

Faculty Biographies

Frank A. Anderson is an attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation in Washington, D.C., where he specializes in cases at the intersection of ERISA and the Bankruptcy Code. He regularly represents the agency in corporate bankruptcy matters, transactions involving pension plan sponsors, and litigation in U.S. District Courts across the nation. In addition to his bankruptcy work, Mr. Anderson advises PBGC on matters relating to the administration and regulation of pension plan terminations under Title IV of ERISA. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the District of Columbia Bar. Mr. Anderson received his B.A. *cum laude* in political science from the University of South Florida and his J.D. from the American University's Washington College of Law, where he was a member of the *Administrative Law Review*.

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*.

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Stephen E. Berken is an attorney with Berken & Associates 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 founding member of the Colorado Consumer Bankruptcy Association and 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 received his B.A. *cum laude* in political science from the University of California in 1981 and his J.D. from the University of California-Hastings College of Law in 1984.

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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

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Susan G. Boswell is a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP in Tucson, Ariz., and has more than 30 years of experience in business reorganization. She has worked with various industries, including health care, hotels, transportation (including airlines), retail, numerous types of manufacturing, e-commerce, financial institutions, asset-based lending (both accounts and equipment), equipment leasing and finance, agribusiness and real estate, and has expertise in representing creditors and debtors within these industries. She also has expertise in reorganizing nonprofit entities, with an emphasis on religious entities, and a significant emphasis of her practice over the last several years has involved real estate restructurings, state court enforcement proceedings and bankruptcy. Ms. Boswell is admitted to the Bars of Arizona and Nevada, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Nevada and Arizona, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is a member of the Pima and Clark County Bar Associations, the Arizona Women Lawyers Association, the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and ABI, and is a former chair of the American Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section. She was also selected to serve a second term on the Ninth Circuit Court Council of the American College of Bankruptcy, where she screens and recommends nominees from the Ninth Circuit to be selected as Fellows. Ms. Boswell has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for since 1987, the "Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona" by *AZ Business Magazine* in 2015, and in *Southwest Super Lawyers* in 2007. She is AV-Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Boswell received her B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1972 and her J.D. in 1976 from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, which has since named her an "Outstanding Graduate."

Jack Butler is an executive vice president with Hilco Global in Northbrook, Ill., where he advises healthy and distressed companies and their boards, management, owners, creditors and investors with respect to a broad range of asset valuation, monetization and strategic solutions and transactions for which Hilco Global acts as advisor, agent, co-investor and/or principal. Previously, he was a partner with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP in Chicago in its Corporate Restructuring and Corporate Governance group. Throughout his career, Mr. Butler has represented global businesses in hundreds of cross-border restructurings, financings and privatization transactions, and has helped acquire and/or divest various business lines and entities. He has advised on restructuring solutions for such companies as Delphi Corp., Kmart Corp. and Xerox Corp. and on behalf of creditors, including most recently in American Airlines' reorganization and merger with US Airways Group, Inc. A former ABI director, Mr. Butler founded INSOL's Group of 36, is a past chairman and director of the American Board of Certification, is a founder and past chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, and is a past chairman of the Governing Board of the Commercial Finance Association Education Foundation. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and the International Insolvency Institute. Mr. Butler was the recipient of the first Chairman's Award from the Turnaround Management Association in 2001 for his contributions to and standing in the corporate renewal industry. He is also a member of the M&A Advisors' Hall of Fame and the Turnaround, Restructuring and Distressed Investing Industry Hall of Fame, as well as a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which is given to Americans who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and Michigan before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as before the Second, Sixth and Seventh Cir-

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Vernon L. Calder, CPA, CIRA is a director with Berkeley Research Group, LLC in Salt Lake City and has more than 30 years of experience in public accounting specializing in tax services. For nearly 25 years, he has specialized in bankruptcy tax compliance and planning. Mr. Calder has provided a wide variety of tax services to clients throughout his career. His efforts have focused on special tax issues in corporate, partnership and individual bankruptcy, the formation of and tax compliance for liquidating trusts; the representation of taxpayers before federal and state taxing authorities; tax consulting with regard to “change of ownership” issues; tax consulting and compliance for U.S. companies operating internationally; tax consulting and compliance for corporations with multi-state income using a “water’s edge” method; analysis of deductible ordinary and necessary business expenses; and supervising tax compliance for high technology companies. Mr. Calder’s clients have included companies ranging in size from \$1 billion in annual sales to small development companies in many industries such as computer and peripherals, software, semiconductors, life sciences, energy, hospitality, professional sports and automotive parts rebuilders. In addition, he has provided tax services to a variety of clients, including individuals, corporations, partnerships, decedent estates, trusts and bankruptcy estates. His services rendered include tax compliance, representation before taxing authorities, bankruptcy court appearances, testifying as an expert witness, and tax consulting and planning. Mr. Calder received both his B.S. and his Master’s in accountancy/taxation from Brigham Young University.

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, beginning in 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. He is also global chairman of the Turnaround Management Association, a member of ABI’s Board of Directors and a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. 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.

Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark is a partner with Saul Ewing LLP in Baltimore and has a diverse debtor-creditor and commercial litigation practice, with extensive experience on both the front end of transactions (negotiating and documenting multifaceted financial and business relationships) and on the back end of transactions (litigating breach of contract, fraudulent transfer, successor liability, directors and officers liability, conversion, chapter 11 business bankruptcy and other complex debtor-creditor disputes). Ms. Chavez-Ruark is president-elect of the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, co-chairs its Pro Bono Committee is a member of its Local Rules Committee. She is also a member of ABI, for which she co-chairs its Mentoring Program, as well as secretary and a member of the board of directors for both the Chesapeake Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the International Women’s Insolvency and

Restructuring Confederation, a member of the board of directors for the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Hispanic National, Maryland Hispanic, Maryland State, Baltimore City and American Bar Associations, as well as the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the ABA's Business Law Section. Ms. Chavez-Ruark received both her B.A. in accounting and her M.B.A. from Salisbury University and her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

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Carol Ann Colliersmith is an attorney with Colliersmith & Associates, P.C. in Marietta, Ga., and has practiced exclusively consumer bankruptcy law since 2001. She is the past president of the Metro Atlanta Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys Group and is the current state co-chair for Georgia for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. She is also a member of the Bankruptcy Section of the Georgia Bar and Atlanta Bar Associations, as well as ABI. Ms. Colliersmith has participated in many panel presentations for various bankruptcy practice seminars. She received her J.D. from the University of Florida in 1985.

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.

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Hon. Mary Grace Diehl is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, appointed in February 2004. Prior to taking the bench, she was a partner in the litigation section of Troutman Sanders LLP and chaired its Bankruptcy Practice Group. During her years in private practice, she was consistently named in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers US: America's Leading Business Lawyers*. Judge Diehl is president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and serves on the Boards of Directors of ABI and the Turnaround Management Association. She is also a Fellow and vice president of the American College of Bankruptcy and a former president of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute. Judge Diehl received the Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award in 2008 from IWIRC (International Women in Restructuring Confederation) and is a regular speaker at CLE programs. She served as a trustee of Canisius College from 2008-14 and has been an adjunct professor of law at Emory Law School. Judge Diehl received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and her J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

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 is 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*.

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Hon. Michael A. Fagone is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Portland, appointed in April 2015. Previously, he was a member of Bernstein Shur's Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group in Portland, where he specialized in bankruptcy and insolvency law. While practicing law, he was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and by *Chambers USA* as one of the top bankruptcy lawyers in Maine. Judge Fagone is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification and serves on ABI's Board of Directors. He received his B.A. from Amherst College in 1993 and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law in 1997.

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Susan M. Freeman is a partner at Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP in Phoenix. A Fellow and secretary of the American College of Bankruptcy, she is vice-chair of the American Bar Association's Business Bankruptcy Committee, and previously chaired several subcommittees. Ms. Freeman has been a certified specialist in bankruptcy law since 1985. She is a frequent author and lecturer, including authoring Chapter 172 of *Norton Bankruptcy Law & Practice* on "Professional Responsibility in Bankruptcy Cases" and "Are DIP and Committee Counsel Fiduciaries for Their Clients' Constituents or the Bankruptcy Estate? What is a Fiduciary, Anyway?" In addition to her business bankruptcy law practice, Ms. Freeman is an appellate lawyer and has briefed more than 300 civil appeals and argued approximately 100, including many bankruptcy appeals. Ms. Freeman is a Fellow and treasurer of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, has taught at the National Appellate Practice Institute and Arizona counterparts, and is the co-author of the civil appeals chapter of the *Arizona Appellate Handbook*. She has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1989 and in *Southwest Super Lawyers* as one of the "Top 50 Lawyers in Arizona." Ms. Freeman was co-counsel for several law professors on *amicus curiae* briefs in *Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. v. Hood*, 541 U.S. 440 (2004), and *Central Virginia Community College v. Katz*, 126 S. Ct. 990, 1004 (2006), and she briefed and argued *Hall v. United States of America*, 132 S. Ct. 1882 (2012). She received her B.A. with distinction from Mount Holyoke College and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1975, where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar.

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 Ap-

pellate 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.

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Hon. Robert E. Gerber is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York in New York, appointed in 2000 and reappointed in 2014. He assumed recall status in January 2015. Since his appointment to the bench, Judge Gerber has presided over a wide variety of chapter 11, chapter 7, chapter 15, § 304 and SIPA cases, including *PSINet*, *Ames Department Stores*, *Global Crossing*, *Adelphia*, *ABIZ*, *Basis Yield Alpha Fund*, *Lyondell Chemical*, *BearingPoint*, *DBSD North America*, *Chemtura*, *Pinnacle Airlines*, *Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt* and *General Motors*. He has presided over more than 20 cases with over \$100 million in debt, including 10 with over \$1 billion in debt. Judge Gerber has published nearly 200 opinions, principally in the business bankruptcy and corporate governance areas. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced with the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York City, specializing in securities and commercial litigation and, thereafter, bankruptcy litigation and counseling. He is a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, a Fellow in and director of the American College of Bankruptcy, and has been named as one of the nation's outstanding bankruptcy judges six times. Judge Gerber earned his B.S. with high honors in industrial engineering from Rutgers University in 1967 and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Columbia Law School in 1970, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a James Kent Scholar.

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