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Alane A. Becket of Becket & Lee, LLP (Malvern, Pa.) is a frequent speaker at ABI conferences, is the co-chair of the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, served as an advisor to the Consumer Education Center on ABIWorld and has been a contributing editor to the *ABI Journal*. Becket is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has represented creditors and debt purchasers in commercial and bankruptcy matters and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) defense. She is a member of the Conferences of Chapter 13 Trustees, Bankruptcy Trustees, Consumer Bankers, DBA International and Retail Collection Attorneys. She has written and lectured extensively on consumer collection and bankruptcy practices and, most recently, on the effect of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 on unsecured creditors. Becket, an ABI member since 1997, graduated from Pennsylvania State University and Widener University School of Law.



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LLP in Los Angeles, where he is focused on bankruptcy related representation of debtors, creditors, committees, equity-holders and acquirers. He is a member of the Financial Lawyers Conference, American Bar Association and Los Angeles County Bar Association. Gautier was named in *Chambers USA's* "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" listings for 2007 and 2008 and as one of Southern California's "Rising Stars" by *Law & Politics* and *Los Angeles Magazine* from 2005-08. He received his B.A./B.S. from Ohio State University College and his J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Dennis J. LeVine of Dennis LeVine & Associates, PA (Tampa, Fla.) is a former co-chair of ABI's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee and is also a frequent contributor of consumer bankruptcy articles to the *ABI Journal*. He is a former co-chair of ABI's Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop. LeVine, an ABI member since 1990, is the founder and president of Dennis LeVine & Associates PA in Tampa, Fla., where he primarily represents creditors and chapter 7 trustees in all bankruptcy courts and creditors in commercial and consumer collection actions. He is Board Certified in both Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. LeVine is a past president of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association and an active member the Florida Bar's Business Law Section. LeVine received his undergraduate degree *Phi Beta Kappa* from Tulane University and received his J.D. from George Washington University's National Law Center.



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Lorie R. Beers of KPMG Corporate Finance LLP (New York) is a contributing author to the *ABI Journal* and helped to develop ABI's annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program. She received ABI's Annual Service Award for her work on the program. Beers, an ABI member since 2002, is a managing partner with KPMG Corporate Finance LLC in New York, where she serves as the managing director of the Special Situations Advisory Group and is responsible for providing both in- and out-of-court M&A, corporate finance and restructuring advisory services to underperforming companies, debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, equity-holders and other constituents. She has more than 19 years of corporate restructuring and insolvency experience and has represented clients in the fields of apparel, building materials, business services, food and beverage, and gaming and real estate, among others. Beers is also a member of the Turnaround Management Association. She received her B.A. from Dickinson College and her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.



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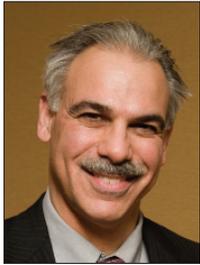
Scott F. Gautier of Peitzman, Weg & Kempinsky LLP (Los Angeles) is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy and insolvency issues and is also the national editor for ABI's circuit court updates, which are posted on the ABIWorld Web site. He is a former co-chair of ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West CLE program. Gautier, an ABI member since 2001, is a partner with Peitzman, Weg & Kempinsky



Richard M. Meth
ABI Director

Richard M. Meth of Day Pitney LLP (Morristown, N.J.) is a former ABI Vice President-Publications and recently served as co-chair of ABI's Ethics Committee, was on the steering committee for ABI's Bankruptcy Reform Study Project and has previously testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission on ABI's behalf. Meth is a partner with Day Pitney LLP in Morristown, N.J., where he is a member of the firm's financial services department, working in its bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group. He is currently chair of the ABA's Bankruptcy Appeals Subcommittee of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section and sits on the Advisory Board of ABI's Views from the Bench program. He previously served

as chair of the Subcommittee on Labor & Employment Law. Meth, an ABI member since 1985, has been named as a “New Jersey Super Lawyer” from 2005-09 as a leading bankruptcy and creditors’ rights attorney and has also been named to *Who’s Who Legal USA* and *Insolvency & Restructuring* 2006. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Tufts University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Francis A. Monaco, Jr.
ABI Director

Francis A. Monaco, Jr. of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC (Wilmington, Del.) is a member of the advisory board for ABI’s Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and co-chairs ABI’s Fraud Task Force. A partner at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Wilmington, Del., Monaco’s practice consists largely of representing debtors, creditor committees, individual creditors and other interest-holders,

including secured lenders, indenture trustees, government agencies, trade creditors, equipment lessors, landlords, asset purchasers, bondholders and stockholders. Monaco, an ABI member since 1990, has certifications in business bankruptcy and mediation and is currently a member of the board of directors of the American Board of Certification. Monaco is a member of the Delaware and Pennsylvania Bar Associations and the American Bar Association. He received his B.A. from the University of Delaware with high honors and received his J.D. from Villanova Law School.

J. Scott Victor of National City Capital Markets (West Conshohocken, Pa.) has served as co-chair of ABI’s Investment Banking Committee and ABI’s Complex Financial Restructuring Program and on the Advisory Board of the 2007 ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop. Victor, an ABI member since 1990, is a senior managing director and co-head of the Special Situations Group/SSG of National City Investment Banking in West Conshohocken, Pa. He has more than 20 years of experience in representing companies



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in chapter 11 proceedings, workouts and restructurings, refinancing and sale of distressed middle-market companies. Victor is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and an active member of the Turnaround Management Association. He has also been named a “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer” for 2006 and 2007 and a “Top Investment Banker” by *The Deal* for 2005, 2006 and 2007. Victor received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

In addition to the new directors, **Reginald W. Jackson** (Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP; Columbus, Ohio) was appointed as Chairman, **Melissa Kibler Knoll** (Mesirow Financial Consulting LLC; Chicago) was appointed as President-Elect, Prof. **Margaret Howard** (Washington & Lee Law School; Lexington, Va.) was appointed Vice President-Research Grants, **Patricia A. Redmond** (Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadoff & Sitterson PA; Miami) was appointed Vice President-Development, **Brian L. Shaw** (Shaw Gussis Fishman Glantz Wolfson & Towbin LLP; Chicago) was elected Vice President-Membership and **Ian G. Williams** (Bryan Cave; London) was elected as Vice President-International Affairs. **John W. Ames** (Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald PLLC; Louisville Ky.) becomes Immediate Past-President. ■

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