

President's Column

The Path Is the Thing

As I embark on my year as ABI President, I recall joking (sort of) that I was spending my “elect” year answering the following question: “Who the heck is she?” It’s probably true many of you don’t know me or my law firm. I am primarily a consumer practitioner. If you don’t attend conferences, or haven’t been to a consumer panel in a while, you might have never heard me speak, other than to make remarks at ABI functions where new publications were being honored, a perk of being ABI’s Vice President-Publications for four years. You might not have read the *Consumer Fundamentals* book I revised along with a colleague, or one of the articles that I have written for the Consumer Corner column of the *ABI Journal*.

My other engagement with ABI has likewise been consumer-focused. I have held various volunteer positions, including newsletter editor of the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee (thanks go to Bankruptcy Judge **Dennis R. Dow** of the Western District of Missouri for making this job sound good enough for me to volunteer, giving him a choice of exactly one person); education director for the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee (thank you, Bankruptcy Judge **C. Ray Mullins** of the Northern District of Georgia, for needing help and choosing me because I offered); chair of the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee (because that’s how it sometimes goes); an ABI Board Member since 2009 (thanks again to Judge Dow for nominating me); and a member of the ABI Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy (thank you, Bankruptcy Judge **Eugene R. Wedoff** (ret.) for allowing me to be a part of the Commission after I basically begged).

My path to ABI President started not because I was well known in the industry, but because of a willingness to volunteer. While these details might seem like a humblebrag, my point is to demonstrate how far a little effort



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The new ABI president's family traveled to Washington, D.C., to celebrate her achievement.

can go, and that it can pay off in ways that are often unexpected.

When I first started attending ABI functions, perhaps like other consumer practitioners, I sometimes felt lost in a sea of business professionals who all seemed to know each other. Walking into an event, not knowing if I would recognize a friendly face, can be overwhelming.

The good news is there is always a friendly face at ABI and especially for consumer practitioners, who are frequently looking for a buddy. Sometimes, standing around and engaging, about anything, is the first meaningful step on a path.

Before everything else, my involvement started when I contacted ABI and offered to update the “Consumer FAQ” section of ABI’s website. I was flattered when some time later ABI Executive Director **Sam Gerdano** told my partner that I was doing a good job. I was surprised, too, because I didn’t know that Sam had even noticed the work I had done, but he did notice — and he still does. Everyone at ABI notices. In fact, getting to know Sam, ABI Deputy Director **Amy Quackenboss**, and the other ABI staff and volunteer leaders is probably one of the best ways to become involved. They know what is needed and where. Better yet, they are basically a captive audience during those awkward moments at events when there are no familiar faces around.

Becoming part of a professional community has been a worthy endeavor. I now have friends and colleagues from all over this country and others. Had it not been for ABI, I would never have had the chance to get to know such a fine group of people, any one of whom I can contact if I ever need help or have a question. I have met and had the honor to work with some of the most brilliant minds in bankruptcy. **Ted Gavin** of Gavin/Solmonese LLC and the other past ABI presidents (not the name of his new band) have been especially warm and welcoming, each without exception offering support. As part of



Discussing coerced debt during the recent “ABI Talks” session.



Ted Gavin continues the tradition of handing off the ceremonial gavel.

the ABI community, we all enjoy a unique combination of collegiality, professionalism and intellect.

What can my experience mean for you? It means volunteers are critical in making ABI what it is. It means that there are many opportunities for your participation. It means that even small contributions matter. For consumer



Alane receives well wishes from former ABI president Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff (ret.) during the final night dinner at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting.

practitioners, this is especially true. The majority of cases filed are consumer, so ABI wants and needs more consumer professionals to step up and get involved, particularly since just last month, the Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy released its report during the Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. There is room in ABI for anyone who values professional and personal growth by serving as a volunteer. And, as I have found, while leadership is important, the path to get there is invaluable. **abi**

Event Roundup

Nearly 200 Converge in Beverly Hills for SoCal Learning and Networking

Nearly 200 professionals in the Southern California region and beyond gathered March 28 at the Montage Beverly Hills, the host hotel for this year's Bankruptcy Battleground West program in Beverly Hills, Calif. Panelists covered such topics as circuit splits on such issues as IP agreements and make-whole premiums, EB-5 program company restructurings, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, whether OPEC countries will be able to cover their operating deficits, commercial real estate finance, and hot topics within a "Crossfire" TV show format.

A special luncheon presentation delivered by Donald Sheets, managing director of Clarion Partners in New York, provided a contrarian perspective on capital markets and commercial real estate. Program Co-Chairs



The "Crossfire" session addressed "hot" issues such as future waivers, new-value issues and Jevic. Members of this panel included Bankruptcy Judges Martin R. Barash, Sheri Bluebond, Julia W. Brand, Margaret M. Mann, Erithe A. Smith and Scott H. Yun, as well as Paul D. Buie of Onyx Asset Advisors, Whitman Holt of Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP, Eve H. Karasik of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill LLP, Robert S. Marticello of Smiley Wang-Ekval, LLP, Kyle J. Mathews of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, Elissa D. Miller of SulmeyerKupetz, APC and Robyn B. Sokol of Brutzkus Gubner Rozansky Seror Weber LLP.

Kimberly A. Posin (Latham & Watkins LLP; Los Angeles) and **Randy B. Soref** (Polsinelli; Los Angeles), along with Judicial Chair Hon. **Deborah J. Saltzman** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Los Angeles), led the advisory board in putting together this year's conference, which featured several networking breaks and a reception at the program's conclusion.

Thanks go to the sponsors for their support: agency-IP; Development Specialists, Inc.; East West Bank; FTI Consulting, Inc.; GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group LLC; Honest Tax; Kingston Petersen; Loeb & Loeb LLP; Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; Polsinelli; Sherwood Partners, Inc.; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; and Wilmington Trust. Information on next year's program will be posted at abi.org/events. **abi**



Travis K. Vandell of Stretto, Janiel Myers of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.), Shanti M. Katona of Polsinelli, Eve H. Karasik of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill, LLP, Paul Buie of Onyx Asset Advisors and Randy Soref of Polsinelli (l-r) network between sessions.

Scenes from the 37th Annual Spring Meeting



The conference kicked off with an opening reception in the atrium of the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C. Past ABI Presidents Melissa S. Kibler (Mackinac Partners LLC) and James T. Markus (Markus Williams Young & Hunsicker LLC), along with Vincent E. Lazar (Jenner & Block LLP) and David M. Baker (Aurora Management Partners, Inc.) (below l-r), were among the 900 in attendance.



More photos are posted at flickr.abi.org/



Denise Dessel (c) received the ABI Law Review award from Prof. G. Ray Warner (St. John's University School of Law) (l) and ABI Vice President-Publications Lisa S. Gretchko (Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC).



Shane G. Ramsey (Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP) (l) introduced award-winning author and investigative journalist Bob Woodward (c), who signed copies of his latest book for attendees.



The Women's Networking Reception was a great way to mingle after a busy day of educational sessions.



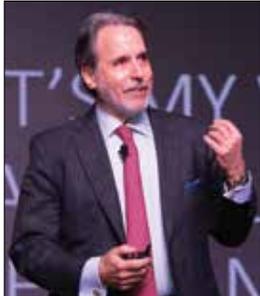
The ABI Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy presented its final report and celebrated with a reception (above and below). Their recommendations are available at ConsumerCommission.abi.org/commission-report.



The room was packed for the plan and confirmation issues panel, which featured Melissa M. Root (Jenner & Block), Michael R. Nestor (Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP), Bankruptcy Judge Michelle M. Harner (D. Md.) and Sheryl L. Toby (Dykema Gossett PLLC).



The popular “ABI Talks” session included presentations by Bankruptcy Judge Christopher S. Sontchi (D. Del.) (above left), Teresa C. Kohl (SSG Capital Advisors, LLC (above right) and Past ABI President Michael P. Richman (Steinhilber Swanson LLP) (below right).



Attendees made sure to fit in networking time during breaks between educational sessions.



New Generation Research presented its “BankruptcyData’s Industry Best” awards during a luncheon.



Ted Gavin (Gavin/Solmonese) led his final Executive Committee meeting as ABI President.



Prof. Robert M. Lawless (University of Illinois College of Law) (l) received the Annual Service Award from Retired Bankruptcy Judge/Past President Eugene R. Wedoff.



Attendees loved the “Membership Lounge” area as a place to grab a snack, take a call, enjoy all-day coffee or chat with friends.



ABI’s seasoned members visited with the industry’s new stars during a special reception for “40 Under 40” honorees.



Bankruptcy Judges Bruce A. Harwood (D. N.J.) (above center) and Laurel Myerson Isicoff (S.D. Fla.) (below center) were among those from the bench who participated in the “Judicial Round-and-Round” session, which provided attendees an opportunity to ask questions in an informal setting.



The “Business Bankruptcy Legal Update” panel was led by Derek C. Abbott (Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP), Randy B. Soref (Polsinelli), Lindsay Zahradka Milne (Bernstein Shur) and Alexa J. Kranzley (Sullivan & Cromwell LLP) (l-r).



Henry E. Hildebrand, III (Chapter 13 Trustee) talked about circuit splits and other hot consumer topics.



Almost Queen rocked the Marriott Marquis during the Final Night Dinner.

Members in the News



Patricia B. Tomasco



Boris J. Steffen



Andrew B. Dawson

Richards, Layton & Finger, PA announced that the firm has been selected as a “Delaware Regional Powerhouse by *Law360*. ABI members with the firm include **Mark Collins, Travis Cuomo, Daniel DeFranceschi, Brett Haywood, Paul Heath, Ann Jerominski, Cory Kandestin, John Knight, Robert Maddox, Jason Madron, Michael Merchant, Marcos Ramos, Brendan Schlauch, Zachary Shapiro, Russell Silberglied, Robert Stearn, Jr., Amanda Steele and Marisa Terranova.**

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP announced that **Patricia B. Tomasco** has joined the firm’s Houston office as a partner. She has more than 30 years of experience solving corporate insolvency problems. Ms. Tomasco also focuses on workouts, distressed acquisitions and corporate restructuring, and debtor and creditor representation in chapter 11 cases and related litigation. She also represents clients in the energy and telecommunications industries and high-tech debtors in both reorganizations and litigation. An ABI member since 1999, Ms. Tomasco serves as co-chair of ABI’s VALCON program.

Butler Snow LLP announced that several of the firm’s attorneys have been selected as *Mid-South Super Lawyers* for 2018. Those selected include **James E. Bailey, III**, an ABI member since 2009; **Christopher R. Maddux**, an ABI member since 2003; **Paul S. Murphy**, an ABI member since 2006; **William R. O’Bryan, Jr.**, an ABI member since 1991; and **Stephen W. Rosenblatt**, an ABI member since 1988. In addition, **Adam M.**

Langley, an ABI member since 2013, has been selected as a *Mid-South Rising Star*.

Boris J. Steffen has joined GlassRatner as a senior managing director in the firm’s Washington, D.C., and New York offices. He brings 30 years of experience in domestic and cross-border engagements requiring expertise in the application of accounting, finance, strategy, valuation and solvency principles, to matters involving antitrust and competition policy, bankruptcy and restructuring, commercial contracts, corporate development, fraud, intellectual property, international arbitration, mergers & acquisitions, rate-making and wrongful termination. Mr. Steffen has been an ABI member since 2005 and serves as a coordinating editor for the *ABI Journal*.

For the ninth consecutive year, Midwest-based Plunkett Cooney has been ranked as one of the “Best Law Firms” in the nation by *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* for 2019. ABI members with the firm include **Joseph M. Ammar, Douglas C. Bernstein, Michael A. Fleming, Patrick C. Lannen and David A. Lerner.**

Sequor Law welcomed **Andrew B. Dawson**, a professor at the University of Miami School of Law, as Of Counsel. Based in Miami, his practice and research includes cross-border insolvency and federal bankruptcy and labor laws, both in the corporate and municipal bankruptcy context. Prof. Dawson serves on the advisory board of ABI’s Caribbean Insolvency Symposium and was ABI’s Robert M. Zinman Resident Scholar for the spring 2017 semester. An ABI member since 2008, he is also a coordinating editor for the *ABI Journal*. **abi**

Paul Singerman Presented with M&A Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award



Paul Steven Singerman (at left and center) received the 2019 M&A Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the bankruptcy and restructuring industry. An ABI member since 1993, he is co-chair of Berger Singerman LLP in Miami and leads the firm’s Business Reorganization Team. Mr. Singerman has handled complex restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy cases, including loan workouts and cross-border matters. He was presented the award by Jack Butler of Birch Lake Holdings, Hon. Herbert M. Stettin of the Miami-Dade Circuit (ret.), and Roger Aguinaldo and David Fergusson of The M&A Advisor.

Photos provided by The M&A Advisor.

What's Happening at ABI

Veterans Task Force Website Now Live



Members of the Veterans Affairs Task Force met at the Annual Meeting.

ABI's Veterans Affairs Task Force has launched veteranstaskforce.abi.org. The Task Force has been a whirlwind of action since May 2018. Its focus includes the education of servicemembers on financial management, addressing financial problems endemic to veterans in the Native American population, and the unfair inclusion of veterans' disability benefits in the calculation of current income under the means test.

The Task Force's legislative committee identified pending legislation that would solve the means-test issue, and its members met with the legislative staffs of more than 30 U.S. Senators to educate them on the issue and the ramifications of such legislation.

Last March, the Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need (HAVEN) Act was introduced in the U.S. Senate (S. 679). The HAVEN Act proposes to eliminate veterans' disability benefits from the calculation of income under the means test. Introduced by Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and John Cornyn (R-Texas), the bill has 20 co-

sponsors, 10 Democrat and 10 Republican, most of whom members of the Task Force had briefed.

During ABI's Annual Spring Meeting in mid-April, members of the legislative "tiger team" blanketed Capitol Hill offices in Washington, D.C., seeking more bipartisan sponsors. Task Force volunteer Holly Petraeus was honored during the conference for her lifetime of leadership on veterans' issues.

Visit veterans.abi.org for news and updates.

Are You an ABI "40 Under 40" Star?

ABI's "40 Under 40" program recognizes younger insolvency professionals who are committed to the highest standards of achievement at work and in their communities. Take a look at the outstanding list of 2018 Honorees at abi40under40.org/honorees, who hail from all practice areas and all regions of the country.

The 2019 application period is currently underway at abi40under40.org. The program is open to bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring professionals from around the world who are 40 years old or younger as of Dec. 1, 2019. You need not be an ABI member to be considered, and there is no fee to apply. You can nominate yourself or a colleague, and those who were nominated previously are encouraged to reapply. Please visit the "40 Under 40" website for more details. Applications will be accepted until **June 30**.

The selection process is competitive; we expect more than 200 nominations. Nominees will be judged by a diverse steering committee of insolvency professionals. Some of the qualities and characteristics the committee will be looking for include the following:

- academic training;
- achievements in representations on behalf of clients;

"Eye on Bankruptcy" Featured a Live Audience for April Episode



The April 25 episode of "Eye on Bankruptcy" was filmed before a live audience during ABI's Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Prof. Charles J. Tabb (l) of the University of Illinois College of Law was joined by Prof. Harvey Rishikof (r), an expert on national security law, for a provocative discussion of how sensitive technology assets can be obtained by hostile powers via the bankruptcy sales process. Be sure to mark your calendars, as the May episode will air on May 30 and will feature Chief Bankruptcy Judge Richard E. Fehling (E.D. Pa.) and Jennifer M. McLemore (Williams Mullen). The June episode will air on June 27, and guests include Bankruptcy Judge Paul M. Black (W.D. Va.) and Zachary H. Smith (Moore & Van Allen PLLC). The July episode will air on July 25, and guests include Bankruptcy Judge (and ABI "40 Under 40" honoree) Sage M. Sigler (N.D. Ga.) and Mary J. Dowd (Arent Fox LLP), with ABI Editor-at-Large Bill Rochelle hosting. Prof. Tabb will be back in the host seat for the August episode, which will air on Aug. 29 and feature Bankruptcy Judge Alan S. Trust (E.D.N.Y.) and Melissa M. Root (Jenner & Block LLP). Episodes typically air at 1 p.m. ET on the last Thursday of each month. Visit eyeonbankruptcy.com for past episodes and for more information.

- authorship and publications;
- community service;
- dedication to the profession;
- inventiveness;
- leadership skills;
- “people” skills/mentoring ability;
- personal integrity;
- professional service (with professional societies, organizations, educational events, etc.);
- public speaking/presentation skills;
- sustained career progress;
- technical skills; and
- work/life balance.



Dr. Jen Welter

The awards ceremony and recognition event will be held at the ABI Winter Leadership Conference at the Terranea Resort in Southern California on Dec. 6. This year’s keynote speaker is Dr. Jen Welter, a trailblazing and inspiring voice on authentic leadership. She made history as the first female coach in NFL history with the Arizona Cardinals, and before that as the first woman to play professional football. Dr. Welter also earned a Ph.D in psychology. We expect her to enlighten the 2019 class of honorees and all ABI members on how to use hard work, perseverance and teamwork to reach the end zone.

Learn more at abi40under40.org.

Working Group on Diversity Created

ABI’s Board of Directors has approved the creation of a working group on diversity. ABI recognizes that in a global economy, as association members and potential members become increasingly diverse, we must reflect this diversity in order to represent our stakeholders and the public served. Diversity can be defined in many ways, including (but not limited to) individual characteristics such as age, color, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, national origin, religion/

spirituality, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and other facets of social diversity. Inclusion reflects the degree to which all members, staff and stakeholders are included as integral and welcomed participants in the organization.

The working group will seek to foster diversity in member, volunteer and staff recruitment, development, opportunities for advancement, and decision-making. Some of the benchmarks could include the following:

- Facilitate the development of an organizational diversity and inclusion vision, as well as the establishment of measurable objectives to achieve and communicate the vision as core to the organization’s viability and success;
- Actively promote the value of diversity and inclusion in the association’s workforce and ensure consistent, inclusionary hiring, training and promotion practices;
- Maximize opportunities for each individual member to contribute to the organization’s goals by actively ensuring a fully diverse body of volunteer participants in appointments to committees, regional conference boards, task forces, editorial boards, special projects, decision-making activities and leadership roles; and
- Ensure that diversity and inclusion initiatives are integrated through the organization’s strategic plan, and with results evaluated and communicated.

Members of the working group include **Omar J. Alaniz** (Baker Botts LLP; Dallas), **Michael L. Bernstein** (Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP; Washington, D.C.), Bankruptcy Judge **Hannah L. Blumenstiel** (N.D. Calif.; San Francisco), **Sonia Colón** (Ferraiuoli LLC; Orlando, Fla.), Immediate Past ABI President **Ted Gavin** (Gavin/Solmonese LLC; Wilmington, Del.), ABI President-Elect Bankruptcy Judge **Barbara J. Houser** (N.D. Tex.; Dallas), **Allen G. Kadish** (Archer & Greiner; New York), **Shanti Katona** (Polsinelli; Wilmington, Del.), **Zhao (Rudy) Liu** (The Rosner Law Group LLC; Wilmington, Del.), **Kerriann S. Mills** (Sidley Austin LLP; Chicago), **Luis Salazar** (Salazar Law; Coral Gables, Fla.) and Bankruptcy Judge **Deborah L. Thorne** (N.D. Ill.; Chicago).

Publication Awards Presented at Annual Spring Meeting



Kara Hammond Coyle (Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP; Wilmington, Del.) (c) was presented with a publication award from ABI Director of Communications **James Carman** (l) and ABI Vice President-Publications **Lisa S. Gretchko** (Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC; Royal Oak, Mich.) (r) for her contributions to Best of ABI 2018: The Year in Business Bankruptcy.

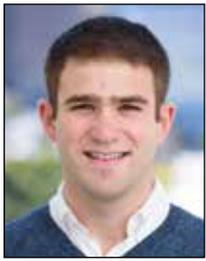


Sarah Edwards (McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC; New Orleans) (c) was presented with a publication award from ABI Director of Communications **James Carman** (l) and ABI Vice President-Publications **Lisa S. Gretchko** (Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC; Royal Oak, Mich.) (r) for her contributions to Individual Chapter 11.



Bruce S. Nathan (Lowenstein Sandler LLP; New York) (c) was presented with a publication award from ABI Director of Communications **James Carman** (l) and ABI Vice President-Publications **Lisa S. Gretchko** (Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC; Royal Oak, Mich.) (r) for his contributions to Trade Creditor’s Risk-Mitigation Tools and Remedies Manual.

Writing Competition Winners Announced



Nir Maoz

The top prize, including a cash award of \$2,000, in ABI's 2019 Bankruptcy Law Student Writing Competition goes to **Nir Maoz** from UC-Berkeley for his article, "Extending the Automatic Stay: Nothing Unusual About Nondebtors." The article will be published in the June 2019 issue of the *ABI Journal*. Nir is a third-year law student and is working as a law clerk at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff

& Stern LLP. ABI thanks Blank Rome LLP for sponsoring the top prize. Second place went to **Jonathan Glover** of Stetson, for the article, "Bankruptcy Code's Disservice to Those Who Served." The prize includes \$1,250 and is sponsored by Wolcott Rivers Gates. Third prize of \$750 went to **Nathan Yeary** of the University of Illinois School of Law for an article entitled, "Not Your Grandfather's Brunner: Courts Should Modify Their Application of Undue Hardship to Aging Debtors." ABI thanks Jenner & Block LLP for the cash award.

Thanks also go to all who submitted papers by the March 18 deadline in the competition and those who served as judges.

Webinars Focus on Health Care, Asset Sales

Don't miss out on ABI's best kept secret: ABILive webinars are free to members and offer interesting and informative sessions on almost every topic imaginable. In May, ABILive features webinars hosted by ABI's Health Care and Asset Sales Committees.

On May 1, the Health Care Committee presented a webinar entitled "Stayin' Alive ... Debt Restructuring for Critical Access Hospitals." **Carol L. Fox** (GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group, LLC; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), **Elizabeth A. Green** (BakerHostetler; Orlando, Fla.), **Andrew C. Helman** (Murray, Plumb & Murray Portland, Maine) and **Frank P. Terzo** (Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) will

provide an overview of the unique debt-restructuring issues faced by small rural hospital designated as "critical access hospitals."

Next, make plans to join ABI's Asset Sales Committee on May 21 for a discussion on "Getting the Best Deal for Your Clients: Section 363 Sales vs. Out of Court Sales." This free ABILive webinar will air from 12:00-1:15 p.m. ET and will feature **Dawn M. Cica** (Mushkin-Cica-Coppedge; Las Vegas), **Bruce Goldstein** (Amherst Partners LLC; Northbrook, Ill.) and **Matthew J. LoCascio** (Equity Partners HG; Easton, Md.) as they discuss the benefits and disadvantages of conducting a sale of assets pursuant to § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code compared to an out of court sale.

To register for this webinar visit abi.org/events. If you missed this webinar, don't worry! Scess the free recordings at cle.abi.org.

CARE Corner

CARE Announces New Executive Director



Tammy Hettinger

During ABI's Annual Spring Meeting, Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE)'s Board of Directors announced its next Executive Director, **Tammy Hettinger**. She is an experienced fundraiser and nonprofit executive, and she began working with CARE on April 29. Her previous position was director of Global Member Development and Engagement with Humentum (formerly InsideNGO). Tammy can be reached at thettinger@care4yourfuture.org.

CARE Celebrates National Financial Literacy Month

On Friday, April 12, CARE held its Second Annual Financial Literacy Celebration to recognize the work of CARE volunteers and April's designation as National Financial Literacy Month. More than 60 people attended the reception, which was held in conjunction with

Committee Awards Presented at Annual Spring Meeting



Members of ABI's Mediation Committee were presented with the "Committee of the Year" award from Vice President-Membership Hon. Kevin J. Carey (D. Del.) (holding plaque).



Nancy A. Peterman (Greenberg Traurig, LLP) (l) and Suzanne Koenig (SAK Management Services, LLC) (r) were presented with "Committee Person of the Year" awards by Vice President-Membership Hon. Kevin J. Carey (D. Del.) for their work on ABI's Health Care Committee.

ABI's Annual Spring Meeting at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.

CARE Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Bankruptcy Judge John Waites



Bankruptcy Judge John E. Waites (r) received CARE's Lifetime Achievement Award from CARE Chair Lynn L. Tavenner (Tavenner Beran PLC; Richmond, Va.).

During CARE's Financial Literacy Celebration reception, CARE volunteer Hon. **John E. Waites** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. S.C.); Columbia) received the CARE Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to volunteers who demonstrate a lifetime of dedication to financial education with CARE. Judge Waites has been a volunteer since 2007 and has led efforts in his home state of South Carolina.

His fellow volunteers have called him "the core of CARE South Carolina" and describe his leadership as helping "thousands of South Carolina students to learn about the issues they will face regarding debt and other financial matters." Judge Waites has been an ABI member since 2008.

Sign Up or Make a Donation on CARE's Website

If you weren't able to stop by the CARE booth at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting but want to make a donation or volunteer, please check out the CARE website to do both. Visit care4yourfuture.org for more information.

ABI Endowment Fund Update Endowment Reception Held at Annual Spring Meeting

An Endowment bourbon-tasting reception was held during ABI's Annual Spring Meeting in mid-April in



Endowment supporters at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting were invited to a special late-night bourbon-tasting reception.

Washington, D.C. The invitation-only event was sponsored by Omni Management Group, Inc., Perkins Coie LLP, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP and Stretto, and included new donors at the Sustaining Member level and up.

Silent Auction Winners at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting

ABI thanks the following members for participating in the silent auction during the Annual Spring Meeting in April. The winners included **Bernadette M. Barron** (Barron Business Consulting; Chicago), **J. Ford Elsaesser** (Elsaesser Anderson Chtd.; Sandpoint, Idaho), **Steven S. Flores** (Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.; Providence, R.I.), **Douglas M. Foley** (McGuireWoods LLP; Washington, D.C.), **Peter Hartheimer** (Sherwood Partners, Inc.; New York), Hon. **Mary Jo Heston** (U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Wash.); Tacoma), **Robert J. Keach** (Bernstein Shur; Portland, Maine), **Suzanne Koenig** (SAK Management Services, LLC; Riverwoods, Ill.), **Donald R. Lassman** (Law Office of Donald R. Lassman; Needham, Mass.), **Claire Ann Resop** (Steinhilber Swanson LLP; Madison, Wis.), **Amanda Dalton Stafford** (NextGear Capital, Inc.; Indianapolis), **John W. Weiss** (Alston & Bird LLP; New York) and **Oliver Zurbel** (BMC Group/SmartRoom; Hawthorne, Calif.).

Looking for an easy and unique way to give to the ABI Endowment? Donating silent auction items is a great way to support the Endowment Fund! Don't know what to donate? Possible items have been selected and are avail-

ABI at Distressed Investing Summit



ABI Executive Director Sam Gerdano (r) participated in a panel on the causes and consequences of chapter 22 at The M&A Advisors' Distressed Investing Summit in Palm Beach, Fla., with (from left), Lorie Beers (Cowan and Co.), Paul Leake (Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP), Mark Hootnick (PJ Solomon) and Carrienne Basler (AlixPartners LLP). Ms. Beers, a past member of ABI's Board of Directors, received a special Leadership Award during the 13th Annual Turnaround Awards portion of the summit.

Photo provided by The M&A Advisor.



The Endowment hosts silent auctions at various ABI conferences. Proceeds raised at these auctions go toward insolvency efforts funded by ABI.

able for purchase at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) under a special “ABI Wish List.” Pick out items now for silent auctions that will be held at upcoming conferences, and be sure to place your own bids at those conferences.

For more information on the ABI Endowment, visit abi.org/endowment/ways-to-give or contact ABI Chief Financial Officer **Kathy Sheehan** at ksheehan@abi.org.

New Endowment Donors Recognized

Sustaining Member: **Bernstein-Burkley, P.C.**

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Leadership Club: Hon. **Robert D. Drain**

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Leadership Club	\$1,000-\$1,999
Donor	\$100-\$999

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Meet ABI's New Officers and Directors



Hon. Barbara J. Houser
ABI President-Elect

Alane A. Becket of Becket & Lee, LLP (Malvern, Pa.) has been selected by the ABI Board of Directors to be President for a one-year term, which began at ABI's 2019 Annual Spring Meeting. An ABI member since 1997, she is a member of ABI's Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy. She also co-chaired ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, served as an advisor to the Consumer Education Center on ABI's website, ABIWorld, and has been a contributing editor to the *ABI Journal*.

Ms. Becket (see her column on p. 42) has represented national creditors and debt-purchasers in commercial and bankruptcy matters and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act defense, including matters in appellate courts. She also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Creditors Bar Association.



Douglas L. Lutz
ABI Vice President-
Education

Chief Bankruptcy Judge **Barbara J. Houser** (N.D. Tex.; Dallas) has been selected by the ABI Board of Directors to be President-Elect. She will become president for a one-year term, starting at ABI's 2020 Annual Spring Meeting. An ABI member since 2003, Judge Houser has served as Vice-President-Research Grants and co-chair for ABI's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and she is a frequent speaker at ABI events and a contributor to the *ABI Journal*.

Sworn in as a bankruptcy judge in 2000, Judge Houser previously was an attorney and shareholder at Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay PC in Dallas. While at Sheinfeld, she led the firm's representation of clients in a variety of chapter 11 cases, including as her last major case the firm's representation of Dow Corning Corp. — one of the largest chapter 11 cases ever filed.

Judge Houser is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy (ACB) and serves as its vice president. She has been elected to the National Bankruptcy Conference (NBC) and also serves as a member of its Executive Committee. Judge Houser is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. An author and lecturer, she is a visiting professor of law at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University, where she teaches creditors' rights. Judge Houser is a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* (15th Ed.) and the *Collier Bankruptcy Manual* (3rd Ed.), and the *National Law Journal* has named her one of the 50 most influential women lawyers in America.

Douglas L. Lutz of Frost Brown Todd (Cincinnati) has been elected to serve as Vice President-Education. An ABI member since 1996, he has served as an at-large member of ABI's Executive Committee, chaired ABI's

Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and is a frequent speaker at ABI events.

Mr. Lutz is practice group chair of his firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group. His practice is focused on financial and restructuring mainly in bankruptcy and out-of-court workouts. Mr. Lutz represents corporate debtors, secured creditors, creditors' committees, landlords, unsecured creditors and trustees. He also represents purchasers of businesses and business assets from financially distressed companies.

Bankruptcy Judge **Michelle M. Harner** (D. Md.; Baltimore) has been named to a two-year term as Vice President-Research Grants. An ABI member since 2003, she has served on ABI's Board of Directors since 2015, received ABI's Annual Service Award, served as the Robert M. Zinman ABI Resident Scholar for the fall 2015 semester, and was the reporter for the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11.

Appointed as the bench in 2017, Judge Harner previously served as a professor of law and the director of the Business Law Program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where she taught courses in bankruptcy and creditors' rights, business associations, business planning, corporate finance and legal profession. She has served as the associate reporter to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and as a member of the Dodd-Frank Study Working Group for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. She is also an elected conferee of the NBC, an elected Fellow of the ACB, and an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Bankruptcy Judge **Bruce A. Harwood** (D. N.H.; Manchester) has been named to a two-year term as the Secretary for ABI's Executive Committee. An ABI member since 1989, he is a member of ABI's Board of Directors and past program co-chair of ABI's Northeast Bankruptcy Conference, and he has served on ABI's Board of Directors' Communication, Information and Technology Committee and as Northeast Regional Chair of the ABI Endowment Fund's Development Committee.

Judge Harwood was appointed to the bench in March 2013. He previously chaired the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Group at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Manchester, N.H., where he represented business debtors, asset-purchasers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and trustees in bankruptcy and served on the panel of chapter 7 trustees in New Hampshire. Judge Harwood also mediated disputes arising in debtor/creditor relations and represents insurance and banking regulators in connection with the rehabilitation



Hon. Michelle M. Harner
ABI Vice President-
Research Grants



Hon. Bruce A. Harwood
ABI Secretary



Soneet R. Kapila
At-Large Member

and liquidation of insolvent insurers and trust companies. He is also a Fellow of the ACB.

Soneet R. Kapila of KapilaMukamal, LLP (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) has been elected to serve as an at-large member of ABI's Executive Committee. An ABI member since 1994, he is the co-chair of ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, a contributing author of ABI's *Fraud and Forensics: Piercing Through the Deception in a Commercial Fraud Case*, a speaker at ABI events and an active member in the ABI Anthony H.N. Schnellling Endowment Fund. He will serve a term of two years.

Mr. Kapila is a founding partner of his firm (formerly Kapila & Co.). For more than 20 years, he has concentrated his efforts in insolvency, fiduciary and creditors' rights matters. He represents other bankruptcy trustees, debtors and both secured and unsecured creditors. Mr. Kapila is a Fellow in the ACB.

Eve H. Karasik of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill LLP (Los Angeles) has been elected to serve as an at-large member of ABI's Executive Committee. An ABI member since 1997, she has co-chaired ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West conference and is a frequent speaker at ABI events. She will serve a term of two years.

Ms. Karasik is a partner who represents business entities in several industries in connection with restructuring initiatives. In addition, she has represented creditors' committees, equity committees and significant creditors in cases pending around the nation. Ms. Karasik has been recognized as a *Southern California Super Lawyer* and in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Bankruptcy Judge **Janet S. Baer** (N.D. Ill.; Chicago) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2010, she is the judicial chair of ABI's Seventh Circuit Eugene Wedoff Consumer Bankruptcy Conference and a member of ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation, Business Reorganization, Commercial Fraud, and Young and New Members Committees. She will serve a term of three years.

Judge Baer was appointed to the bench in 2012. She was previously a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years and was involved in some of the most significant chapter 11 cases. She represented large publicly held debtors in restructuring and chapter 11 matters, as well as companies in commercial litigation matters. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner with Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Winston & Strawn and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss.

Patrick A. Clisham of Engelman Berger, PC (Phoenix) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2006, he is the education director of ABI's Ethics and

Professional Compensation Committee and a member of 11 other ABI committees, coordinating editor of the Benchnotes column in the *ABI Journal* and a frequent speaker at ABI events, and he serves on the board of ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Clisham has represented clients in complex corporate transactions, including loan documentation and restructurings, asset acquisitions and sales, lease negotiations and enforcement, and business transactions. His experience primarily derives from his more than 13 years of representing secured and unsecured creditors, corporate debtors, trustees and examiners in corporate bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court workouts.

Eric J. Fromme of Theodora Oringer PC (Costa Mesa, Calif.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2007, he has co-chaired ABI's Complex Financial Restructuring Program, is a member of eight ABI membership committees, has written for the *ABI Journal* and is a frequent speaker at ABI events. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Fromme, a senior attorney with his firm, is a litigator and counselor who advises clients facing high-stakes challenges. His practice areas include business and commercial litigation, health care, construction, appellate, workouts and restructurings, corporate governance, technology and intellectual property litigation, labor and employment, real estate litigation, antitrust, trade secrets and unfair competition. Mr. Fromme also assists private-equity funds, hedge funds and other strategic buyers in developing opportunities in the distressed-debt arena.

Paul R. Hage of Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss (Southfield, Mich.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2006, he is the education director of ABI's Emerging Industries and Technology Committee in addition to belonging to six other ABI membership committees, is a co-director of ABI's Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, is a coordinating editor of the Benchnotes column in the *ABI Journal*, is an inaugural honoree of ABI's "40 Under 40" program and is a frequent speaker at ABI events. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Hage is a partner and chairs his firm's Insolvency and Reorganization Practice Group. He represents asset-purchasers, unsecured creditors' committees, debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings nationwide. Mr. Hage is board certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification and is an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School.



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Jennifer B. Kimble
ABI Director

Jennifer B. Kimble of Lowenstein Sandler (New York) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2006, she is the education director of ABI's Business Reorganization Committee and is a member of the Bankruptcy Litigation Committee, an inaugural honoree of ABI's "40 Under 40" program, an advisory board member for ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and Professional Development Program, and a frequent speaker at ABI events. She will serve a term of three years.

Ms. Kimble is a corporate restructuring attorney with more than a decade of experience representing chapter 11 debtors, creditors' and retiree committees, chapter 7 trustees, and other creditors. She also has experience in chapter 11 cases, including first-day motions, noticing issues, negotiating DIP financing, § 363 sales, contract assumption, and plan confirmation and implementation. She is skilled in claims-resolution processes and well versed in post-confirmation trusts and the litigation of chapter 5 claims. Ms. Kimble serves as treasurer on the executive board of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC).



John W. Lucas
ABI Director

John W. Lucas of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones (San Francisco) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2011, he is a member of ABI's Ethics and Professional Compensation and Young and New Member Committees, is a frequent speaker at ABI events and chaired ABI's Southwest Bankruptcy Conference and Bankruptcy Battleground West. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Lucas represents debtors, creditors' committees, creditors, trustees in chapter 11 cases and companies in out-of-court restructurings with an emphasis on transportation, financial products, food services, retail, automotive and technology.



Eric D. Madden
ABI Director

Eric D. Madden of Reid Collins & Tsai (Dallas) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2000, he has served as a co-chair of ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation and Commercial Fraud Committees, is a frequent speaker at ABI events, has contributed to ABI's Volo Circuit Court website and been a guest on "Eye on Bankruptcy." He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Madden is a partner with his firm, where his practice is focused on complex business and insolvency-related litigation. He has represented trustees, receivers, creditor and bondholder committees, and defrauded investors, which are often involved in Ponzi schemes, financial fraud and/or significant fraudulent transfers.

Mr. Madden was named to the *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, ranked as a leading lawyer in *Chambers USA*, listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, recognized



Jennifer M. McLemore
ABI Director

as a "Future Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, named a *Super Lawyer* and earned an AV-Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Jennifer M. McLemore of Williams Mullen (Richmond, Va.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2004, she is a co-chair of ABI's Unsecured Trade Creditors Committee and a member of ABI's Young and New Members Committee. She is also a member of ABI's "40 Under 40" Steering Committee, a member of the advisory board for ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and a frequent speaker at ABI events. She will serve a term of three years.

Ms. McLemore is a partner who represents creditors and debtors in chapter 7 and 11 proceedings and, on a limited basis, creditors in chapter 13 cases. She was previously a partner in Christian & Barton's Bankruptcy Group.

Jennifer M. Meyerowitz of Summit Investment Management LLC (Atlanta) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2005, she chairs ABI's "40 Under 40" Steering Committee and is a member of the advisory boards for ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop and Caribbean Insolvency Symposium. She also participates on six ABI membership committees and is a frequent speaker at ABI events. She will serve a term of three years.

Ms. Meyerowitz is the managing director of Business Development at her firm, where her responsibilities include business development, deal-sourcing, marketing and underwriting. Her experience in bankruptcy, restructuring and advisory services spans almost 20 years, and she has served as an attorney, consultant and company leader in the industry. Prior to joining Summit, Ms. Meyerowitz led the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group at Garden City Group, managing both the sales and operations teams. She began her career as an attorney at Alston & Bird LLP.

Ms. Meyerowitz is also active in several industry organizations, including the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA). She currently serves on the boards of AIRA and TMA, and she is a former chair of IWIRC, as well as a former chair and co-founder of its Georgia network.

Stephen A. Spitzer of AlixPartners, LLP (New York) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2017, he is a co-director of ABI's Complex Financial Restructuring Program and is on the advisory board of ABI's Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Spitzer is a managing director with more than 18 years of management and consulting experience. His operational experience



Jennifer M. Meyerowitz
ABI Director

includes acting as the senior financial executive for a division of a multi-billion-dollar direct-marketing and media company, interim treasurer for a publicly traded manufacturing company and CFO for a private-equity-backed magazine publishing company. Mr. Spitzer has established financial control policies and procedures, developing long-range business plans, designing management-reporting tools, and creating liquidity forecasts. As a consultant, he has also provided restructuring leadership and investment banking services for companies in the media, direct-marketing, entertainment, manufacturing and telecommunications industries.

James E. Van Horn of Barnes & Thornburg (Washington, D.C.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2006, he has co-chaired ABI's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and is on the advisory board for ABI's Delaware Views from the Bench Program. He is a member of ABI's Business Reorganization and Commercial and Regulatory Law Committees, serves on the regional fundraising committee for the ABI Endowment and is a frequent speaker at ABI's conferences. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Van Horn is a partner at his firm, where his practice includes restructuring and insolvency law. He has experience working with senior management, investors, creditors and other stakeholders in matters ranging from out-of-court workouts and prepackaged and prearranged chapter 11 reorganizations to cramdown reorganization plans and sales of substantially all assets. Mr. Van Horn has represented corporate debtors, secured creditors, asset-purchasers, official committees of unsecured creditors, liquidating trustees, receivers, investors and other stakeholders.

Eric E. Walker of Perkins Coie (Chicago) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2008, he is on the advisory board for ABI's Central States Bankruptcy Workshop and serves as the education director for ABI's Health Care Committee while also serving on ABI's Business Reorganization and Secured Credit Committees. An associate editor for the *ABI Journal*, he is also an inaugural honoree of ABI's "40 Under 40" program and a frequent speaker at ABI conferences. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Walker focuses his practice on commercial litigation, financial restructuring and bankruptcy, including representing debtors, creditors, asset-purchasers, examiners and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings. He has experience in the hotel and hospitality industry, representing hotel owners, developers, operators, lenders and major hotel brands in transactions, state and federal litigation, and bankruptcy. He also has experience in the health care industry, repre-

senting stalking-horse bidders, asset-purchasers, landlords, unsecured creditors and other constituents in out-of-court restructuring negotiations, bankruptcy and litigation.

Mr. Walker was selected as a member of the 2013 Next Generation Class of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He also served as a faculty member and author for PLI's 17th Annual Commercial Real Estate Institute, and he frequently writes and speaks on issues of bankruptcy, hospitality and health care law.

Donald A. Workman of BakerHostetler (Washington, D.C.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 1996, he chairs ABI's Views from the Bench conference and serves on seven ABI membership committees. He contributes to the *ABI Journal* and is a frequent speaker at ABI conferences. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Workman is the head of his firm's Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, where his practice includes business bankruptcy, creditors' rights, debtor reorganizations, general insolvency, stockbroker liquidations and commercial litigation. He has represented every constituency involved in major reorganizations and workouts, including creditor committees, secured creditors, debtors, trustees, debtor-in-possession lenders, receivers, assignees for the benefit of creditors, creditors in regulated industries, and asset-purchasers. Mr. Workman was selected as a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation and is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Clifford A. Zucker of FTI Consulting (New York) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2000, he is on the advisory board of ABI's Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, was a co-chair for ABI's Health Care Committee and an editor of the *ABI Health Care Insolvency Manual, Third Edition*, and is a frequent speaker at ABI conferences. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Zucker is a senior managing director in his firm's Turnaround and Restructuring Services Practice. He has more than 30 years of experience representing companies, receivers, examiners, court-appointed trustees and unsecured and secured creditors. In particular, he has developed extensive expertise in the health care industry, working to restructure and transform hospitals, nursing homes, senior living facilities and physician practices. Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Zucker was a partner in the Restructuring and Insolvency Advisory and Dispute Resolution Services Practice of CohnReznick. Before that, he was an auditor with an accounting firm that was part of the former Big Eight. **abi**



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