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## ABC Update

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#### Recent Accomplishments of Some of Our Certified Attorneys

Be-coming ABC-certified is, in and of itself, a mark of distinction. Certification represents a combination of skill, experience, education and professionalism, which reflects positively on all certified attorneys. It is not surprising that ABC-certified attorneys are often recognized as members of the legal elite by other organizations. Below is a partial list of some of the recent accomplishments of some of our ABC-certified professionals. We congratulate those individuals, and all attorneys who have achieved ABC certification.



**Candace C. Carlyon**  
Carlyon & Smith,  
PLLC; Las Vegas

Candace Carlyon is the 2013 President-Elect of the American Board of Certification. Dian Gilmore serves as ABC's executive director, headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

#### Business Bankruptcy

• **J. Scott Bovitz** (Bovitz & Spitzer; Los Angeles) was a contributing author to the *Law Firm Survival Manual, From First Interview to Partnership* (Aspen Publishers/Wolters Kluwer). 2013 ABI Dean of Faculty **Nancy Rapoport** was the lead author.

• **Chad S. Bowen** (Jennis & Bowen, P.L.; Tampa, Fla.) became Florida Supreme Court Certified in Circuit Mediation on July 26.

• **Richard P. Carmody** (Adams and Reese LLP; Birmingham, Ala.) served as the vice chair of ABI's National Ethics Task Force, which released its Final Report at ABI's Annual Spring Meeting in April.

• **Jane H. Downey** (Moore, Taylor & Thomas, P.A.; West Columbia, S.C.) was named one of the Top Attorneys in South Carolina as published in *Columbia Living* magazine in May.

• **Jay S. Geller** (Law Office of Jay S. Geller; Portland, Maine) was inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy in March.

• **Nicholas M. Miller** (Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg, LLP; Chicago) was selected as a 2013 recipient of the Turnaround Management Association's Small Company Turnaround of the Year Award.

• **Jill L. Nicholson** (Foley & Lardner LLP; Chicago) was selected as one of the top 100 restructur-

ing professionals in the world by the Global M&A Network, which recognizes the 100 most influential and innovative consultants, investment bankers, lawyers and providers from the restructuring, distressed M&A and insolvency communities around the world. Ms. Nicholson was also named by *Turnarounds & Workouts* magazine as one of 12 "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers" under the age of 40 in the U.S.

• **Michael B. Schaedle** (Blank Rome LLP; Philadelphia) co-authored "Debt Restructuring and Asset Protection Issues," a chapter in *Joint Ventures Involving Tax-Exempt Organizations* (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 4th ed. 2013).

• **Brent G. Summers** (Tarlow, Naito & Summers, LLP; Portland, Ore.) received the William N. Stiles Award of Merit from the Oregon State Bar Debtor/Creditor Section in recognition of his extraordinary service to the section, outstanding contributions to continuing legal education, promotion of professionalism within the practice, and meaningful community involvement, including pro bono work.

• **Charles M. Tatelbaum** (Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) received the South Florida Arts Hero Award for his efforts in promoting the arts in South Florida. Mr. Tatelbaum is serving a two-year term as chairman of the board of WLRN the NPR and PBS stations for South Florida.

#### Business Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

• **Gary W. Marsh** (McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP; Atlanta) was a contributing author to "Georgia Business Litigation 2014: Fraudulent Transfer Litigation," published by the *Daily Report*. He was also awarded the Small Business Turnaround of the Year award from the Georgia Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association.

• **Steven Rider** (Markus Williams Young & Zimmermann LLC; Denver) was awarded the Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor designation by the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors organization.

## Business and Consumer Bankruptcy

• **Kevin Campbell** (The Campbell Law Firm; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) served as chair of the South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association, held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in May and attended by more than 300 registrants and their guests. Mr. Campbell also completed a four years of service for the Mt. Pleasant Exchange Club. In addition, he served as chair, past-chair, president and past-president of the Isle of Palms Connector Bridge Race for the Child, which raises approximately \$70,000 annually for charities that help prevent child abuse.

• **Janet L. Chubb** (Armstrong Teasdale LLP; Reno, Nev.) was selected as a recipient of the 2013 Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Award, which is presented to members of the law school community who have demonstrated a continuing dedication to Loyola Law School, the legal profession or the community.

• **Stuart P. Gelberg** (Attorney at Law; Garden City, N.Y.) earned the honor of being named an Access to Justice Champion, a new recognition sponsored by the Nassau County Bar Association. This inaugural honor recognizes NCBA member attorneys with outstanding service and dedication of time and effort to provide legal representation, guidance or advice on a pro bono basis to serve those in Nassau County.

• **Bud Stephen Tayman** (Bud Stephen Tayman, P.A.; Greenbelt, Md.) received the Belsky Award from the Consumer Bankruptcy Section of the Maryland State Bar Association for outstanding dedication and service to the Maryland consumer bankruptcy community. Mr. Tayman is also being recognized as a recipient of the 2013 Community Legal Services Pro Bono Award for outstanding pro bono service to indigent residents of Prince George's County, Md. — the second time he has received this award.

• **Hal F. Morris** (Assistant Attorney General/Managing Attorney, Bankruptcy Regulatory Section, Office of The Texas Attorney General; Austin, Texas) received the National Association of Attorneys General / State Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys Spirit Award, which is presented annually to the governmental attorney who best personifies the spirit of multi-state cooperation in the field of bankruptcy litigation.

• **Shayna M. Steinfeld** (Steinfeld & Steinfeld, P.C.; Atlanta) recently submitted the third edition of *The Family Lawyer's Guide to Bankruptcy* to the ABA for publication.

## Consumer Bankruptcy

• **Kent Anderson** (Kent Anderson Law Office; Eugene, Ore.) lobbied the Oregon State Legislature for and obtained passage of a bill that permits the use of federal bankruptcy exemptions in Oregon Bankruptcy cases.

• **Mary Beth Ausbrooks** (Rothschild & Ausbrooks; PLLC, Nashville, Tenn.) was one of 17 invited to participate in the roundtable held in Chicago with Judge Wedoff and the Rules Committee to discuss the proposed National Model Chapter 13 Plan and Rule Amendments to work out changes and

issues before the Plan and Rules were published to comment. Ms. Ausbrooks was one of four debtor's lawyers invited.

• **Kara Katherine Gendron** (Dorothy L. Mott Law Office, LLC; Harrisburg, Pa.) became president of the Middle District (Pennsylvania) Bankruptcy Bar Association and was also recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Review and Certifying Board for a three-year term.

• **Phillip W. Gillet, Jr.** (Attorney at Law; Bakersfield, Calif.) will serve as the president of the Kern County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section for 2013-14 and was elected as a board member of the Central California Bankruptcy Association.

• **Perry R. Happell** (McCune Zenner Happell, PLLC; Brentwood, Tenn.) was the recipient of the 2012 Joseph G. Cummings Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year award, given annually by the association.

• **Charles J. Schneider** (Charles J. Schneider PC; Livonia, Mich.) received a service recognition award from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for participating in the Access to Bankruptcy program, which provides free representation to indigent debtors in chapter 7 bankruptcy cases. Mr. Schneider also recently completed a three-day pro bono trial.

• **Martin P. Sheehan** (Sheehan & Nugent, PLLC; Wheeling, W.Va.) has been named president-elect of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees for the year beginning August 2013 through September 2014.

## Creditors' Rights

• **Darren D. Farfante** (Fowler White Boggs P.A.; Tampa, Fla.) has been elected to the firm's Board of Directors. Mr. Farfante also recently achieved an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell®.

• **Ryan G. Foley** (AIG Property Casualty; Parsippany, N.J.) received his LL.M. in Bankruptcy from St. John's University.

• **Joseph I. Terkell** (The Terkell Law Firm; New City, N.Y.) was elected president of the White Plains Bar Association. **abi**

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