

ABC Update

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A Busy Start to 2017 for ABC

ABC Names New Officers, Directors and Emeritus Directors

By Walter J. Greenhalgh

The American Board of Certification (ABC) held its annual meeting at the Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., during ABI's Winter Leadership Conference in December. Elected as 2017 Executive Committee members were **Walter J. Greenhalgh** (Duane Morris LLP, Newark, N.J.) as chair, **Craig M. Geno** (Craig M. Geno, PLLC; Ridgeland, Miss.) as president, **J. Scott Bovitz** (Bovitz & Spitzer; Los Angeles) as president-elect and general counsel, **Robert C. Furr** (Furr & Cohen, PA; Boca Raton, Fla.) as treasurer, **Kirk B. Burkley** (Bernstein-Burkley, PC; Pittsburgh) as secretary, **Donna T. Parkinson** (Parkinson Phinney; Sacramento) as the ABI representative at large, Robert L. Pollak (Glassberg, Pollak & Associates; San Rafael, Calif.) as the CLLA representative at large, Prof. **Laura B. Bartell** (Wayne State University Law School; Detroit) as dean of faculty, Mary Beth Ausbrooks (Rothschild & Ausbrooks, PLLC; Nashville, Tenn.) as chair of the Standards Committee, **H. Jason Gold** (Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP; Washington, D.C.) as vice chair of the Standards Committee, **Wesley H. Avery** (Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC; Pasadena, Calif.) as chair of the State Bar Liaison Committee; **Patricia B. Fugée** (FisherBroyles LLP, Perrysburg, Ohio) as chair of the Marketing Committee and **Mark A. Craige** (Crowe & Dunlevy, Tulsa, Okla.) as chair of the Technology Committee.

ABC also congratulates its newly elected directors, who will serve three-year terms: Booker T. Carmichael (Carmichael Firm, LLC; Baton Rouge, La.), **Lara Roeske Fernandez** (Trenam Law; Tampa, Fla.), **Joseph M. Garemore** (Brown & Connery, LLP; Westmont, N.J.) and Luis E. Rivera, II (Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, PA; Fort Myers, Fla.). In addition, **John Collen** (SmithAmundsen; Chicago) is a new appointee to the ABC Faculty Committee.

Former ABC officers and directors were recognized for their past exemplary service to the ABC with an honorary lifetime appointment to the ABC Board of Directors. Named as emeritus director was **Candace C. Carlyon** (Morris, Polich & Purdy, LLP; Las Vegas). Finally, outgoing Chair **Michael**

P. Horan (Trenam Law; St. Petersburg, Fla.) was recognized for his many years of service to ABC.

Nominations for board membership are made each fall. ABC attorneys who are interested in serving on ABC's Board of Directors can contact me (wjgreenhalgh@duanemorris.com) or ABC Assistant Executive Director **Kristin Delfs** (assistantdirector@abcworld.org) for more information.

ABC Congratulates New Members

By Kristin L. Delfs

The ABC is proud to announce new members who became board certified during the final Standards Committee meeting this year.

Those becoming certified in business bankruptcy law included **Jason A. Burgess** (The Law Offices of Jason Burgess, LLC; Atlantic Beach, Fla.), **Holly Estes** (Estes Law; Reno, Nev.), **Eduardo J. Glas** (Tseitin & Glas; New York), **Barbara A. Hart** (Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, PA; Tampa, Fla.), **Michael A. Jones** (Allen Maguire & Barnes, PLC; Phoenix), **Andrew V. Layden** (BakerHostetler; Orlando, Fla.) and **Esther A. McKean** (Akerman LLP; Orlando, Fla.).

Meanwhile, **Robert W. Kovacs, Jr.** (Kovacs Law, PC; Worcester, Mass.), **Shirley R. Palumbo** (Greenspoon Marder Law; West Palm Beach, Fla.) and **Jeremy Shephard** (Grand Rapids, Mich.) became certified in consumer bankruptcy law.

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