts, a joint activity between the Colorado Judicial Institute and the Colorado Bar Association that provides programs to further public understanding of the federal and state court systems. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, ABI, the Historical Society of the Tenth Circuit and the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. Judge Romero received his undergraduate degree in economics and political science from Denver University in 1977 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1980.

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Hon. Howard R. Tallman was appointed a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado on Dec. 6, 2002, in Denver and was named Chief Judge in January 2007. Prior to taking the bench, he served as the U.S. Trustee for Region 19, covering Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Previously, Judge Tallman practiced with the Denver firm of Markus Williams Young & Zimmermann, LLC, where he specialized in the representation of debtors, creditors, trustees, committees, asset-purchasers and other parties in workouts, restructurings, commercial litigation and bankruptcy cases and proceedings. He was also a member of the chapter 7 panel of trustees for Colorado from 1996 until his appointment as U.S. Trustee. From 1986-95, Judge Tallman practiced with the Denver office of Holland & Hart LLP, representing creditors and debtors in chapter 11 reorganizations. Beginning in 1980, he worked as an attorney/analyst in the Denver office during the pilot phase of the U.S. Trustee Program, and served as Assistant U.S. Trustee for Colorado and Kansas from 1982-86. From 1977-80, Judge Tallman was an assistant professor and member of the legal staff of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, an educational joint venture among Rutgers University Law School, Seton Hall Law School and the New Jersey Bar Association. He is an ABI member and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Judge Tallman received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Villanova University, his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law and his M.B.A. in finance from the University of Colorado Graduate School of Business.

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