

Faculty Biographies

Vincent F. Alexander, CFE is a senior associate in Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, LLP's bankruptcy department in Miami. He is experienced in representing debtors, creditors, trustees, committees and other interested parties in all facets of bankruptcy and bankruptcy related litigation, including in reorganizations, liquidations, asset sales and purchases, and adversary proceedings. He also regularly represents clients in insolvency-related fraud, director and officer, and complex commercial litigation matters and fraud investigations. Mr. Alexander is a member of the Florida Bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania with a dual major in economics and communications and commerce and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Order of the Barristers. While in law school, Mr. Alexander interned for Hon. Robert A. Mark of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, and prior to law school, he was a mortgage banker for a large national lender and an NFL linebacker for the New York Jets and Arizona Cardinals.

C.R. "Chip" Bowles is a partner in the law firm of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in Louisville, Ky., where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy-distressed asset sales, professional compensation in bankruptcy cases, bankruptcy ethics, bankruptcy litigation on behalf of trustees and chapter 11 estates, environmental issues in bankruptcy cases, domestic-relations issues in bankruptcy proceedings, and debtor and creditor rights. Prior to serving as law clerk to Hon. Henry H. Dickinson, he was an associate with the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris and Author in Cincinnati. Mr. Bowles is a past ABI director (2008-13), and served as vice chair of ABI's National Ethics Task Force and as chair of its Fee and Retention subcommittee. He also co-chaired ABI's Individual Chapter 11 Study and Professional Compensation Committee, and was co-editor of the *ABI Journal's* Straight & Narrow ethics column. Mr. Bowles sits on the board of the American Board of Certification. He lectures and writes extensively on bankruptcy law and authored ABI's book *Getting Paid: Retention and Compensation in Bankruptcy Cases—A Guide for Non-Attorney Professionals and the Attorneys Who Represent Them*, now in its Second Edition. He is also a past editor of *The Broken Bench and Bar*, the newsletter of the Kentucky Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. Mr. Bowles was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 2007-14 and *Kentucky Super Lawyers* from 2007-12. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Kentucky and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from University of Kentucky College of Law.

Jeffrey W. Cavender is a partner with the law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP in its Atlanta office, where he represents corporate debtors, indentured trustees, secured lenders and trustees in chapter 11 reorganization cases, chapter 7 liquidation cases and out-of-court restructurings. A substantial portion of his practice also includes representation of banks and commercial and residential mortgage lenders and servicers in all types of financial services-related litigation. Previously, Mr. Cavender served as general counsel for one of the largest privately held mortgage companies in the country and has substantial experience relating to sales, servicing and securitizations of residential mortgage loans. He received his J.D. in 1993 from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Sherry F. Chancellor is a chapter 7 panel trustee for the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola and has served since 1997. She has represented debtors in chapters 7, 11 and 13, as well as creditors on a limited basis. Ms. Chancellor has been called upon to assist in unique situations, such as acting

as an examiner in a chapter 7 case and being appointed as a chapter 11 trustee. She is also a frequent speaker and authored the *Bankruptcy FastTrain* book for the Florida Bar Association as well as the chapter on “Exemptions and Immune Property” in *Creditors’ and Debtors’ Practice in Florida*, published on behalf of the Florida Bar Association. In addition to being admitted to practice in the State Courts of Florida, Ms. Chancellor is admitted to practice in the state courts in Florida and before the Northern District Court of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* from Troy State University in 1981 and her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in 1984.

B. Summer Chandler practices with The Chandler Law Firm, LLC in Panama City Beach, Fla., and focuses her practice on commercial bankruptcy, real estate-related litigation and transactions, all variety of business law matters, and business workouts and reorganizations, both in and out of bankruptcy court. Her practice has included work in every phase of real estate financing transactions — including acquisition and construction, workouts and restructurings, and defaults and enforcement — and on other business transactions and disputes. She has experience in both lending and restructuring matters across a broad range of commercial real estate asset classes, including hotel, multifamily, shopping center, and golf course/single-family residential developments. Ms. Chandler frequently writes and lectures on issues relevant to her practice and is also engaged in a number of professional organizations, including ABI, the State Bar of Georgia Law School Outreach Committee, the Atlanta Bar Association and the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC). She is admitted to practice in both Florida and Georgia and also co-founded the Bankruptcy Assistance & Practice Program (BAPP), a pro bono bankruptcy clinic at Georgia State University College of Law, where she serves as an adjunct professor of law. Ms. Chandler received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Jane Harris Downey is a practitioner with Moore Taylor Law Firm, P.A. in West Columbia, S.C., where she leads its bankruptcy section. After working seven years as an associate at Nelson Mullins, she started her own firm and practiced solo for 11 years prior to joining Moore Taylor in 2008. Ms. Downey is a past president of the SC Bankruptcy Law Association and the SC bankruptcy specialization board. For 20 years, she has been both a certified specialist in bankruptcy and debtor/creditor law as recognized by the South Carolina Supreme Court and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. She currently serves on the editorial board of the *SC Lawyer* magazine and the pro bono committee of the South Carolina Bar. Ms. Downey received her J.D. in 1990 from Emory Law School.

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Michael A. Friedman is an associate with Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of business litigation, bankruptcy, and debtors' and creditors' rights. He frequently represents bankruptcy trustees and other court-appointed fiduciaries in a variety of complex litigation matters, including fraudulent transfer and similar avoidance claims stemming from Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent enterprises. He also represents debtors in involuntary bankruptcy cases and related litigation. Mr. Friedman previously clerked for Chief Judge Paul G. Hyman, Jr. of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. He is a member of ABI and a published author in the *ABI Journal*. Mr. Friedman received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Florida College of Law, where he served on the executive board of the moot court team, was a member of the *Florida Law Review* and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Robert C. Furr is a partner with Furr & Cohen, P.A. in Boca Raton, Fla., and serves as a panel trustee for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Southern District of Florida. He is regularly appointed as a chapter 11 trustee and has been designated as the chapter 12 trustee in the Southern District. Mr. Furr has represented numerous businesses in chapter 7 liquidations and in chapter 11 reorganizations, as well as individuals in complex chapter 7 and chapter 11 proceedings. He

lectures frequently on issues of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and remedies before national organizations. Mr. Furr served as editor of *NABTalk* from 2000-05 and sat on NABT's board of directors from 2000-11, serving as president during the 2008-09 term. He has also been president of the Bankruptcy Trustees Association for the Southern District of Florida for 20 years and is currently serving as secretary on the board of the American Board of Certification. Mr. Furr is a contributor to the *ABI Journal* and is admitted to practice law in Georgia and Florida and in all federal courts in Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1983, Mr. Furr became a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer by the Florida Bar, and in 1994 he received an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and in *Florida Super Lawyers*. Mr. Furr received his J.D. from Emory University in 1975.

Hon. Paul "Bill" M. Glenn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida in Jacksonville, appointed in 1993. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District from March 2003 through September 2011. Prior to his appointment, he practiced corporate and commercial law in Jacksonville and Miami, and had been the chief executive and administrative officers of two insurance companies. In 2005, Judge Glenn was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2007 he was honored by the Hillsborough County Bar Association with the Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award. He also served as director of the Endowment for Education of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and is a member of NCBJ's Finance Committee. In addition, he has served as president and director of the Ferguson-White American Inn of Court in Tampa and of the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court in Jacksonville, and he has served on the National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation. In 2013, Judge Glenn was appointed to the Budget Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and in 2014, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Bankruptcy Inn Alliance of the American Inns of Court. A contributing editor for the *Norton Handbook for Bankruptcy Trustees, Debtors in Possession, and Committees*, he received his B.A. *cum laude* from Florida State University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gold Key, and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where he was president of the Law School Student Body.

Elizabeth A. Green is a partner with BakerHostetler in Orlando, Fla., and practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights. She has represented debtors, creditors and committees in a wide range of industries. She has also represented a number of oil and gas companies as debtor's counsel in chapter 11 cases and workouts, and has represented working-interest owners, predecessors and other creditors in cases across the country. Ms. Green chairs the firm's National Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Group and is a member of its Firmwide Policy Committee, the firm's governing body. She is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Florida's Legal Elite* and *Super Lawyers*, and *Best Lawyers* named her "Lawyer of the Year in Orlando" for bankruptcy and restructuring in 2012 and for bankruptcy litigation in 2015. Ms. Green is an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She received her B.A. in 1984 from the New College of Florida and her J.D. with honors in 1986 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Scott M. Grossman is a bankruptcy and restructuring attorney based in Greenberg Traurig, LLP's Ft. Lauderdale and Miami offices, where he represents distressed companies, debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, official committees, defendants in insolvency-related litigation, and purchasers of distressed assets. His wide-ranging experience includes real estate, hospitality, financial fraud, and bank holding company bankruptcy cases, as well as bankruptcy tax matters, Florida's Constitutional homestead exemption, fraudulent transfer and preference claims, and discharge and dischargeability issues. While primarily involved in chapter 11 reorganizations, Mr. Grossman has also advised and represented clients with respect to out-of-court workouts and restructurings, chapter 7 liquidations, receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors under state law. Some of his noteworthy representations include chapter 11 debtors BankUnited Financial Corp. and Trigeant Holdings, Inc., the equity security-holders committee in the HearUSA, Inc. chapter 11 case, defendants and other investors in the Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC case, secured creditor Goldman Sachs Mortgage Co. in the Marriott Sawgrass chapter 11 case, and the purchaser of the Versace Mansion in the Casa Casuarina chapter 11 case. Previously, Mr. Grossman was a trial attorney in the Attorney General's Honors Program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, where he litigated federal tax controversies in bankruptcy courts and federal district courts. From July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, he served as the president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Grossman received his B.S. in 1996 from the University of Florida and his J.D. in 1999 from George Washington University Law School.

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John-Paul Hanson is a managing director at Houlihan Lokey in New York, where he heads its E&P Group and co-heads the firm's Energy Group. He also works out of the firm's Houston office. Throughout his career, Mr. Hanson has worked on numerous financing, M&A and financial restructuring engagements. In addition to domestic transactions, he has been involved in transactions for several Latin American-, European- and South African-based companies, advising companies and stakeholders regarding the structuring and implementation of financings, M&A transactions, out-of-court exchange offers and "pre-arranged" reorganizations in local jurisdictions. In financial restructuring engagements, he has advised companies, secured and unsecured creditors, and other stakeholders in both out-of-court and in-court restructurings, including pre-packaged, pre-arranged and "free-fall" chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. His notable engagements include ATP Oil & Gas Corp., Endeavour International, Inc., Chesapeake Energy Corp., Quicksilver Resources, Inc., Samson Resources Corp., BPZ Energy Corp., Trident Resources Corp., Magnum Hunter Energy, Swift Energy Corp., U.S. Department of Energy Loan Program Office, U.S. Energy Corp., GBGH

Ltd., Big West Oil, LLC, Solutia, Inc., National Energy & Gas Transmission, Inc. and Gas Transmission Northwest Corp., among others, within both the energy industry and a variety of other sectors. Before joining Houlihan Lokey, Mr. Hanson was a manager of alternative lending at Commonfund Mortgage Corp., where he structured whole loan and portfolio fundings, sales and securitizations involving a variety of asset-backed lending transactions. He has authored, co-authored and spoken on various topics, and currently serves on the board of directors of Bennu Oil & Gas, LLC, an entity established for the purpose of acquiring and operating oil and gas properties in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Hanson received his dual B.A. *cum laude* in Italian and international finance from Brigham Young University, and his M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business.

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Kevin D. Heard is the managing member of the law firm of Heard, Ary & Dauro, LLC in Huntsville, Ala., and has more than 27 years of experience in representing both individuals and businesses. He practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation, debt restructuring, cash-flow analysis requirements and projections, buyouts, wind-ups, and the purchase and sale of assets, and he speaks and writes regularly on these topics. Mr. Heard is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and has been recognized since 2010 as a "Super Lawyer," having attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He also serves on the advisory board of ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop. Mr. Heard received his B.S. in 1984 from Florida State University and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1987 from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where he received the university's Curia Honors Award and was an associate editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*.

Hon. Jennifer H. Henderson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Previously, she was a partner with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Distressed Investing Practice Group in Birmingham, Ala., where she represented debtors and creditors in bankruptcy cases, out-of-court workouts and restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. Judge Henderson clerked for Hon. Thomas B. Bennet and is listed as a 2014 Alabama Super Lawyers "Rising Star." She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Birmingham-Southern College in 2001 and her J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of

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Hon. Stephani W. Humrickhouse is Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh. She has served on the bench since Jan. 6, 2010. She began her legal career with Hunton & Williams LLP, and then joined Moore & Van Allen PLLC, where her practice concentrated on creditor representation. From 1990 until her appointment, Judge Humrickhouse was a principal with Nicholls & Crampton PA in Raleigh, N.C., where her practice primarily involved civil corporate litigation and debtor/creditor rights, with a focus on chapter 11 cases. She is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and was designated a Bankruptcy Law Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Specialization. Judge Humrickhouse has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and bankruptcy related topics, has served as chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, and has served as chair of the Attorney Advisory Group and Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, as well as on the planning committee for the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. She presently serves on various committees of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, including the International Judicial Relations Committee and the Cost Containment Committee, and is an editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. Judge Humrickhouse received her B.S. in industrial and labor relations in 1977 from Cornell University and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1980.

John B. Hutton III is a bankruptcy litigator in Miami who has spent his entire career with Greenberg Traurig LLP since joining the firm's bankruptcy group in 1993. He has extensive experience representing debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, asset-purchasers, indenture trustees and bondholders across various industries, with a particular focus on real estate, hospitality and municipal finance/tax-exempt bonds. Mr. Hutton focuses on dealing with highly controversial and litigious matters, having litigated issues involving cash collateral, adequate protection, valuation, stay relief, feasibility and plan confirmation treatment. He has extensive experience in handling indenture trustee and bondholder representations involving tax-exempt community development district bonds and the issues arising in such cases. Mr. Hutton is a former co-chair of ABI's Asset Sales Committee and was previously president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern

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Hon. Marvin Isgur is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Texas in Houston, appointed Feb. 1, 2004. His first bankruptcy experience was as an expert witness before the bankruptcy court and then as a principal of a number of real estate partnerships that became chapter 11 debtors. Between 1990 and 2004, Judge Isgur represented trustees and debtors in chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases. He also represented various parties in 14 separate chapter 9 bankruptcy cases. Judge Isgur has written over 350 memorandum opinions and was one of the first judges to issue opinions interpreting the 2005 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. He is one of the principal organizers of the annual University of Texas Consumer Bankruptcy Conference in Galveston, Texas, and is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs. Judge Isgur received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in 1974, his M.B.A. with honors from Stanford University in 1978, and his J.D. with high honors from the University of Houston in 1990.

Thomas W. Joyce is a partner with Jones Cork & Miller LLP in Macon, Ga., where he primarily works in the areas of bankruptcy and debtor/creditor law. He has extensive experience in representing creditors, both public and private, in various bankruptcy actions including chapter 7, chapter 11 and chapter 13 bankruptcies. In the past year, Mr. Joyce has represented such entities as American Express, Educational Credit Management Corp., CIT Financial Services, CIT Group, Capitol Bancorp Limited, Tucker Capital, Inc., Taylor Memorial Hospital, the City of Macon and Western Surety. In addition to working in the areas of bankruptcy and debtor and collection law, he represents Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Jackson National Life Insurance Co. Mr. Joyce is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia. He received his A.B. from Wofford College in 1980 and his J.D. *cum laude* from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1989, where he was a member of *Mercer Law Review*, Pi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu and the Brainerd Currie Honor Society.

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Hon. Robert A. Mark was appointed a Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in 1990 in Miami and served as Chief Judge from 1999-2006. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Mark served as head of the bankruptcy department of the Miami firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA. He has served on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education and frequently lectures at continuing education seminars, including programs presented by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, educational programs for bankruptcy judges presented by the Federal Judicial Center and ABI programs. Judge Mark has participated in international programs as well, including an Argentine-United States Judicial Colloquium in Buenos Aires in 2009 and 2010, and the Technical Programme Committee for INSOL's Americas Regional Conference in Miami. He also participates in a program that offers internships to minority law students and in financial education programs for high school students through the CARE program, which teaches students about the dangers of credit card abuse. Judge Mark is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and an author for *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He is a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

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Judith Greenstone Miller is a partner with Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C. in Southfield, Mich., where she focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency, creditors' rights and commercial litigation. She represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings, primarily involving chapter 11 reorganizations and parties in litigation in complex commercial disputes. Ms. Miller is a member of the American Bar Association (Business Law Section; Business Bankruptcy Committee; chair and director, Membership Committee (2014-16); chair, Legislation Subcommittee (2008-2014); co-chair, Bankruptcy Appeals Subcommittee (2005-08); chair, Litigation Subcommittee (2002-05); Committee on Bankruptcy Court Structure and Insolvency Processes; chair, Task Force on Attorney Discipline; and member, Task Force on Electronic Discovery). She is also an ABI member and chaired its National Ethics Task Force; she also co-chaired ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation Committee and chaired the Creditors' Committee Task Force of its Unsecured Trade Creditors Committee. Ms. Miller is on the editorial advisory board of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. She has testified before the Subcom-

mittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts on the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. Senate numerous times on proposed bankruptcy legislation. She is also a member of the Court Advisory Committee, the Mediation Panel and the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan's Southern Division. Ms. Miller has been designated a *Michigan Super Lawyer* from 2006-15 and as one of the Top Women Attorneys in Michigan in 2015 by *HOUR Detroit Magazine*. She is a frequent lecturer and has authored numerous articles dealing with bankruptcy practice issues, municipal restructurings, ethics and Revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Ms. Miller received her B.A. in 1975 from the University of Michigan and her J.D. in 1978 from Wayne State University.

Christine L. Myatt chairs the Creditors' Rights/Bankruptcy Group of Nexsen Pruet in Greensboro, N.C., where she represents banking and financial institutions in real estate, construction, development and tax credit lending transactions and in workouts, debt restructuring and bankruptcy. She has particular experience representing trustees, creditors' committees, debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, bondholders, guarantors and others in bankruptcy law and workout cases in North Carolina, Virginia, the Southern District of New York and Delaware. Ms. Myatt has served as a receiver in numerous state and federal matters on behalf of various creditors and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. She is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association's Board of Governors and is a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation. Ms. Myatt is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and in Bankruptcy Law by the North Carolina State Board of Legal Specialization. She has been listed among North Carolina's "Legal Elite" in bankruptcy law by *Business North Carolina* for several years and has been named a *North Carolina Super Lawyer* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law (2009-12), a "Top 50 Woman Lawyer in North Carolina" (2012-15), as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2012 and as one of the leading North Carolina lawyers by *Chambers USA* (2012-15). Ms. Myatt received both her B.A. and J.D. from Wake Forest University.

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