

Faculty Biographies

Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed in February 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Ballinger served as an Arizona Superior Court judge in a number of capacities, including associate presiding judge, presiding criminal judge and presiding juvenile judge. In 2000, the Arizona Supreme Court appointed Judge Ballinger to preside over both the Gila River Stream Adjudication and the Little Colorado River Adjudication, two of the largest lawsuits ever litigated in the state court system. He was a member of the Arizona Judicial College, serving as the dean during 2010-2011, and of Arizona's Judicial Performance Review Commission. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a partner in the law firm of Brown & Bain, P.A., where his practice focused on civil litigation and business reorganizations. He is a frequent speaker and author, and his most recent publications address the legal ramifications of the judge-created economic loss rule to civil litigation. Judge Ballinger received his J.D. and M.B.A. from Ohio State University in 1979 and his LL.M in taxation from New York University in 1981.

Hon. Martin R. Barash is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills, sworn in on March 26, 2015. He brings more than 20 years of legal experience to the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Barash had served as a partner at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles since 2001, where he counseled and represented parties in complex business reorganization cases, out-of-court restructurings, bankruptcy litigation matters and bankruptcy appeals. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Procter R. Hug, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1992-93. Judge Barash is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and is an *ex officio* director of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He has participated as a panelist for these and other legal education organizations, and has served as a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law and as an adjunct professor of business law at the California State University at Northridge. Judge Barash has been involved in the local legal community as a pro bono attorney with the Public Counsel Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Hearing Clinic, and is a volunteer judge for a course on negotiating and confirming chapter 11 plans at the UCLA School of Law and with UCLA's Mock Trial Competition. He currently serves as a director and president of the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a national, nonpartisan organization sponsoring civics education programs for high school students. Judge Barash received his A.B. *magna cum laude* in 1989 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1992 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as member, editor, business manager and symposium editor of the *UCLA Law Review*.

Hilary L. Barnes is a member of Allen Maguire & Barnes, PLC in Phoenix, where she focuses her practice on commercial bankruptcy, representing secured creditors, commercial and individual debtors, lessors, franchise parties, patient care ombudsmen, and other constituents in all aspects of bankruptcy and state court proceedings, including foreclosure, assignments for benefit of creditors and receiverships. Last year, she chaired the State Bar of Arizona's Bankruptcy Section, and she continues to serve as program chair on the Executive Committee for the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (2014-16), for which she is a Master of the Inn. Ms. Barnes has been selected for inclusion in the 2014-15 *Southwest Super Lawyers* lists (bankruptcy), named among the "Top 25 Women" in the Southwest in 2015, and listed as one of *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*. A long-time member of ABI and other professional organizations, Ms. Barnes also volunteers with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Self-Help Center to assist unrepresented litigants in bankruptcy court and volunteers her time with organizations that assist women and families in Arizona. Recently, she was honored to receive a 2015 Tribute to Leadership Award with Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix.

She received her B.A. in art history from the University of Chicago and her J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Hon. Bruce T. Beesley was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Reno on Jan. 3, 2011. Prior to his appointment, he was a practicing attorney for approximately 30 years, specializing in bankruptcy and civil litigation matters. He began his bankruptcy career in 1980 and has represented creditors' committees, trustees, debtors and creditors in bankruptcy. Judge Beesley's practice has also included civil and business litigation, as well as expert advice or testimony regarding bankruptcy and secured transactions. He has taught and been a presenter at several seminars regarding various bankruptcy-related topics, and has co-authored several articles in business publications. Judge Beesley was board-certified in Creditors' Rights Law by the American Board of Certification in 2003. He is a member of ABI and a judicial chair of ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, and he has served as a lawyer representative for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. He was also a member of the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Nevada from 2000-10 and president from 2008-09. Judge Beesley is a Master Emeritus member and past president of the Bruce R. Thompson American Inns of Court. He received his B.S. in 1975 from the University of Nevada, Reno and his J.D. in 1978 from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Steven M. Berman is a partner in the Tampa, Fla., office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, where he practices in the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice group. Mr. Berman has more than 25 years of bankruptcy experience and has focused his practice as a business bankruptcy litigator representing creditors, distressed-debt lenders, trustees, committees and business entities. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Creditors' Rights and Business Bankruptcy Law, and he serves on ABC's board of directors and is a member of its Faculty Committee. Mr. Berman is an active member of ABI and serves on ABI's advisory boards for the Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, Bankruptcy Battleground West and Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar. He has also served as the Special Projects/Task Force Leader for ABI's Public Companies and Claims Trading Committee, and he is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. Mr. Berman is a frequent lecturer for ABI, the California Bankruptcy Forum and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum, and he also guest lectures for the Advanced Bankruptcy Seminars at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, as well as Stetson University College of Law. He received his B.S. in multi-national business operations from Florida State University and his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Marc Bilbao is a managing director in the Los Angeles office of Imperial Capital, LLC and co-head of its Restructuring Group. Prior to joining Imperial Capital, he was a managing director in the Los Angeles office of Giuliani Capital Advisors and was a member of Giuliani Capital's Board of Managers and its Commitment Committee. Mr. Bilbao focuses on representing companies, senior lenders and creditors in all phases of workouts and restructuring transactions, including the development of turnaround business strategies, debt and equity restructurings, and M&A transactions. Prior to joining Giuliani Capital, he was executive director in the Debt Restructuring and Workout Group of CIBC World Markets in New York. While in that capacity, he played an integral role in the assessment, valuation and management of various distressed assets. Mr. Bilbao has had significant

experience in various out-of-court related restructurings, including M&A transactions, debt restructurings, debt-for-equity swaps and partnership negotiations. Prior to that, he held various positions in the leverage finance departments of both domestic and foreign banks. Mr. Bilbao is a member of the New York and Los Angeles Societies of Security Analysts, the Turnaround Management Association and ABI, and is a frequent speaker and panelist on turnaround issues. He received his B.S. in business administration from Seattle University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Jessica C.K. Boelter is a partner in Sidley Austin LLP's Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy group in Chicago, where she represents clients in a wide variety of in- and out-of-court restructuring matters. She has served as the lead lawyer on a number of significant bankruptcy representations, including representing LDK Solar Co. Ltd and its subsidiaries in their recent, successful chapter 15 and chapter 11 proceedings, which received national and international recognition. Recently, Ms. Boelter also led the debtor representation for Rodeo Creek Gold, Inc. in its successful section 363 sale. In 2014, *Law360* named Ms. Boelter a "Rising Star" as one of the country's top eight bankruptcy lawyers under the age of 40. In addition, *Turnarounds & Workouts* selected her as one of the Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers for 2015. Ms. Boelter received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School.

John R. Bollinger is a shareholder with and partner in charge of the Boleman Law Firm, P.C. in Hampton, Va., which focuses exclusively in the area of consumer bankruptcy law and is the largest consumer bankruptcy practice in Virginia. He is a frequent speaker at local, regional and national organizations and is past president of the board of the Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association. He is also an editor for ABI's VOLO project. Mr. Bollinger has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" for 2010 and 2011 in the area of Consumer Bankruptcy Law. He received his J.D. from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law.

Jason S. Brookner is a partner with Gray Reed & McGraw, P.C. in Dallas, where he represents and advises companies, buyers, creditors, trustees, committees, lenders and other constituents in all aspects of distressed, insolvency and restructuring scenarios. He has broad experience representing debtors, trustees, committees, individual creditors and sellers/purchasers of assets. Mr. Brookner has been profiled as one of the leading "Bankruptcy/Restructuring Lawyers in Texas" by *Chambers USA* (2005-15) and as a "Texas Super Lawyer" in *Texas Monthly* (2004, 2008-14), and has been named one of the "Best Business Lawyers in Dallas in Bankruptcy" by *D Magazine* (2009) and in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2013-15). Previously, Mr. Brookner was a law clerk to Hon. Charles N. Clevert, Jr., formerly the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He chaired the Dallas Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section (2007), as well as co-chaired ABI's Commercial Fraud Committee (2010-12). Most recently, he co-chaired ABI's Technology and IP Committee. Mr. Brookner received his B.A. from the University of New York at Binghamton and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was the articles editor of the *Hofstra Property Law Journal*.

Rudy J. Cerone is a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC in New Orleans and a former chair and president of the American Board of Certification. A frequent lecturer on both business and

complex consumer bankruptcy issues for more than 20 years, he also served as on ABI's Executive Committee as Secretary, co-chaired ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation Committee from 2005-06 and chaired its Hospitality, Entertainment Venues and Gaming Subcommittee from 2001-05. He was also a member of ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference Advisory Board from 2003-11. Mr. Cerone chaired the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization from 2002-04 and is a member of the State Bar of California, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Federal Fifth Circuit and American Bar Associations. He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification (1993) and by the Louisiana State Bar Association (1997), and is also a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Cerone received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of California at San Diego and his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and received a "Best Law Review Editor" award as executive editor of the *Boston College International & Comparative Law Review*.

Robert M. Charles, Jr. is a partner with Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP in Tucson, Ariz. The firm's bankruptcy practice group leader, he practices primarily bankruptcy law in both Arizona and Nevada. Mr. Charles is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and a past chair of the State Bar of Arizona Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct, and he continues to serve as a member of the Arizona Bar's Ethics Committee. He was a lawyer delegate to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is a member of the Conference Executive Committee. Mr. Charles lectures and writes extensively on bankruptcy law and is an adjunct faculty member of the James E. Rogers University of Arizona College of Law, teaching bankruptcy reorganization. He was previously with Lewis and Roca following a two-year clerkship with Hon. Earl H. Carroll of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Mr. Charles received his B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1979 and his J.D. with distinction from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 1982.

Patrick A. Clisham is a shareholder at Engelman Berger, PC in Phoenix and chairs the firm's bankruptcy practice. He joined Engelman Berger in 2009 after relocating from Chicago, where he was an extern to the U.S. Trustee program during law school and practiced law at a nationally recognized bankruptcy boutique firm for more than five years. He focuses his practice on the representation of parties in all aspects of commercial bankruptcies, receiverships and workouts. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Clisham was a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (1996-2001) and served as assistant vice president of Law & Government Affairs for AT&T Communications (2002-04). Mr. Clisham has been a member of the ABI since 2005 and currently co-chairs its Real Estate Committee. In 2007, he received the Award for Excellence in Public Interests and Legal Education from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for his role in developing and advancing the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program in Chicago. He continues to support the CARE Program both in Phoenix and nationally through his work with ABI. Mr. Clisham authored the *Bankruptcy Strategist* article "The 547(c)(4) New Value Defense: Paid or Unpaid" (November 2008) and co-authored the chapter "Creation of an Article 9 Security Interest" in the *Secured Transactions* manual published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2007 and 2010), as well as the *ABI Journal* article "A Primer on the Valuation of Affordable Housing in Chapter 11" (May 2013). Mr. Clisham received his J.D. *cum laude* in 2002 from DePaul University College of Law.

Hon. Daniel P. Collins is Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix, appointed as bankruptcy judge on Jan. 18, 2013. Previously, he was a shareholder with the law firm of Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C., in downtown Phoenix, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial transactions. Judge Collins served on the State Bar of Arizona's Subcommittee on the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. He also chaired the Bankruptcy Section of the State of Arizona from 1995-96 and was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Collins is a frequent speaker on such topics as professionalism and civility, fraudulent transfers, discharge litigation, trial practice, reaffirmation agreements, the intersection of bankruptcy and marital dissolution, receiverships, bankruptcy sales, bankruptcy claims classification, trustee representation, pensions in bankruptcy, bankruptcy appeals and debtor/ creditor law. He is a member of ABI, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the State Bar of Arizona and the Maricopa County Bar Association, and he currently serves on the board of the Federal Bar Association's Phoenix Chapter. He is also member of the University of Arizona Law School Board of Visitors and was one of the founders of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inns of Court, and he has served for more than 20 years on the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Panel. Judge Collins received both his B.S. in finance and accounting in 1980 and his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Arizona.

Jeffrey H. Davidson is an attorney with Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP in Los Angeles, where he focuses his practice on bankruptcy reorganizations and out-of-court restructurings. He has frequently served as lead counsel representing both public and private business entities in a variety of industries. In addition, he commonly represents hedge funds and other significant holders of securities in connection with complex chapter 11 reorganizations and workouts, and has handled many insolvency-related sales and acquisitions. Mr. Davidson is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, where he is a member of its Board of Regents, its Nominating Committee, chair of its Ninth Circuit Council and immediate past chair of its Ninth Circuit Educational Programs Committee. He was named a "Lawyer of the Year" for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in the 20th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and for Litigation - Bankruptcy in the 21st edition. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* every year since 2001, by *Chambers USA* in the practice area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, by *Southern California Super Lawyers* in the practice area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights every year since 2004, and by *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. Mr. Davidson has published and has lectured on a variety of bankruptcy-related topics. For several years, he has presented annual bankruptcy update programs for the Financial Lawyers Conference, for the Bankruptcy Section of the New Mexico State Bar, and previously for the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California. He has also presented various educational programs for ALI-ABA, ALI CLE, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, California Continuing Education of the Bar, Renaissance American Management, Beard Group and Turnaround Management Association. Mr. Davidson received his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and his B.A. *cum laude* from Harvard College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Tracy Hope Davis is the U.S. Trustee for northern and eastern California and Nevada, based in San Francisco. Prior to her appointment, she served as U.S. Trustee for Region 2 in New York, Connecticut and Vermont. Ms. Davis joined the U.S. Trustee Program in 1997 as a trial attorney before being named as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Southern District of New York. She has also served as the Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn) and the

Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 2. During her tenure as a U.S. Trustee, Ms. Davis has been closely involved in a wide range of bankruptcy issues in some of the largest and most complex bankruptcy cases, including Bethlehem Steel, Adelphia Communications, *Lehman Brothers*, *Chrysler Corporation*, *General Motors*, *Lyondell*, *General Growth Properties*, *Kodak*, *Dynegy*, *MF Global*, *Res-Cap*, *American Airlines*, *Hostess*, *Hawker Beechcraft* and *Dewey LLP*, among others. Previously, she practiced bankruptcy law in New York City and clerked for Hon. Cornelius Blackshear (ret.). Ms. Davis received her J.D. from Rutgers Law School and her B.A. from Wells College.

Hon. Dennis R. Dow is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri in Kansas City, appointed on Nov. 10, 2003, by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the bench, he was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, where he represented trustees in chapter 7 cases involving significant assets, individual and corporate debtors in proceedings under chapters 7 and 11, and secured, unsecured and priority creditors and lessors in chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 cases, and had been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law every year since 1995. He also tried numerous adversary proceedings and contested matters, including preference actions, objections to discharge, dischargeability complaints and objections to confirmation of chapter 11 plans. Judge Dow is a *pro tem* member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. He also serves on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and chairs its subcommittee on forms. Judge Dow is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, inducted in March 2013, and was selected in November 2014 to become a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He also chairs the Bankruptcy Judge Education Advisory Committee of the Federal Judicial Center and is a member of the faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute. Judge Dow is a member of the Missouri and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Associations, and serves as ABI's Secretary. He received his B.A. with honors from the University of Wyoming and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law, where he was notes editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Hon. Randall L. Dunn is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Oregon in Portland, appointed in 1998. Previously, Judge Dunn was the managing partner of the Portland office of the law firm of Copeland, Landye, Bennett and Wolf, LLP, where his practice focused on corporate/business, securities and bankruptcy law. In the bankruptcy area, he represented a number of creditors' committees in chapter 11 cases, but his work also encompassed representation of creditors and debtors in matters ranging from preference defenses to representing individual debtors in chapter 7. In addition, he did substantial loan documentation work and worked extensively in business-entity formation and on mergers and acquisitions. Judge Dunn is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, having served previously as NCBJ Treasurer and Secretary, as well as on its Board of Governors. He has chaired the Federal Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section and spent five years as editor-in-chief of its newsletter publication, *Bankruptcy Briefs*. In addition, he has been very active in the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section, serving three terms (going on four) on its Executive Committee, one term as Treasurer and two years as editor-in-chief of the *Oregon Debtor-Creditor Newsletter*. He also has worked on several of the Section's subcommittees. Judge Dunn has chaired the Ninth Circuit's Bankruptcy Education Committee and served as the representative of Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judges on the Ninth Circuit Executive Committee, the planning body for the Ninth Circuit Conference. In 2006, Judge Dunn was appointed to the Ninth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) and currently serves as its Chief Judge. He received

his undergraduate degree with honors from Northwestern University and his J.D. in 1975 from Stanford University Law School, where he was an articles editor of its law review.

Ford Elsaesser is a senior partner with Elsaesser Jarzabek Anderson Elliott & Macdonald, Chtd. in Sandpoint, Idaho, where he primarily practices in bankruptcy, commercial and corporate law, and serves as a chapter 7 trustee, chapter 12 trustee and receiver. He is a former ABI president and chairman and was one of the originators of Bankruptcy Law for State Court Trial Judges, a successful ABI program. Mr. Elsaesser has been involved in five cases involving Catholic dioceses and religious orders. He serves as an adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program at St. John's University School of Law, and teaches bankruptcy, advanced bankruptcy and federal courts at the University of Idaho College of Law. He successfully argued against the practice of routine *vacatur* of decisions made pending appeal in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Co. v. Bonner Mall Partnership*, No. 93-714, in November 1994. Mr. Elsaesser is a member of the sixth class of the American College of Bankruptcy. He received his B.A. from Goddard College and his J.D. from the University of Idaho Law School in 1977.

Kevin D. Evans is a partner with Armstrong Teasdale LLP in Denver and is a nationally recognized civil and white-collar criminal defense trial attorney. He also handles internal investigations arising out of actual or suspected wrongdoing. In his white-collar practice, Mr. Evans represented the U.S. Olympic Committee in connection with a grand jury investigation related to the award of the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City, successfully defended a physician charged in 48 counts with violations of the Medicare/Medicaid anti-kickback statute, and has represented companies and individuals in an array of criminal environmental matters. He currently is representing two targets in grand jury investigations. Mr. Evans also successfully represented the former senior director of Financial Reporting at Qwest Communications during a six-year case brought by the SEC against his client and other former executives, including the former CEO, alleging a \$3 billion accounting fraud. He has conducted numerous internal investigations and spearheaded an investigation on behalf of a USAID contractor in Afghanistan, visiting Afghanistan on two occasions to interview employees, former employees and vendors, and secured a declination. He also recently conducted a visa fraud investigation, visiting various client sites in India on multiple occasions to conduct interviews, and has conducted internal investigations for a variety of government contractors. Previously, Mr. Evans was a founding partner with Steese, Evans & Frankel P.C., was a partner at a large Washington, D.C.-based international law firm, and was a partner in a Chicago law firm. He is admitted to the Colorado, Illinois and Missouri Bar Associations and the U.S. Supreme Court, and is a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America. Mr. Evans received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1981 from Saint Louis University and his J.D. in 1984 from Saint Louis University School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Saint Louis University Law Journal*.

Donald W. Fitzgerald is a partner with Felderstein Fitzgerald Willoughby & Pascuzzi LLP in Sacramento, Calif., and has more than 30 years of experience providing legal representation in all phases and types of chapter 11 proceedings, business restructurings, corporate insolvencies and out-of-court loan workouts. He regularly serves as counsel for debtors in possession, trustees, creditors' committees and landlords in complex chapter 11 cases, and he has particular expertise in the agriculture, food processing and real estate industries. Mr. Fitzgerald has represented purchasers of assets in business reorganizations and wind-downs, and is also experienced in representing lend-

ers in bankruptcy courts on matters including cash collateral, post-petition financing, relief from stay, lien avoidance and contested confirmation hearings, and in such nonbankruptcy matters as administering to the foreclosure of real and personal property and documentation of out-of-court workouts. Mr. Fitzgerald is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is regularly recognized in *Northern California Super Lawyer* (2005-present) and in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2006-present), which named him the “Sacramento Bankruptcy and Insolvency Lawyer of the Year” (2013). Mr. Fitzgerald is a member of the Bars of California and Arizona, is a former officer (1987-89) and president (1990) of the Sacramento County Bar Association’s Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, and was a board member of the California Bankruptcy Forum (1998-2001). He is also an active panel member of the Eastern District of California’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Program and speaks frequently to bar groups and professional associations on bankruptcy and workouts. Mr. Fitzgerald received his B.A. from the University of California, Davis and his J.D. with high distinction from the University of Arizona, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Hon. Scott H. Gan is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona in Tucson, appointed on Sept. 11, 2014. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he had been a shareholder and partner since 1993 with the law firm of Mesch, Clark & Rothschild, P.C., where he was a chair of the firm’s Appellate Practice Section and a member of the firm’s Bankruptcy Section. He joined the firm as an associate in 1986. Judge Gan began his legal career as an attorney with the Pima County (Arizona) Office of the Public Defender, then briefly joined a firm that represented claimants before the Social Security Administration and the Arizona Industrial Commission. He received his B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1977 and his J.D. from the UA James E. Rogers College of Law in 1980.

Scott F. Gautier is a partner with Robins Kaplan LLP in Los Angeles, where he represents corporate debtors, creditors, committees, equity-holders and acquirers in distressed financial situations. He counsels clients in distressed mergers, acquisitions and out-of-court restructuring matters, and advises clients on debtor/creditor issues in nonbankruptcy matters. Mr. Gautier is a former member of ABI’s Board of Directors and was a director of the Southern California Turnaround Managers Association. He regularly writes and speaks on financial restructuring and insolvency issues for local and national conferences. Mr. Gautier received his B.S.B.A. from Ohio State University and his J.D. with highest honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Edward T. Gavin, CTP is a managing director and founding partner of Gavin/Solmonese LLC in Wilmington, Del., where he leads the firm’s Restructuring and Fiduciary Services Practice and specializes in complex bankruptcy matters, representing debtors and creditors as financial advisor, asset-sale advisor, restructuring officer or other type of responsible party. In addition, he is frequently appointed liquidating trustee, litigation trustee or plan administrator over post-confirmation liquidating trusts. Mr. Gavin is an expert on rapid § 363 asset-sale processes, SPM gifts/carve-outs and the evaluation of claims against insiders. His engagements have included responsibilities as bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy financial advisor to debtors and creditors’ committees, bankruptcy and nonbankruptcy interim management appointments, business viability assessments, mergers and acquisitions, business integrations and strategic sales, corporate strategy and policy development and implementation, e-commerce and marketing strategy development, process re-engineering,

and enterprise resource planning (ERP) system implementation and assessment. His roles have also included regulatory affairs management positions in FDA-regulated organizations, including the leadership of process re-engineering to remediate violations of FDA regulations. Mr. Gavin is ABI's Vice President-Development, co-chaired ABI's Financial Advisors Committee from 2010-12 and is a former co-chair and education director of ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation Committee. He is a 30th Anniversary Circle contributor to ABI's Endowment Fund and co-chair of ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, and he serves on ABI's National Ethics Standards Task Force. A contributing editor for the *ABI Journal's* "Last In Line" and "Financial Statements" columns, Mr. Gavin also writes the "Turnaround Tactics" blog for *Forbes* and has contributed to a number of publications. He attended the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, studying music theory and education.

Jonathan P. Goulding, CIRA, CFA is a managing director at Alvarez & Marsal in Century City, Calif., where he specializes in financial and strategic planning, liquidity management and the implementation of financial strategies for corporate turnarounds and restructuring. He has worked in a variety of industries, including retail, energy, technology, transportation and logistics, agriculture, manufacturing, telecommunications and financial services. With more than 17 years of management consulting, financial restructuring and interim management experience, Mr. Goulding has advised debtor and creditor clients, both in court and outside of bankruptcy. He has assisted clients in reviewing and preparing business plans, analyzing product profitability, assessing cash flow and liquidity, and developing restructuring and reorganization strategies. Previously, Mr. Goulding served as restructuring officer and treasurer of Washington Mutual, Inc. (WMI), where he negotiated an approximately \$6.5 billion settlement with JPMorgan resulting in a recovery of more than 100 percent for all unsecured creditors and a recovery for equity-holders. In addition, he was instrumental in establishing a new organization at WMI from the one employee that remained after the seizure of the bank, including overseeing the development of a new IT infrastructure, hiring all personnel and managing the day-to-day operations. Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Goulding was an associate for two years in the San Francisco office of the Corporate Restructuring Group of a Big Five firm, and was a business strategist with Viant Corp. and an associate at SRI Consulting. He is a member of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA), the Southern California Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and the CFA Institute. Mr. Goulding received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan.

Peter J. Gurfein is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Landau Gottfried & Berger LLP. He has represented unsecured creditors' committees, trustees, debtors, creditors and equity-holders in major chapter 11 cases in the airline, health care, retail, telecommunication, entertainment, high-tech and real estate industries. He has also appeared in cases involving bank insolvencies and insurance company insolvencies, and in chapter 11 cases of high-net-worth individuals. A former prosecutor, Mr. Gurfein has extensive experience in prosecution and defense of bankruptcy fraud investigations and officer and director liability. He has specific expertise in the purchase and sale of assets from bankruptcy estates. Mr. Gurfein is a past president of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (2013-14), a director of the California Bankruptcy Forum (2012-present) and a past editor-in-chief of the *California Bankruptcy Journal* (1995-99), and he is currently co-editor-in-chief of the *California State Bar Insolvency Law Committee e-Bulletin* (2014-present). He has lectured extensively on corporate governance issues and the obligations of directors in the zone of insolvency, the sale of assets under distress, prepackaged plans of reorganization, individual chapter 11 cases and bankruptcy

in the hospitality industry. He has also been appointed to the approved panel of mediators for the Central District of California. Mr. Gurfein received his B.A. from New York University and his J.D. from George Washington University School of Law.

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Hon. Gregg W. Zive was sworn in as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada in Reno on Jan. 23, 1995, and was reappointed in 2009. He served as Chief Judge from 1999-2008 and chaired the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges from 2005-06. He retired in 2010 and has been recalled on a full-time basis since 2011. Previously, Judge Zive practiced as a general civil litigator, concentrating in the areas of commercial, contract, real property and employment-relations law. He is admitted to the Bars of California (1973) and Nevada (1976) and to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Zive is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (inducted in 2005) and Master Emeritus of the Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is also a member of the Washoe County Bar Association (for which he served as president from 1992-93), the Nevada State-Federal Judicial Council and the State Bar of Nevada Advisory Commission on Law Related Education. He has also been a member of the Ninth Circuit Public Information and Community Outreach Committee and the Ninth Circuit Standing Committee on ADR. A former ABI Board member, he is an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Boyd School of Law, and has been a presenter at numerous seminars regarding various bankruptcy-related topics as well as civil procedure, evidence, real property, employment law and trial techniques. Judge Zive received his B.A. in journalism from the University of Nevada in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1973, where he was a member and editor of its law review.