

# Accomplishments of ABC-Certified Attorneys

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Attorneys achieve certification from the American Board of Certification (ABC) through a showing of experience, competence and ethical behavior. It is not surprising that the attorneys who strive for and achieve certification are also recognized as leaders in the legal community. Below is a small sampling of recent achievements of a few of our ABC-certified attorneys.

## Consumer Bankruptcy

**David C. Andersen** (David Andersen & Associates PC; Grand Rapids, Mich.) is the founder and past chairman of the Debtors Bar of West Michigan.

**Mary Beth Ausbrooks** (Rothschild, Nave and Ausbrooks PLLC; Nashville, Tenn.) was elected to serve on the board of directors for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys at the April 2011 national conference.

**Robin R. De Leo** (Robin R. De Leo LLC; Mandeville, La.) received the Louisiana State Bar Association 2011 Pro Bono Publico Award and the Louisiana State Bar Association Pro Bono Century Award.



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**Martin L. Rogalski** (Martin L. Rogalski PC; Jenison, Mich.) is president of the Debtors Bar Association of West Michigan and immediate past president of the Kenowa Ambucs chapter. Ambucs is a national organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

## Business Bankruptcy

**Mitchell E. Ayer** (Thompson & Knight LLP; Houston) was named president-elect of the Arthur L. Moller-David B. Foltz, Jr. American Inn of Court for 2011-12.

**Steven N. Berger** (Engelman Berger PC; Phoenix) was appointed as a lawyer representative from the District of Arizona to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

**J. Scott Bovitz** (Bovitz & Spitzer; Los Angeles) is a member and former chair of the State Bar of California board of Legal Specialization, as well as a

## About the Author

Candace Carlyon is the managing shareholder of Shea & Carlyon Ltd. in Las Vegas and serves as secretary of the American Board of Certification.

recording engineer for the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic.

**John R. Burns III** (Baker & Daniels LLP; Fort Wayne, Ind.) has served as the co-chair of the ABA Litigation Section, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Committee since 2007.

**Jules S. Cohen** (Akerman Senterfitt; Orlando, Fla.) is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy.

**Scott B. Cohen** (Engelman Berger PC; Phoenix) was recently elected chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Arizona.

**Laura Day DelCotto** (DelCotto Law Group PLLC; Lexington, Ky.) was recognized as the 2011 Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights in Lexington. She was also honored as one of the 2011 "Leading Women in

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Central Kentucky" presented by *Business Lexington*, and selected as a member of the 2011 Class of Leadership America.

**Robert A. Guy, Jr.** (Frost Brown Todd LLC; Nashville, Tenn.) authored *Distress to Success: A Survival Handbook for Struggling Businesses and Buyers of Distressed Opportunities* (Frenetic Market Press, 2011).

**James T. Markus** (Markus Williams Young & Zimmerman LLC; Denver) was named ABI President-Elect. (ABC is also honored to count ABI Past Presidents **Robert J. Keach** (Bernstein Shur; Portland, Maine), **John W. Ames** (Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC; Louisville, Ky.), **John D. Penn** (Haynes and Boone, LLP; Fort Worth, Texas), **Richardo I. Kilpatrick** (Kilpatrick & Associates PC; Auburn Hills, Mich.) and **Deborah D. Williamson** (Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated; San Antonio) among its certified attorneys.)

**Nicholas M. Miller** (Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP; Chicago) was selected as a 2010 recipient of the Turnaround Management Association's Midsize Transaction of the Year Award.

**Randy Nussbaum** (Nussbaum, Gillis & Dinner PC; Scottsdale, Ariz.) received the 2011 Scottsdale Bar Association's Award of Excellence.

**Donald L. Swanson** (Koley Jessen PC, LLO; Omaha, Neb.) serves as founder and chair of the Nebraska Bankruptcy Court Mediation Committee.

**Douglas T. Tabachnik** (Law Offices of Douglas T. Tabachnik PC; Freehold, N.J.) has chaired the Bankruptcy Litigation Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association since 2005.

## Creditors' Rights

**Steven T. Buquicchio** (Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP; Grand Rapids, Mich.) serves on the executive committee of the Grand Rapids Bar Association Litigation Section, as well as on the board of the American Red Cross and March of Dimes.

**Jerry T. Myers** (Smith Debnam Narron Drake Sainstings & Myers LLP; Raleigh, N.C.) serves as the first president of the North Carolina Creditors Bar Association.

## Business and Consumer Bankruptcy

**Janet L. Chubb** (Armstrong Teasdale LLP; Reno, Nev.) is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy.

**Alexander L. Edgar** (U.S. Trustee Program; South Bend, Ind.) continues to teach as an adjunct professor of law at Notre Dame Law School, a position he has held since 2004.

**Donna T. Parkinson** (Parkinson Phinney; Sacramento, Calif.) is the newly elected incoming chair of the Business Law Section of the California State Bar.

More than 300 of ABC's certified attorneys are also recognized as "Super Lawyers," and a great number of ABC members achieved AV ratings from *Martindale Hubble* and recognition as "Best Lawyers." ABC takes pride in congratulating its certified attorneys on their many accomplishments. If you are a certified attorney, please feel free to share with us any recent or future accomplishments. Contact **Dian Gilmore** at [director@abcworld.org](mailto:director@abcworld.org). ■