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## **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.

**Troy J. Arambaru** is a partner in the Salt Lake City office of Snell & Wilmer, LLP, a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys in nine locations throughout the western U.S. and Mexico. He concentrates his practice in bankruptcy and commercial litigation, and he regularly represents secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, committees, receivers and other fiduciaries in a variety of contested actions before bankruptcy, federal and state courts. He has also represented members, partners and shareholders in disputes with other owners or the company, both in bankruptcy and other courts. Mr. Arambaru is admitted to practice in Utah and Georgia. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in political science from Weber State University in 1998 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School in 2001.

**Dr. Debra Austin** is a law professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in Denver, where she teaches lawyering process and advanced legal research, a course she created at Sturm in 1998. Her teaching and research is focused on lawyering skills, the neuroscience of learning, and how technology can be used to enhance teaching. She received the William T. Driscoll Master Educator Award in 2001. Dr. Austin has received a number of grants for her teaching and research. In April 2012, she was awarded a Legal Writing Institute-Association of Legal Writing Directors-LexisNexis 2012 Legal Writing Scholarship Grant. She was also awarded a grant for integrating a SmartBoard and Student Response Systems into her Legal Skills Courses from the Morgridge Family Foundation. In addition, she was a co-investigator on a \$1.2 million dollar ITEST grant awarded by the National Science Foundation to study the role of interdisciplinary humane games in learning. Prior to coming to DU, Dr. Austin worked for West Publishing Co. teaching lawyers in Denver and Salt Lake City how to use Westlaw, and she was a law clerk at Wendel, Rosen, Black, Dean & Levitan, in Oakland, Calif. She regularly consults with law firms and individual lawyers on lawyering skills and is a member of the Rhone Brackett Inn of Court. Dr. Austin received her B.M.E. in music education from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1982, her J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 1989 and her Ph.D. in education in 2004 from the University of Denver.

**Stephen E. Berken** is a partner with Berken Cloyes, PC in Denver, where he focuses on consumer bankruptcy law, debt workouts, asset protection, and mechanic's lien and trust fund statutes. He handles cases involving chapter 7 and 13 defense and prosecution of bankruptcy adversary matters, state court litigation involving the Colorado Mechanic's Lien statute, wills and estate planning, and foreclosure defense. Mr. Berken has lectured for various professional groups and is the Colorado state chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He is also the founder of the Colorado Debtors' Counsel Listserv. Mr. Berken is board certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and is an advisory board co-chair of ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference. He is also the state chair for the CARE financial literacy program and regularly lectures high school students about the responsible use of credit. Mr. Berken was named "Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year" by *5280 Magazine* for 2014, 2015 and 2016. He received his B.A. *cum*

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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 the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (for which she has served on various committees and is an editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*) and sat on committees for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and she served as judicial chair of ABI's Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference from 2001-15. She is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. 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*.

**Chad S. Caby** is a partner with Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP in Denver, where his practice includes the representation of corporate creditors, debtors and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings, as well as workouts and restructuring entities outside of court. He has represented debtors in several chapter 15 cross-border insolvency cases filed in the Districts of Wyoming and Colorado, and he regularly represents banks and secured creditors in general commercial litigation. Mr. Caby is featured in Colorado Super Lawyers and is admitted to the Colorado and Wyoming bars. He received his B.A. in 1994 from Drake University and his J.D. in 1999 from Capital University Law School.

**Tom H. Connolly** is a principal of Connolly Lofstedt Cadette & Pearce, 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.

**Aaron J. Conrardy** is a partner at Sender Wasserman Wadsworth, P.C. in Denver, where his practice focuses on business reorganizations and liquidations and bankruptcy litigation. His litigation practice emphasizes fraudulent conveyance, preference and nondischargeability actions. Mr. Conrardy primarily represents debtors-in-possession, trustees and creditors. He received his B.S. in finance from Marquette University in 2003 and his J.D. from Marquette University in 2008.

**Timothy A. Davidson, II** is a member of Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice in Houston, where he represents parties in out-of-court and bankruptcy court financial restructurings. These clients include private-equity firms, hedge funds, secured lenders, investors, debtors, unsecured creditors, and various official and ad hoc committees in matters across the country. His practice also includes structuring distressed acquisition, financing and real estate transactions, as well as advising clients on insolvency and counterparty risks related to mergers, acquisitions and general corporate transactions. Mr. Davidson received his J.D. in 1999 from Emory University School of Law.

**Caroline Case Fuller** is a 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 courts 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 is a member of ABI, the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. She received her J.D. from the University of Texas in 1980.

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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 chairs the International Judicial Relations Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is a member of the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee of

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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 is currently its president-elect. 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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