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Byrnie Bass graduated from Baylor University in 1969 with a B.A. Degree and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas in 1972. Since that time, he has been engaged in the private practice of law in Lubbock.

Mr. Bass is a past President of the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Lubbock County Bar Association and is a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow. Mr. Bass is a frequent speaker at Texas State Bar institutes and seminars around the Country. He was five times Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Farm Ranch and Agri-Business Bankruptcy Institute (West Texas Bankruptcy Institute) sponsored by the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He also has served on the Planning Committees for the State Bar's Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Course, Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course and also for the University of Texas Law School's Annual Bankruptcy Conference having also chaired that Committee in 1991. In 2003, Mr. Bass was selected to and inducted into the membership of the American College of Bankruptcy (Fellows, 15th Class). For several years he served on the State Bar's Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission and Bankruptcy Law Exam Commission. Two years ago he served as Chair of the State Bar's Bankruptcy Section. For the past nine years he has been in Texas Monthly's list of "Super Lawyers" (makes one suspect the list).

An avid golfer, Mr. Bass served as a Marshall at the 1999 and 2000 Masters in Augusta, Georgia. He is a past-president of Lubbock Country Club. He also likes smoky bars and music, particularly the blues, rock and funk. Active in civic affairs, he has served as Chairman of the Lubbock Arts Festival and as Chairman of the Board of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce in 1991-92. He currently serves on the Covenant Hospital Board of Directors, the Lubbock United Way's Board of Directors, chaired the Professional Division of the Lubbock United Way's 2011 fundraising campaign, and will chair the United Way fundraising campaign in 2014.

He and his wife, Sharon, (Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Lubbock) to whom he has been married for 43 years, have two sons. Roy Byrn Bass, III (Rob), age 36, is a guitar player and writer, college tutor, private music instructor, and an honor graduate of Texas Tech University. He received his Masters in creative writing through Goddard College in Vermont and currently lives in Austin with his wife Catherine and daughter, Miller, who's 4 years old, already past gorgeous, and who gets anything she wants from "Pa". Their other son, Brett, is 33 and is a professional musician who headquarters in New York City. He has toured the world and made numerous network television appearances as the bass player for pop rock international superstar Enrique Iglesias, singer/songwriter Regina Spektor, European rock star Anastasia, Chris Barron, former lead singer for the popular 90's rock group, the Spin Doctors, and of late, The Dan Band, a comedy wedding band with several movie appearances to its credit, and also Dana Fuchs, renowned blues singer. Brett can flat play that bass.

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Rhett Campbell represents clients in corporate reorganization and business and commercial litigation, with a special emphasis on creditors' rights and bankruptcy matters. He is experienced in all aspects of business bankruptcy and particularly in energy bankruptcies, in which he represents public and private companies; creditors' committees; bondholders; future, forward, and derivative contract counterparties; service companies; working interest owners and operators; and exploration and production companies. Rhett has substantial experience in Sec. 363 sales through bankruptcy court. He also serves as an expert witness in oil and gas bankruptcy matters, including derivative contract litigation. Rhett's complex business litigation expertise includes all types of energy litigation, values of oil and gas properties, derivatives litigation, business ownership disputes and fraud, negligence, and multiparty cases.

Rhett's "knowledge of the structure of oil and gas firms - and how that ties in to U.S. bankruptcy law - is better than any other attorney in America," according to *Chambers USA*. The directory also says "he does a phenomenal job on behalf of his clients; he communicates well and commands a lot of respect and attention in the courtroom."

He is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Prior Experience

- United States Air Force, Judge Advocate General Corps, Captain, 1973-1977

Distinctions/Honors

- Houston (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy) "Lawyer of the Year," *The Best Lawyers in America*® by Woodward/White Inc.; 2012-2013
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® by Woodward/White Inc. (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Derivatives and Futures Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy, Oil & Gas Law); 2003-2014
- *Chambers USA* by Chambers & Partners (Bankruptcy/Restructuring); 2004-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*® by Thomson Reuters (Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, Business Litigation, Energy & Natural Resources); 2003-2013
- Top 100 Overall, *Texas Super Lawyers*® by Thomson Reuters; 2008-2011, 2013
- Top 100 Houston Region, *Texas Super Lawyers*® by Thomson Reuters; 2008-2013
- Houston's "Top Lawyers," *H Texas* magazine; 2005-present

- *Who's Who Legal: Texas by Law Business Research Limited (Insolvency & Restructuring)*; 2007-present
- Top Lawyers for the People, *H Texas Magazine*; 2006-2008
- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- "ICFM Leading Lawyers 500," *InterContinental Finance* magazine; 2013

Activities (Memberships/Affiliations)

- Member, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Bankruptcy Law Exam Commission
- Member, Advisory Committee on Complex Chapter 11 Matters for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, 1999-2009
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Complex Chapter 11 Rules for the State of Texas, 2003-2004
- Member, College of the State Bar of Texas
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Houston Turnaround Management Association

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Loretta R. Cross is a Managing Director in the Dispute Advisory and Forensic Services Group and the leader of the firm's Energy Practice. She has more than 30 years of experience in strategic, operational, financial and litigation consulting. She is a recognized expert in the energy field providing services to companies from the well head to the light switch. She has been a key business advisor to parties in some of the nation's largest bankruptcies and restructurings and has provided expert testimony on a variety of issues ranging from accounting practices to valuation issues.

Ms. Cross has expertise with exploration and production, oilfield service, power generation, and pipeline companies. Her previous clients range from small privately held companies to large international enterprises. Her specialties include debt restructuring, business valuation, financial forecasting, forensic analysis, regulatory compliance, litigation support, commercial litigation, damage calculation, litigation consulting, and bankruptcy, among others. She has served as a Chapter 11 Trustee and Chapter 7 Trustee.

Prior to joining SRR, Ms. Cross was a Managing Partner at Grant Thornton where she led both the Energy Advisory Practice and the Corporate Advisory and Restructuring Services Practice. Under her leadership, the firm provided restructuring or dispute services to clients such as Idearc, Flying J, Lloyds Bank, and Wells Fargo.

Ms. Cross serves on the board of the Turnaround Management Association, Lupus Foundation of America, and the Executive Women's Partnership. Throughout the industry, Ms. Cross has given presentations and written numerous publications related to energy, restructuring, and professional services.

Education

B.B.A., Accounting, **University of Texas at Austin**

Designations

- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor
- Certification in Distressed Business Valuation

Authored Articles

- Lessons from the Tronox Bankruptcy

Judge Tony Davis, Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Court

BIOGRAPHY:

A scholar on bankruptcy law; a fair, humble, and modest person who will take seriously the responsibility of deciding the fate of individuals and businesses under the law; and someone who will serve rather than expect to be served: these are a few of the qualities used by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Ronald B. King to describe the newly appointed bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Texas, the Honorable Tony M. Davis. On April 1, 2013, Judge Tony M. Davis took the bench in Austin as the newest bankruptcy judge in Texas, filling the vacancy left by Judge Craig A. Gargotta's relocation to San Antonio.

Judge Davis grew up in Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota at Morris, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and mathematics and played on the varsity tennis team. After graduation, Judge Davis was eager to see a different part of the country while attending a top-ten law school, which led him to Charlottesville and the University of Virginia School of Law. While in law school, Judge Davis played in the North Grounds Softball League as he prepared himself to practice labor law or engage in general trial litigation.

After law school, Judge Davis joined Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was attracted to bankruptcy practice by the Chapter 11 work created by the failure of Penn Square Bank. Eventually, he transferred to Baker Botts and moved first to their Dallas office and later to their Houston office, where he served as a partner until his appointment to the bench. While in private practice Judge Davis received several honors for his exceptional work as an attorney, including being selected as a leader in the field of bankruptcy and restructuring by *Chambers USA*. In addition, Judge Davis has been a featured speaker at numerous CLE events and has published several articles, demonstrating his dedication to the law and his desire to give back to the bankruptcy community. Notwithstanding the long list of awards, recognitions, and honors, Judge Davis is most proud of the fact that he was one of the founding members of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas.

As a young lawyer, Judge Davis sought to take on as much responsibility as he could. Chief Judge King remembers when Judge Davis was a young attorney and Baker Botts filed *In re Insilco Corporation*, the lead case of fourteen Chapter 11 cases filed in Midland, Texas. Judge Davis began the case in third chair, but as the case progressed, he became increasingly involved in directing many aspects of the case, including the environmental claims litigation. The best advice Judge Davis can give to young attorneys is to seek and take on responsibility; when you demand responsibility, you get responsibility and that is how you learn and develop as an attorney. Moreover, as a practitioner in the Courtroom, Judge Davis sought to be as prepared as possible and always observed proper courtroom demeanor. He appreciated prompt rulings because of how critical they can be to both business and consumer debtors.

Between the transitions from the bar to the bench and the move from Houston to Austin, Judge Davis tries to find time to enjoy some of his hobbies, which include golfing and running. Judge Davis is an avid reader who enjoys historical biographies. Although he will miss his friends, and the large number of restaurants, golf courses, and used bookstores in Houston, Judge Davis looks forward to sampling what Austin has to offer.

While at Baker Botts, Judge Davis spent five years working on the *ASARCO* case, which the DOJ has described as the most complex environmental bankruptcy case ever filed. According to Judge Davis, this case taught him a lot about leadership, because the size and complexity of the \$6.5 billion of environmental claims at issue forced him to relinquish the control of day-to-day decisions that he would normally exercise, and instead delegate and trust the judgment and abilities of the fifteen attorneys assigned to work with him on the case. After working on the *ASARCO*, Judge Davis was ready to transition into a position where he could use his training and experience to serve in a role that makes a difference in the lives of ordinary people.

When looking for a new judge, Judge King said, “We want someone with a claim and temperate demeanor, excellent judgment in all areas, and the ability to be a team player with other judges, clerk’s staff, and the bar. We have gotten all of that out of the Fifth Circuit selection of Judge Tony Davis. His reputation as an attorney is excellent and his fairness, temperament, competence, and professionalism are unquestioned. He will make a perfect addition to the Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Court.”

(Source: State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Newsletter—Caroline Squires, Staff Attorney for Deborah Langehennig, Austin Chapter 13 Trustee; and Brian Cumings, Associate, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, PC)

DOUGLAS D. DODD is the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana. He graduated from Stanford Law School in 1982, after receiving his undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* with interdisciplinary honors in 1977 from Tulane University, where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Judge Dodd practiced law in New Orleans for nearly 20 years before his appointment to the bench in May 2002. He has taught advanced bankruptcy law at Tulane Law School and currently serves as an adjunct professor of law at the LSU Law Center, teaching a seminar in bankruptcy reorganization.

DOUGLAS S. DRAPER

Douglas S. Draper practices primarily in the creditor and debtor rights area. His practice involves an equal mix of litigation and business negotiation. The creditor and debtor rights work involves representation of bondholders, creditors' committees and debtors in large commercial and business cases. He has represented clients in successful reorganizations of hotels, grocery chains, apartment complexes, office buildings, oil companies, shipyards, clothing stores, an oil refinery, and fast food franchises. He has developed an expertise in the bankruptcy aspects of environmental issues and plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells. Chambers USA described Douglas Draper as combining "a very engaging personality" with "the ability to give you the bottom line and the only logical solution in even the most complex of bankruptcies."

Publications & Speaking Engagements:

- * Speaker, Five Aggressive Debtor Techniques, Debtor Representation, Commercial Law League
- * Speaker, In Re Failco, A Case Model, Louisiana State Bar Association
- * Speaker, Single Asset Bankruptcy Ahlers and Beyond, Single Asset Issues, Commercial Law League
- * Speaker, Bankruptcy Issues Concerning Officers and Directors, Commercial Law League
- * Speaker, Judge Schiff Welcome to Sequel to Kramer, Domestic Issues in Bankruptcy, Western District of Louisiana Newsletter

- * Lecturer – LSU Law Center, 2009-2013 Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar
- * Lecturer - Louisiana Bar Association
- * Lecturer - American Bar Association
- * Lecturer - Commercial Law League
- * Lecturer - Practicing Law Institute
- * Lecturer - Professional Education Systems, Inc.
- * Educational Chairman - National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 1985
- * Co-Chairman - American Bankruptcy Institute Unsecured Creditors' Committee

Professional Honors & Activities:

- * Member of the American Bar Association
- * Member of the Louisiana Bar Association
- * Member of the Colorado Bar Association
- * Member of the Federal Illinois Bar Associations

- * Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, 1999
- * Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1989
- * Super Lawyers, one of the 50 Best Lawyers in Louisiana

Admissions:

- * All State and Federal Courts in Louisiana
- * Northern District of Illinois
- * Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals
- * Colorado Bar
- * Federal Bar, Southern District of Texas

Education:

- * Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts, 1971
- * Tulane University, J.D., 1975
- * New York University, LL.M. Taxation, 1978

HONORABLE HARLIN D. “COOTER” HALE
United States Bankruptcy Judge

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Born in Natchez, Mississippi.

B.S., 1979, Louisiana State University.

J.D., 1982, Paul M. Hebert School of Law, LSU, Order of the Coif.

1982-1983, Law Clerk to the Honorable James L. Dennis, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, now Judge on United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

1983-2002, Private practice of law in Dallas, Texas.

November 1, 2002, appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Texas.

Membership: Dallas Bar Association; Dallas Bankruptcy Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Texas Bar Association; American Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Master, John C. Ford American Inn of Court.

Jan M. Hayden

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Jan Hayden has handled bankruptcy and insolvency issues for her clients for more than thirty years. She is a shareholder in the Baker Donelson's New Orleans office. Ms. Hayden's practice is concentrated on assisting clients with reorganizations under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and she has represented creditors and debtors in mass tort bankruptcies. She represents creditors, trustees, debtors-in-possession, and committees in a broad spectrum of industries that includes manufacturing, real estate, hotels, gambling, nursing homes, airlines, convenience stores and retail operations as well as individuals.

Ms. Hayden is a Fellow with the American College of Bankruptcy, American Bar Foundation and Louisiana Bar Foundation. She is a recipient of Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, 2011. She was named the *Best Lawyers* New Orleans Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law "Lawyer of the Year;" for 2010 and 2013 and New Orleans Bankruptcy Litigation "Lawyer of the Year;" for 2012 and 2014. She has been listed as one of the top 10 lawyers in Louisiana by *Louisiana Super Lawyers* since 2007. She currently serves as Chair of The Pro Bono Project of New Orleans. A graduate of LSU Law Center in 1979, she is a frequent lecturer and author in the field of bankruptcy and insolvency.

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BACKGROUND, EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

Henry Hobbs has served as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in Austin, Texas for the past 21 years and has served as the Acting U.S. Trustee in New Orleans since January 1, 2011. He served as the Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee in New Orleans, Louisiana from April through August of 2005. He also served as the Acting Chief of the Credit Counseling/Debtor Education Unit of the Executive Office for United States Trustees from 2005 through 2007. During his tenure with the U.S. Trustee Program, he has also served as an interim chapter 13 trustee in the Western District of Louisiana. Before joining the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Trustee's office, he earned a B.S. in General Business Administration from Louisiana State University in 1977 and a J.D. from Louisiana State University Law Center in 1980. After serving in a Judicial Clerkship for Louisiana Second Circuit State Court of Appeal, he was in private practice in Shreveport, Louisiana for 12 years practicing bankruptcy, creditors rights and commercial litigation.

He has served as a Member of United States Trustees Program's Civil Enforcement Resource Team 2003-2004. He was a frequent speaker on collection and bankruptcy matters while in private practice in Louisiana. He has also been a frequent speaker at the Department of Justice's National Bankruptcy Training Institute in Columbia, South Carolina. Henry has spoken at the State Bar of Texas, Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Course, the State Bar of Texas Advanced Business Bankruptcy Conference, the Mississippi Bankruptcy Law Conference, the LSU Bankruptcy Conference, the Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference and the NACTT Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. He has also been a Guest Lecturer for University of Texas Law School, Bankruptcy Reorganization Classes.

PERSONAL

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana May 21, 1955

Henry is a member of the Hill Country Trail Runners Club and has completed four marathons and over thirty ultra-marathons (50K to 100 miles), including the 2005 Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run in California.

Marvin Isgur

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Marvin Isgur has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge since February 1, 2004. Judge Isgur's first bankruptcy experience was as an expert witness before the bankruptcy court and then as a principal of a number of real estate partnerships that became chapter 11 debtors.

Judge Isgur received his bachelors degree from the University of Houston in 1974. In 1978, he received an MBA, with honors, from Stanford University. Between 1978 and 1990, Judge Isgur was an executive with a large real estate development company in Houston. In 1987, he returned to the University of Houston where he received a law degree (with high honors) in 1990. Between 1990 and 2004, Judge Isgur represented trustees and debtors in chapter 11 and chapter 7 cases. He also represented various parties in 14 separate chapter 9 bankruptcy cases.

Judge Isgur has written over 300 memorandum opinions. He was one of the first judges to issue opinions interpreting the 2005 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act.

Judge Isgur is a volunteer with the Houston Urban Debate League, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with the Houston Independent School District to bring policy debate to high school students. He is one of the principal organizers of the annual University of Texas Consumer Bankruptcy Conference in Galveston, Texas and is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs.

When his volunteer and court activities permit, Judge Isgur spends his weekends sailing on Galveston Bay.



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Clifton R. Jessup, Jr. concentrates his practice in creditors' rights, business reorganization and bankruptcy.

He has represented secured creditors, unsecured creditors, committees, equity holders, debtors, and trustees in federal bankruptcy cases in over 37 states and Puerto Rico. He has helped businesses and businessmen resolve complex problems involving insolvency and restructuring for over 30 years.

Clifton has represented lenders, lessors and lessees with interests in many types of property. He has also been retained to represent lenders, lessors and lessees in many cases where the risk of bankruptcy was present. He has represented purchasers of assets in bankruptcy cases, and has confirmed Chapter 11 plans for debtors and creditors in five states.

In 2001, he was selected as the Liquidating Trustee under the confirmed Chapter 11 Plan in the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, the largest not-for-profit bankruptcy cases filed to date. The cases involve 11,000 investors and claims in excess of \$600 million. He has served also as Estate Representative under confirmed Chapter 11 Plans, and served as examiner in Chapter 11 cases. In 2009, he represented the Opus West Corporation in a Chapter 11 case involving over 50 commercial real estate properties in Arizona, California and Texas with claims in excess of \$1.2 billion.

Areas of Concentration

- Bankruptcy law
 - Business law
 - Creditors' rights
 - Corporate reorganization
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Professional & Community Involvement

- Board of Trustees, Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama
 - Member, Advisory Committee to the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11
 - Member, Texas State Bar
 - Member, American Bar Association
 - Past Member, North Texas Regional Mental Health Board
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Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 1999-2014
 - "Lawyer of the Year," Dallas Litigation - Bankruptcy Law, 2013
- Team Member, a U.S. News - Best Lawyers[®], "Law Firm of the Year" in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2013
- Listed, *Chambers USA Guide*, 2006-2013
- Listed, *Super Lawyers* magazine, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003-2013
 - *Corporate Counsel* (Business Edition - Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights), 2009-2010

- Listed, *Texas' Best Lawyers*, 2009-2010
- Listed, *The Legal 500 United States*, 2009
- Recognized, one of America's Top Black Lawyers in *Black Enterprise Magazine*, November 2003
- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Master in the John C. Ford American Inns of Court
- Rated, AV Preeminent[®] 5.0 out of 5

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Articles, Publications & Lectures

Lectures

- Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
 - Speaker, Northern District of Texas Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, Annual Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute
 - Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Business Bankruptcy Seminar
 - Speaker, Central California Bankruptcy Association Institute
 - Speaker, Southwestern Bankruptcy Conference of the American Bankruptcy Institute
 - Speaker, Alabama Bar Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, Louisiana State Bar Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, Oklahoma State Bar Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, Arizona State Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, University of Texas Annual Bankruptcy Conference
 - Speaker, National Bar Association
 - Speaker, 1988 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in San Diego
 - Speaker, 2006 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in San Francisco
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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1978

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Oakwood College, 1976

Admitted to Practice

- Nebraska
 - Texas
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
 - U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
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Practice Areas

Asset Recovery and
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Bankruptcy, Restructuring &
Creditors'-Debtors' Rights
Business & Commercial
Litigation

Bar Admissions

Mississippi, 1992

Education

The University of Mississippi
School of Law, J.D., 1992,
magna cum laude; Associate
Editor, *Mississippi Law
Journal*, 1990–1992; Dean
Robert J. Farley Graduation
Award; West Publishing
Company Award
University of Mississippi,
B.B.A., 1989, *summa cum
laude*, Taylor Medalist



Kristina Johnson is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group and practices from the firm's Jackson office. She focuses her practice in bankruptcy and creditors' rights, workouts, commercial litigation, and collection matters. She has often lectured and published materials in these areas of practice. In addition, she is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification.

Ms. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, and earned her juris doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, from The University of Mississippi School of Law. While in law school, she served on the Editorial Board of *The Mississippi Law Journal*. Ms. Johnson is a member of The Mississippi Bar, the Sections of Business Bankruptcy, Litigation, and Alternate Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association, and the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference. She is current president of the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference and is past president of the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association.

Ms. Johnson has served on numerous committees for state and local bar associations, including serving on the Steering Committee to rewrite the Mississippi Local Bankruptcy Rules. She is an annual contributing author to West's *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*.

Noteworthy

- **AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®* 2014 (Copyright 2013 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy (listed annually since 2006)

- Named "Jackson, MS, *Best Lawyers* Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law Lawyer of the Year" 2012
- Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification
- Listed in 2013 edition of *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and as one of the "Top 50 Lawyers" and "Top 50 Female Lawyers" in the Mid-South.
- Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women, *Mississippi Business Journal* (2005)
- Mississippi's "Top 40 Under 40," *Mississippi Business Journal* (2006)

Presentations

- Jones Walker LLP hosted "Mississippi Bankruptcy Distinctions Webinar" October 23, 2013
- "The Most Important Business Decisions and Developments in 2012" Memphis, TN, February 8, 2013
- "Making Money in a Downturn: Ponzi Schemes and Other Scams for Bilking Money, from Madoff to Consumer Rip-Offs" *15th Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Institute*, July 14-17, 2010, November 2010

Publications

- "Mississippi Appendix" *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual*, 2013 Edition (published annually, contributing author since initial printing)

Memberships

- Advisory Committee on Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Northern & Southern Districts of Mississippi (Member, 2012–2014; Executive Committee on rewrite, 2007–2009)
- American Bankruptcy Institute (Member, Southeast Advisory Board, 2010 to date)
- Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference (President, 2013; Co-Chairman, Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program, 2006–2008; Co-Chairman, Annual Seminar Committee, 1996–1999)

- American Bar Association (Member, Sections of Business Bankruptcy; Commercial & Business Litigation; ADR)
- Capital Area Bar Association (Co-Chairman, Tennis Tournament Committee, 2011–2012)
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
- Mississippi Secretary of State Debtor-Creditor Study Laws Group (2009)
- Mississippi Women Lawyers Association (President, 1997–1998)
- The Mississippi Bar

Court Admissions

5th Cir., 1992

N.D. Miss., 1992

S.D. Miss., 1992

David R. Jones
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Southern District of Texas
Houston, Texas

David R. Jones was sworn in as a bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of Texas on September 30, 2011. Prior to becoming a judge, Mr. Jones was a practicing lawyer in Houston, Texas for approximately 19 years. Mr. Jones specialized in bankruptcy and bankruptcy-related litigation.

Mr. Jones received his Juris Doctor from the University of Houston in 1992 where he served as editor-in-chief of the HOUSTON LAW REVIEW. Mr. Jones received his Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in 1986 and his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Duke University in 1983.

As a practitioner, Mr. Jones has been recognized as a “Leader in the Field” of Bankruptcy/Restructuring in the State of Texas by Chambers USA since 2009, and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law since 2007. Mr. Jones has been selected as a “Texas Super Lawyer” in Bankruptcy Law in surveys conducted by Texas Monthly since 2005 and has been repeatedly named as one of the top 100 lawyers in the Houston Region. Mr. Jones has been selected as a top lawyer in Texas for bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights by Super Lawyers - Corporate Counsel Edition since 2009.

Omer F. "Rick" Kuebel, III

Partner

Rick Kuebel has extensive experience in oil, gas, and energy related bankruptcies and corporate restructuring solutions. Mr. Kuebel has represented numerous energy companies in business litigation or arbitration matters and regulatory disputes involving oil and gas exploration, development, transportation, refining and marketing. Mr. Kuebel has acted as counsel in numerous commercial and regulatory disputes arising from offshore exploration prospects including Macondo, Atlantis, Thunder Horse, Petronius, Who Dat, Mad Dog, West Delta and the Cook Inlet.

Additionally, he provides counseling for real and mineral property transactions, including acquisitions, development, finance, joint operations, and divestitures and represents creditors in commercial collection litigation, property litigation, enforcement of security rights, and bankruptcy litigation.

He has represented a number of major energy companies in energy or energy-related industry restructurings and bankruptcies, including Lyondell Basell, SemCrude, Flying J, Enron (North America), Getty Petroleum Marketing, EOTT, ATP, Panaco, Contour Energy, TDC Energy, Watson Energy, TransTexas Oil and Gas, Forcenergy, WRT, Alma and Equinox, Rand Energy, NARCO, AP Green, Farmland Industries, PG&E, Babcock and Wilcox, Bethlehem Steel, and Friede Goldman Halter. In addition, he has formed or represented unsecured creditor committees in several reorganizations for companies such as Evans Industries, the Fairgrounds, WRT Energy, Jitney Jungle, Delchamps, Forcenergy, Friede Goldman Halter, Orion Refining, Lundy Enterprises, Valentine Paper and WFA (West Feliciana Paper Mill).

Professional History

- Partner, Locke Lord LLP

Professional Affiliations and Awards

- Named to *Louisiana Super Lawyers* by *Law & Politics* magazine (2008-2014)
- Advisory Board Member, Institute for Energy Law
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute



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Practices

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency
Energy
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Energy/Environmental
Oil and Gas

Education

J.D., Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, 1992

B.A., Economics, Tulane University, 1986

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1992

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (pro hac vice)
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware (pro hac vice)
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (pro hac vice)

- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Named, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law
- Recognized in *Chambers USA* (2010-2013)
- Named, Top Lawyer in New Orleans, Bankruptcy Section, *New Orleans Magazine* (2009 - 2014)

Publications & Presentations

- RMMLF Short Course on Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leasing and Development (Bankruptcy Faculty, January 23-25, 2013)
- Co-Author, "Locke Lord QuickStudy: Fifth Circuit Holds Payments Under Electric Requirements Contract Exempt from Preference Avoidance," *Locke Lord* (August 21, 2012)
- Co-Author, "Locke Lord QuickStudy: Stern v. Marshall," *Locke Lord* (June 27, 2011)
- Author, "Decommissioning/Plugging and Abandonment Liabilities in Bankruptcy: What Priority Should It Be Afforded?" (January 18, 2006)

Deborah B. Langehennig, Esq.

Austin, Texas

Debbie Langehennig received a bachelor's degree, in accounting and finance, with high honors, from Texas State University and her law degree from the University of Texas. Debbie served as a judicial law clerk to Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Larry E. Kelly and currently serves as the Chapter 13 Trustee for the Austin Division of the Western District of Texas. Debbie is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, Contributing Editor to the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal and Co-Chair of the ABA Consumer Bankruptcy Litigation subcommittee.

Debbie has written and lectured on numerous consumer and business bankruptcy topics, with articles published in the ABI Journal, the ABA Bankruptcy Litigation Journal, Norton Advisor, Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice, NACTT Quarterly and the Texas Bar Journal. She served as Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas, currently serves as Co-Captain for the UT Law School Bankruptcy Moot Court Team and is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section.

Selene D. Maddox received her B.B.A. from the University of Mississippi December, 1983, and her J.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Law May, 1987. Selene is currently a solo practitioner in Tupelo, Mississippi, in the general practice of law with an emphasis in debtor bankruptcy law. Selene serves as a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Panel Trustee (appointed in 2005) in the Northern District of Mississippi. Selene served as Vice-President of the Lee County Bar Association for the 1998-1999 year and as President of the Lee County Bar Association for the 1999-2000 year. Selene is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and the American Bar Association. Selene was appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to serve as a Commissioner to the Mississippi Commission On Continuing Legal Education on June 30, 1999, and is now serving her sixth consecutive term, having served as Vice-Chairman 2007-2008; 2010-2011 and as Chairman 2008-2009. Selene was a member of the Mississippi Bar Nominating Committee for 2011 and served on the Ethics Committee of the Mississippi Bar from 2005-2008. Selene served two one year terms as President of the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference for the years 2005 and 2006. Selene also served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference from 2003 - 2007. Selene assisted in drafting new Local Rules for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi and has served on the Advisory Committee on Local Rules for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi 2010 - present. Selene has been an active presenter of the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) Program in High Schools in Northeast Mississippi. Selene was inducted in 2007 as a Mississippi Bar Foundation Fellow and subsequently served as Trustee on the Mississippi Bar Foundation Board of Trustees 2011 and 2012. Selene has participated as a speaker in numerous seminars on bankruptcy sponsored by University of Mississippi Continuing Legal Education and the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference as well as participation as a speaker for programs for the Mississippi Home Extension Service, Lee County Extension Service and other public service organizations. Selene was an adjunct professor at the University of Mississippi, Tupelo, MS Campus teaching classes in the undergraduate program on Wills and Estates, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Law during 1996, 1997 and 1998.

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH WALL MAGNER is a Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University in 1980 followed by a Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Herbert Law Center in 1983. Prior to her investiture on the bench, she was a partner with the law firm of Lemle & Kelleher, LLP. In 1995, she resigned from the firm to form her own firm. She is an associate editor of Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants. She was Vice Chair of the ABA Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Jurisdiction and Venue from 2005 to 2007 and is a career long member of the New Orleans Pro Bono Project. She has also been involved in over twenty-five charitable programs and projects in the New Orleans area. She is a frequent speaker for the local law schools, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Judicial Center, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and the American Legal Institute of the ABA. In 2007, she was named a Woman of the Year by *New Orleans CitiBusiness*. During her twenty-three years in private practice, Judge Magner specialized in the areas of bankruptcy, workouts, security instruments and liens, as well as foreclosures, seizures and other commercial litigation matters. She has a broad range of experience in the representation of debtors, creditors, trustees, and committees, both official and unofficial. Immediately prior to taking the bench, she represented the Unofficial Committee of Select Asbestos Claimants in twenty nationally significant Chapter 11 cases. For her work, she was recognized by Fortune magazine as being one of the only five attorneys in the United States steering the reorganization of over \$200 billion in corporate debt. Judge Magner was sworn in on September 9, 2005, nine days after Hurricane Katrina devastated her district. She was instrumental in the re-establishment of the court in a remote location and developed procedures for and administered over 10,000 cases in the following months. She has also been applauded in articles published in *The London Herald*, *New York Times*, and *USA Today* for opinions authored on the mortgage lending industry. The Federal Rules Committee of the Judiciary codified the procedures she imposed in *In re Jones*, 2007 WL 2480494 (Bankr.E.D. La.).

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For over 26 years, Michelle has concentrated her law practice in corporate restructurings and liquidations, bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Michelle has assisted in the reorganization efforts of hospitals, manufacturers, restaurants, airlines, telecom companies, healthcare providers, and clients in many other industries. She is the chair-elect of the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section and has taught Labor and Employment Law classes at the Center for Non-Profit Management. Michelle has also chaired the Research Fellows of the Center for American and International Law and is a long-standing member of the President's Research Council of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Experience

- Represents parties in distressed financial situations, including corporate boards, debtors, creditors, DIP lenders, committees, equity holders, trustees, examiners, financial advisors, liquidators, and purchasers of assets.
- Litigates directors' and officers' fiduciary duty, subordination and re-characterization claims, discharge and discharge-ability cases, preference and fraudulent conveyance actions, franchise disputes and various types of fraud claims.
- Represents creditor committees and debtors involved in a myriad of industries, including manufacturing, financial services, hospitals, nursing homes, psychiatric institutions, physician management companies, restaurants, distribution businesses, technology companies, airlines and telecoms.
- Represents creditors, such as key suppliers in the construction, healthcare, retail and telecom industries both in state and federal courts and in collection and management matters.

Education

National Law Center at George Washington University (J.D., 1987)

University of Charleston, West Virginia (B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1983)

Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (1982)

Leadership

State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law Section, Chair (2013-2014), Treasurer (2009 – 2012)

Neil P. Olack
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Neil P. Olack is the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced law for 25 years in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and workouts.

While in private practice, Judge Olack served on the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute and on the advisory boards of the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* and the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*. He was board certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification and was a member of its board of directors.

Judge Olack has considerable experience teaching bankruptcy, both as an adjunct law professor and an instructor in a masters of business administration program. He also taught at the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Additionally, he has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy issues for professional and continuing legal education programs throughout the United States.

Judge Olack is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He served as the Fifth Circuit Governor for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

BIOGRAPHY: PAMELA PEPPER

Pamela Pepper received her undergraduate degree in theater from Northwestern University, and her J.D. from Cornell Law School, where she was a notes editor on the Cornell Law Review. After law school, she clerked for Frank M. Johnson, Jr. on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Between 1990 and 1997, she was a federal prosecutor in Chicago and Milwaukee. From 1997 to 2005, she was a solo criminal defense practitioner, representing clients in federal and state court. She holds a graduate certificate in dispute resolution from Marquette University, and in the past has been an adjunct professor at Marquette Law School. She was appointed to the Milwaukee bankruptcy bench on July 5, 2005, and has been chief judge since July 1, 2010.

Pam is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Association for Women Lawyers, the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, and the NACTT Academy for Consumer Bankruptcy Education. Previously, she served on the board of Federal Defender Services and the State Public Defender. She is a former president of the Milwaukee Bar Association, and former chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors. She is a faculty member for the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute. She is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, formerly served as education director and chair of its Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, and currently serves on the board of directors. She belongs to the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, having served a term as the Seventh representative on the Board of Governors, and serving as secretary for the 2014 year. She also has served on the national conference education committee, and is chairing that committee for the 2014 conference in Chicago. She has just completed two terms as an associate editor of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal. She has served on the Human Resources Advisory Council of the Administrative Office, currently serves on the OSCAR working group for the Administrative Office, and speaks at Federal Judicial Center programs. She is a frequent speaker for other bankruptcy organizations on topics such as the rules of evidence in bankruptcy, the intersection of criminal and bankruptcy law, and litigation skills.

KEITH R. PHILLIPS

Economic Policy Advisor and Senior Economist

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, San Antonio Branch

Keith Phillips joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in January 1984. His areas of concentration include regional economics and economic forecasting. Phillips has published numerous articles on economic topics in Dallas Fed publications and academic journals. *Research Papers in Economics*, which tracks publications in economics, ranks Phillips in the top five percent of economists across the world in terms of the number of distinct publications. He is a contributing member of the Western Blue Chip Economic Forecasting Group, where he has been the most accurate out of eight Texas forecasters for nine out of the past sixteen years. His research and analysis have been covered in media such as CNN, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, USA Today, Business Week, the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, MSNBC and in media throughout Texas.

In August, 1996, Phillips was transferred to the San Antonio branch in an effort to improve the regional economic coverage of the Dallas office and to better serve the needs of the South Texas community. Phillips teaches courses in managerial economics and quantitative analysis in the Executive MBA program at UTSA. He obtained his Ph.D. in economics from Southern Methodist University and holds a B.A. and M.A. in Economics and a Bachelor of Journalism degree in News/Editorial from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

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Louis M. Phillips is a partner in the law firm Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.C., where he is the leader of the firm's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Practice Group. He provides legal representation and consultation for debtors, creditors, and trustees over a broad practice area, including transaction and business structuring and restructuring, bankruptcy reorganization, property sales, asset financing, and bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

He served as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana from May, 1988 to May, 2002. During his tenure, he authored numerous opinions of first impression of Louisiana state law and bankruptcy law, and was the author of a number of opinions that ultimately were adopted by the Fifth Circuit and other courts as the law of those courts. One year, two of his opinions were dealt with by the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting en banc, and were generally adopted as the law of the circuit-see *Matter of Mercer*, 246 F.3d 391 (5th Cir. 2001) (involving credit card fraud cases under section 523(a)(2) and *Matter of Orso*, 283 F.3d 686 (5th Cir. 2002) (wherein the Court reversed the panel and prior jurisprudence concerning the Louisiana law exemption over structured settlement annuities). He also presided over the first conversion to a totally electronic filing and docketing system within the Federal Courts of the United States.

He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Louisiana State University Law Center, a position he has held since 1988, and is the permanent chair of the annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar sponsored by the Louisiana State University Center for Continuing Professional Development, a program he developed and has chaired since 1995.

He has been a contributing editor to the Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 2nd, and is the author of numerous articles for law reviews and other periodicals, including Fifth Circuit Symposium: Bankruptcy, 35 Loy. L. Rev. 715 (1989); "Developments in the Law: Bankruptcy" 54 La. L. Rev. 599 (1994) (with Diane Sciacca); and "Ruminations on Property of the Estate: Does Anyone Know Why a Debtor's Postpetition Earnings, Generated by Her Own Earning Capacity, Are Not Property of the Bankruptcy Estate?" 58 La. L. Rev. 623 (1998) (with Tanya Martinez Shively); Nab Talk, Journal Of The National Association Of Bankruptcy Trustees: Musings On "The Standard Of Care Governing The Question Of Trustee Immunity And Trustee Liability: Part 1" Fall Issue 2008 Volume 24 Issue 3 and Nab Talk, Journal Of The National Association Of Bankruptcy "Trustees: Musings On The Standard Of Care Governing The Question Of Trustee Immunity And Trustee Liability: Part 2" Winter Issue 2008 Volume 24 Issue 4 (with Ashley S. Green); "Continuing Ruminations on Judicial Estoppel: Barging into the Consumer Field" 2004 No. 2 Norton Bank. L. Advisor (with Brandon A. Brown).

He is also a frequent speaker and writer for legal education seminars across the country, including seminars presented by or in conjunction with Stetson University College of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Texas Tech School of Law, Norton Institutes on Bankruptcy Law, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, National Association of Chapter 13

Trustees, Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, American Bar Association, the bar associations of Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin, numerous federal district bar associations, National Association of Attorneys General, States' Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, and VISA International. He has also taught educational programs on bankruptcy law for state judges.

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Industries:

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- Contracting
- Distribution
- Financial Services
- Health Care
- Hospitality
- Internet Companies
- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Mobile Homes
- Oil and Gas
- Petrochemicals
- Real Estate
- Retail

Education:

B.A., Bucknell University
M.B.A., University of Pittsburgh

Lisa Poulin

Principal Deloitte CRG

Lisa Poulin is a senior executive with more than 30 years of turnaround management and advisory experience. She has served as a CRO, court-appointed Chapter 11 trustee, and financial advisor, and has also been involved in both in- and out-of-court restructurings, serving companies, creditors, or equity holders. She focuses on maximizing value and has been instrumental in a number of prominent, complex restructurings, with varied responsibilities, including:

- Represented a secured lender in a 22-hotel chain case providing testimony on a wide variety of issues including budgets, capital expenditures, operating performance, cram down interest rates, and feasibility
- CRO of Black Angus, a steakhouse chain with approximately 70 locations whose assets were sold in a Chapter 11 process and currently continues to operate successfully as a 40 store chain
- Provided expert testimony on feasibility and comparison of competing plans in the Asarco LLC case for equity who successfully retained equity and obtained dismissal of an \$8 billion avoidance action judgment
- Advised a privately held company offering independent care and assisted living facilities with a network of 23 campuses on its negotiation with lenders as it attempted to raise equity and refinance some of its debt
- Appointed Chapter 11 trustee for USA Investment Partners LLC, and its related entities including USA Investors VI, Tree Moss LLC and HMA Sales LLC, Capital Land Investors LLC; PurchasePro Inc., living.com, and Shaw Furniture Galleries
- Advised Musicland Group Inc., a \$1 billion specialty retailer, during its bankruptcy and served as interim CEO of Tower Records
- Served as chief restructuring officer (CRO) of Environmental Elements Corporation, an engineering company with international operations, through the sale of the business in a Chapter 11 proceeding
- Advised Oakwood Homes Corporation, an \$800 million manufactured housing company, during its bankruptcy process, including obtaining a \$250 million DIP loan
- Served as interim acting CRO of Seitel Inc. after the CEO and CFO left the company; was involved in cost reductions, developing and implementing underwriting policies, business plan development, designing a compensation program, performing special investigations, and negotiating a forbearance agreement with bondholders

Ms. Poulin has served as an advisor to numerous companies both in and out of court, and has testified on a wide range of issues. She is a frequent speaker and author on insolvency and turnaround management, as well as a Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP) and a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA). Ms. Poulin serves as the 2012 past chair of the International Turnaround Management and is a member of AIRA, ABI and the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (2012 Treasurer for the Maryland chapter). In addition, Ms. Poulin has held numerous board positions with Nexus Recovery Center Inc. and is on the audit committee of Mary's Center.



Honorable Brenda T. Rhoades

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District Of Texas

Judge Rhoades serves as the Chief Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas. She is the presiding judge in the Sherman and Texarkana Divisions of the Eastern District.

KEITH A. RODRIGUEZ

Keith A. Rodriguez has maintained a private law practice since 1973, first in New Orleans and now in Lafayette. He has served as a Chapter 13 Trustee for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette-Opelousas and Lake Charles Divisions, since 1986. Mr. Rodriguez received his law degree from Loyola University School of Law. He is a member of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees where he served in various offices including President in 2001. He is also a member of the Southwest Louisiana Bankruptcy Bar Association where he served as Treasurer in 1989 and President in 1990.

DAVID S. RUBIN

David is a shareholder in the Baton Rouge firm of Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer (APLC) in Baton Rouge, LA., engaged primarily in the practice of commercial law and litigation, bankruptcy, creditors rights, and business advice. He graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 1978, and was a member of Order of the Coif, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and an Associate Editor of the Louisiana Law Review. He was an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University teaching an upper level seminar on Chapter 11 reorganizations 1989-2010.

David is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and is Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification and Louisiana State Bar Association. He was a Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates (1986-97) and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He served on numerous committees for the Louisiana State Bar Association and served as Chair of a State Bar Disciplinary Committee Hearing Panel. Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; "Best Lawyers in America" (since 1987); Chambers (Band 1, Bankruptcy and Restructuring); selected by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell as a 2013 top rated lawyer in Commercial Litigation.

He has served as a Special Master under appointment by a Louisiana district court, a mediator under appointment by Bankruptcy Courts, and an expert witness in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and legal malpractice matters in state and federal courts. He has represented parties in reorganization cases nationwide, and has authored articles and extensively spoken at seminars and CLE programs since 1984.

Katharine M. Samson

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Katharine M. Samson is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. She received her B.A. summa cum laude from Louisiana Tech University in 1987 and her J.D. in 1990 from the University of Mississippi School of Law where she served on the editorial board of the Mississippi Law Journal. Prior to her appointment, Judge Samson was a shareholder at Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A. in Gulfport, Mississippi. Her practice was concentrated in the area of consumer financial services litigation and included the representation of local and national lenders and finance companies in federal and state courts as well as in bankruptcy proceedings.

Richard S. Schmidt
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
Corpus Christi, Texas

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION

B.S. in Mathematics, with honors, New Mexico State University
J.D., The University of Texas

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of Texas
Col. U.S. Air Force Reserve, Retired
State Bar of Texas, Vice President of Professional Education, Bankruptcy Section
Louisiana Bar Association

LAW RELATED PUBLICATIONS, ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Selected one of top ten Bankruptcy Judges in America - Turn Around & Workout Magazine
2004 - Judicial Appreciation Award – National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees
Author/Speaker for the State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Seminar
University of Texas, Bankruptcy Seminar
National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
Northwest Louisiana Legal Services (Chairman of Board of Directors)
Shreveport Bar Association (Secretary/Treasurer)

MISCELLANEOUS

Finisher 1995 Houston Tenneco Marathon
Professor Henry Higgins in 1995 Harbor Playhouse production of My Fair Lady
Frank Butler in 1998 Harbor Playhouse production of Annie Get Your Gun
Outstanding Young Man of Shreveport (1977)
2003 - Legion of Merit

Leslie H. Southwick United
States Court of Appeals Fifth
Circuit

In October 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Southwick a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. His chambers are in Jackson, Mississippi.

Southwick was born in Edinburg, Texas in 1950. He has resided in Mississippi since 1976. He graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree from Rice University in 1972, and earned a J.D. degree from the University of Texas in 1975. He clerked for Presiding Judge John F. Onion, Jr., of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and then for Judge Charles Clark of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Jackson, Mississippi.

Southwick was an associate and then a partner in the Jackson law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower and Hewes from 1977 to 1989. From 1985-89, and then from 1998 to the present, he has been an adjunct professor at the Mississippi College School of Law. He was a visiting professor from January - October 2007.

In 1989, Southwick left private practice to become a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, serving until 1993. In 1994, he was elected one of the first ten judges on the Mississippi Court of Appeals. He walked 250 miles through his district during the campaign, and won anyway. He then tried to walk his way to the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1996, but he was defeated after going only 200 miles. He remained on the Court of Appeals, serving from January 1995 through December 2006. In June 2006, Southwick was nominated by President Bush to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, but he was not confirmed prior to the adjournment of Congress in December.

Southwick, a JAG and a lieutenant colonel in the Mississippi National Guard, was mobilized and served on active duty with the Army from August 2004 until January 2006. For all of 2005, he served in Iraq, first as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and then as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 155th Brigade Combat Team.

He has authored two books: *The Nominee: A Political and Spiritual Journey* (Univ. Press of Miss., 2013); *Presidential Also-Rans & Running Mates, 1788-1996* (McFarland, 2d ed., 1998)

Jim F. Spencer, Jr.

Member

Jim F. Spencer, Jr., was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1987. His practice is primarily related to bankruptcy and creditors' rights, to commercial litigation and construction. Jim is a member of the Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, the American Bankruptcy Institute and is listed among The Best Lawyers in America®.

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Practice Areas

Banking and Financial Institutions
Banking Financial Services and Securities Litigation
Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Commercial Litigation
Construction
Construction Litigation
Consumer Financial Services
Corporate
Professional Liability (Non-Medical)

Education

Bachelor's Degree: Banking and Finance, Mississippi State University, 1983

Juris Doctor: Mississippi College School of Law, Special Distinction, 1987

Publications And Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2009-2014, Banking & Finance Law, Bankruptcy & Creditor - Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Bankruptcy)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* (2012-2013, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights)
- *Mississippi College Law Review*, Member

Professional And Community Involvement

- Mississippi Bar Association
- Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Christ United Methodist Church, Chairman of Finance Committee, 2007-2008
- Past Chairman of Board of Trustees, Christ United Methodist Church, 1995-1996

Biography of William E. Steffes

William E. Steffes is the managing member of the law firm of Steffes, Vingiello & McKenzie, L.L.C. which maintains offices in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. His primary practice is in the areas of corporate bankruptcy and reorganization law, as well as commercial litigation. Mr. Steffes is frequently engaged as debtor's counsel but also has represented many financial institutions and creditor's committees in connection with large, commercial bankruptcy cases. Mr. Steffes has negotiated, drafted, and obtained confirmation of hundreds of reorganization and liquidation plans in Chapter 11 cases over the last 36 years. A frequent speaker at bankruptcy and reorganization seminars, Mr. Steffes has been inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and is a member of many professional organizations including the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and American Bar Associations, the Southwest Louisiana Bankruptcy Institute and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is the past chairman of the Louisiana State Bar Association Bankruptcy Section. He received his J.D. degree in 1977 from the LSU Law Center where he earned Order of the Coif and was a member of the *LSU Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in Louisiana and Texas.

Honorable Carl E. Stewart. Chief Judge Stewart received his B.A. degree (Magna Cum Laude) from Dillard University in 1971 and his J.D. from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans in 1974. Immediately following admission to the Louisiana Bar Association in October 1974, he entered the United States Army and served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps until October 1977. Following his service as a military lawyer, he has served as a Staff Attorney with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Assistant United States Attorney, Special Assistant City and District Attorney, and private practitioner. In 1985, he was elected as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and was reelected without opposition six years later. In 1991, again without opposition, he was elected to the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal. In 1994, he was appointed to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals which encompasses Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana and is located in New Orleans. On October 1, 2012, Chief Judge Stewart became the first African-American Chief Judge on the Fifth Circuit. His chambers is located in Shreveport.

He is a charter member of the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz Chapter of American Inns of Court in Shreveport. He serves as Vice President of the American Inns of Court Foundation. He is a member of the American, National, Federal, Louisiana and Shreveport Bar Associations, and the Federal Judges Association. He is a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and is a past chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Chief Judge Stewart is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee; the National Bar Association Judicial Council, Louis Westerfield Legal Society and the Just the Beginning Foundation of African-American Federal Judges. Chief Judge Stewart serves on the Centenary College Board of Trustees. He holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Centenary College of Louisiana and Mississippi College School of Law.

His affiliation with the Boy Scouts of American include Norwela Council Executive Board, Southern Region Board and Area 2-3 Membership Impact Chair, and recipient of the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, and Silver Buffalo Awards for volunteer services to scouting at the local, regional and national levels.

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THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS

THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS was appointed as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette-Opelousas and Lake Charles Divisions on October 1, 2006. Judge Summerhays received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1994.

Following law school, Judge Summerhays clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Prior to his appointment, Judge Summerhays was a partner in the Dallas, Texas law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and L.L.P.

William L. Wallander

Biography

Bill is the Practice Group Leader for the firm's Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. Bill has over 20 years experience in corporate and business workout and restructuring transactions, distressed asset acquisitions and divestitures, and reorganization proceedings. Bill's practice includes representation of secured creditors, bondholders, creditors, committees, trustees, and debtors in restructuring transactions, remedies enforcement, and bankruptcy cases. Bill has also served as an expert witness in Bankruptcy Court.

Education and Professional Background

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1984
- University of Phoenix, M.B.A. summa cum laude, 2001 (earned while practicing law full-time)
- University of Pittsburgh, B.A. Political Science and Economics magna cum laude, 1981 (Minors, Mathematics and Latin; Phi Beta Kappa)
- Certified Microsoft user specialist in Access relational database software (2000)
- Admitted to practice: Texas, 1984; New York, 2008; Texas Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas; U.S. District Court of Arizona; US District Court for the Southern District of New York

Professional Recognition

- Legal 500 U.S., Corporate Restructuring, 2012 - 2013
- Chambers Global, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2012
- "The Best Lawyers in Dallas," Bankruptcy/Workouts, D Magazine, 2012
- Legal Media Group's (Euromoney's) Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers, 2007 - 2011, 2013
- The Best Lawyers in America©, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights Law, 2005 - 2014
- Chambers USA, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2004 - 2013
- Selected to the Texas Super Lawyers list, Super Lawyers, 2004 - 2013
- Who's Who Legal: Texas, Insolvency & Reorganization Law, 2008 – 2010

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As part of the Firm's Fraud & Asset Recovery group, Joe has represented numerous victims in matters involving complex financial fraud, theft, money laundering and other white collar crimes. Joe has served as a Federal District Court receiver at the request of the SEC in cases involving national and cross-border fraud schemes.

Joe is the Executive Director *Emeritus* of ICC-FraudNet, a London based invitation-only organization, consisting of lawyers throughout the world who have significant experience in complex commercial fraud and offshore asset identification and recovery. Joe is a member of the: International Bar Association, International Association for Asset Recovery, American Bankruptcy Institute, Turnaround Management Association and recently served on the Law360 Editorial Advisory Board.

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Bachelor of Arts (*magna cum laude*), Temple University, 1980

Master of Public Administration, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 1983

Juris Doctorate, Syracuse University College of Law, 1983

Memberships & Affiliations

- FraudNet, U.S. Member and Executive Director (*Emeritus*)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section (Past President)
- International Bar Association, Creditors' Rights and Insolvency Section
- State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law Section
- Turnaround Management Association, Past President of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter and Former National Board of Directors Member

Awards & Honors

- Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights Super Lawyers — Business Edition and Corporate Counsel Edition, Thomson Reuters, 2009-2010
- Best Lawyers in America in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, Woodward/White, Inc., 2008-2013
- Best Lawyers in America, Texas' Best Lawyers, Woodward/White, Inc., 2013-2014
- International Who's Who of Asset Recovery Lawyers, 2012-2013
- Law Awards for Achievement, Finance Monthly, 2010
- Leaders in Their Field, Chambers USA, 2005-2013
- Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyer, Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC's Expert Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers, 2001-2009
- Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2012
- Who's Who Legal: Texas, Law Business Research Limited, 2007-2008
- Selected by *Expert Guides, Legal Media Group*: Guide to the World's Leading Banking Finance and Transactional Lawyers in Insolvency and Restructuring 2013, United States

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Law Office of Robert B. Wilson - 2011 Present
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Past Division Chief - U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas
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Member - American Bar Association
Member - 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association
Member - State Bar College
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Member - American Bankruptcy Institute
Member - American Management Association
Member - Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
**Past Chairman - Bankruptcy Law Committee of the Business Law Section
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Chairman - Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2002 -2004
**Chairman - Annual Farm Ranch and Agri-Business Bankruptcy Institute, 1995,
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Charter Member - Past Director and Treasurer - Trustee's Education Network, Inc.
President - Southwest Rotary Club 2003-2004
President - South Plains Council of Boy Scouts 2007 - 2008
President - Alternative Dispute Resolution Center 2008 - Present

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The Honorable Jason D. Woodard
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Mississippi

On January 16, 2013, Jason D. Woodard was sworn in as bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, with his chambers located in Aberdeen. He filled a judgeship left vacant by the retirement of Judge David W. Houston, III.

Judge Woodard received both his undergraduate (1997) and law degrees (2000) from the University of Alabama. Immediately following law school, Judge Woodard served as law clerk to the Honorable Tamara O. Mitchell, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama in Birmingham. Prior to his appointment, Judge Woodard was a partner with Burr & Forman LLP in Birmingham, representing clients in distressed debt situations, typically secured creditors in bankruptcy, receivership, and foreclosure proceedings and in out-of-court workouts.

Judge Woodard is a past chairman of the Birmingham Bar's Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section and formerly sat on the board of directors for the Birmingham Bar Foundation and the executive committee for the Birmingham Bar Association. He is a member of both the Turnaround Management Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute and is a past recipient of the American Bankruptcy Institute's medal of Excellence. Judge Woodard served as chairman of the board of directors and later as president of the Advisory Board for Hands on Birmingham, a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect busy people with organized and meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve their community