

Faculty Biographies

Colin McNeill Adams is a managing director at Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC in New York and heads its Distressed and Special Situations Group, which focuses on transactions in the U.S., U.K. and Europe. His recent transactions have included a first-of-its-kind \$150 million receivables financing for Skillsoft Corp., the restructuring of an approximately \$90 million senior secured loan for Colt Defense LLC, and the refinancing of Mood Media's unsecured convertible notes with new securities issued by that company's European parent. He is also on the Management Committee for Morgan Stanley's Fixed Income lending businesses. Before joining Morgan Stanley, Mr. Adams was a managing director with Citadel Securities, where he acted as a financial advisor to companies and creditor groups in both in- and out-of-court restructurings. Prior to this, he was a partner in the Restructuring Group of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Mr. Adams received his A.B. in history and economics from Duke University and his J.D. with a certificate in business law from the University of California Los Angeles.

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Wesley H. Avery is a sole bankruptcy practitioner with the Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC in Pasadena, Calif., and a member of the California State Bar. He is also a chapter 7 panel trustee and a chapter 12 trustee for the Central District of California. Mr. Avery is certified as a specialist in Bankruptcy Law by the State Bar of California and the American Board of Certification. He is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell and 10.0 by Avvo, and has been a *Super Lawyer* since 2006. Mr. Avery is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, all Federal District Courts of California, other federal courts and the California Supreme Court. He previously served as a major in the U.S. Army from 1996-97, at which time he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a member of the ABA Subcommittee on Legal Specialization, was chairman of the California State Bar Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission (2004-05) and was chairman of the State Board of Legal Specialization (2010-11). Mr. Avery received his B.A. with highest honors in economics and in political science from the University of California at Davis in 1980 (where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa), his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1984 and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991.

Shane V. Azzara is a financial advisor with Citigroup Global Markets in New York and has more than 16 years of experience.

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 parties in chapter 11 cases and litigated chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. 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. He also serves as a director of the Judicial Leadership Development Council and is a member of the NCBJ Committee on Judicial Security. He previously was a member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. Judge Barash is a frequent panelist on bankruptcy law issues and has been a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law. He has also been involved in the local legal community as a pro bono attorney with the Public Counsel Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Hearing Clinic, and has been 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 immediate past president of the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a national, non-partisan 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*.

Leon D. Bayer is a founding partner in the law firm of Bayer, Wishman & Leotta in Los Angeles and is a Certified Specialist in Bankruptcy Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Bayer has received a commendation for his volunteer legal services every year since 2004 from the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. He served as president (1995-96) of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Committee on Commercial Law & Bankruptcy (1988), member of the Law Advisory Commission-Personal & Small Business Bankruptcy Law of the State Bar of California (1996-2000) and was concurrently a State Bar Legal Specialization Bankruptcy Exam Grader and Question Writer. His publications include "The Essentials Of Chapter 13," *Daily Journal Report*, Dec. 18, 1987; contributing editor to "Basic Bankruptcy," *California Practice Handbook* (Matthew Bender 1992, 1993); and a reviewer and contributing author for the CEB bankruptcy practice guide *Personal and Small Business Practice in California* (2003). Mr. Bayer has testified in court as a legal expert in bankruptcy law malpractice suits and been a frequent law lecturer. He has also been interviewed a number of times on tv and radio. Mr. Bayer received his B.A. in 1975 from California State University at Northridge and his J.D. in 1979 from the University of LaVerne College of Law.

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bankruptcy at a six-week trial of intercompany claims; and subordinated MCI bondholders in the *WorldCom* bankruptcy in litigation opposing confirmation of WorldCom's initial plan of reorganization. Mr. Bentley has repeatedly been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* and in *New York Super Lawyers*, and serves on the Policy and News York Committees of Human Rights Watch. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Yale University and his J.D. *cum laude* from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Edward C. Boltz is a member of the Law Offices of John T. Orcutt, P.C. in Durham, N.C., and has managed the firm's Durham office since 1998. He represents clients in chapter 13 and 7 bankruptcies, as well as in related consumer rights litigation, including fighting abusive mortgage practices. He is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, where he has been certified as a specialist in consumer bankruptcy law, and he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Districts Courts in both the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina. Mr. Boltz is the current president of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA) and previously served as its secretary, and he has been jointly responsible for directing the NACBA State Chair program. He has also served on the Bankruptcy Council for the North Carolina Bar Association and previously served as the bankruptcy chair for the North Carolina Association of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Boltz received his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1993 and his J.D. from George Washington University in 1996.

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Prof. Ralph Brubaker is the Carl L. Vacketta Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, Ill., where he teaches courses in bankruptcy, bankruptcy procedure, corporate reorganizations, contracts, conflict of laws and restitution. He clerked for Judge James K. Logan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and he practiced in the bankruptcy and corporate reorganization group with the law firm Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland. Prof. Brubaker was a member of the faculty at the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta from 1995-2004, when he returned to his alma mater. He is the editor-in-chief and a contributing author for Thomson Reuters' *Bankruptcy Law Letter*, he is co-author of a bankruptcy casebook, and he has written dozens of journal articles and essays. He is particularly expert in the complex jurisdictional and procedural facets of federal bankruptcy proceedings. Prof. Brubaker has served as an editorial advisor for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, the *ABI Law Review* and the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*. He is a member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, for which he currently serves as the Scholar-in-Residence. Prof. Brubaker has served on ABI's Executive Committee and was a member of the advisory committee on 363 sales for ABI's 2014 Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. He holds three degrees from the University of Illinois, including his J.D. *summa cum laude* and an M.B.A., and he received Bronze Tablet distinction (highest honors) and CPA certification as an undergraduate.

Thomas R. Califano is a partner and U.S. co-chair of the Restructuring Practice Group of DLA Piper in New York. He has a broad-ranging practice in all aspects of insolvency matters, including out-of-

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Hon. Kevin J. Carey is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware in Wilmington, first appointed in 2005 and serving as Chief Judge from 2008-11. He previously served as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, appointed on Jan. 25, 2001. Judge Carey began his legal career clerking for Hon. Thomas M. Twardowski, then served as clerk of court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Committee on Space and Facilities of the Judicial Conference of the U.S., and sits on the Third Circuit Judicial Council's Facilities and Security Committee. Judge Carey is the immediate past global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is an ABI Board member. Judge Carey is a part-time adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and St. John's University's LL.M. in Bankruptcy program, and is a contributing author to the *Collier Forms Manual* and *Collier on Bankruptcy*. He received his B.A. in 1976 from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. in 1979 from Villanova University School of Law.

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky is the founding dean, distinguished professor of law and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law at the University of California - Irvine School of Law in Irvine, Calif., with a joint appointment in political science. Prior to assuming this position in 2008, he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-08, and before that was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School from 1983-2004, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He also has taught at DePaul College of Law and UCLA Law School. Dean Chemerinsky is the author of 10 books, including *The Case Against the Supreme Court*, published by Viking in 2014, and two books to be published by Yale University Press in 2017, *Closing the Courthouse Doors: How the Supreme Court Made Your Rights Unenforceable* and *Renewing Free Speech on College Campuses* (with Howard Gillman). He also is the author of more than 200 law review articles. Dean Chemerinsky writes a weekly column for the *Orange County Register*, monthly columns for the *ABA Journal* and the *Daily Journal*, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. In January 2014, *National Jurist* magazine named him the most influential person in legal education in the U.S. Dean Chemerinsky received his B.S. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Hon. Scott C. Clarkson is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California in Santa Ana, appointed on Jan. 20, 2011, and has also sat on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Prior to his appointment, Judge Clarkson practiced bankruptcy law and bankruptcy litigation for more than 20 years in Los Angeles, and he served as chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section from 2008-09. He has served on the board of direc-

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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, and as chief judge on March 17, 2014. 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.

Sonia Colón is a senior member of Ferraiouli LLC in Orlando, Fla., and chairs its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group. She has focused her practice on insolvency-related matters, including workouts, debt restructuring and complex commercial litigation in which she represents various parties, including institutional lenders, investors and insurance companies, in all aspects of bankruptcy and workouts. Ms. Colón has written extensively on the Puerto Rico fiscal and economic crisis, publishing various articles on the topic. She lectures nationally and internationally on various aspects of bankruptcy, including Puerto Rico's fiscal crisis, before ABI, the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, and in various universities including Puerto Rico, Boston, Duke, Stetson and Texas Universities. Ms. Colón chairs the National Hispanic Bar Association's Task Force on Puerto Rico, which played an important role in the congressional and executive efforts for the enactment of PROMESA. She is frequently quoted in local and national newspapers and other business publications. After clerking for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico from 1998 to 2001, Ms. Colón joined another major law firm in San Juan, P.R., where she became a partner and a member of its bankruptcy practice group. She is admitted to the Bars of Puerto Rico, Florida, the U.S. and Puerto Rico Supreme Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First and Eleventh Circuits, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle District of Florida and the District of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Court of International Trade. Ms. Colón is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and is a member of ABI, the Puerto Rico Bar Association and the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association. She received her B.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES) Program.

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