

ABC Update

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ABC Elects 2021 Board of Directors

The American Board of Certification (ABC), a national organization dedicated to serving the public and improving the quality of the bar by certifying lawyers in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights, elected new officers and board members at its annual meeting, which was held virtually on Dec. 7, 2020. The ABC is pleased to welcome the following new members to its Board of Directors:

Edward C. Boltz (Law Offices of John T. Orcutt, PC; Durham, N.C.), **Matthew T. Faga** (Markus Williams Young & Hunsicker LLC; Denver), **Stephanie Crane Lieb** (Trenam Law; Tampa, Fla.), **Adam E. Nach** (Lane & Nach, PC; Phoenix), **Grace Robson** (Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty + Hartog, PA; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and Keith Slocum (Harlan, Slocum & Quillen; Columbia, Tenn.).

In addition to these new board members, ABC selected the following new officers and executive committee members for 2021:

Chair **Kirk B. Burkley** (Bernstein-Burkley, PC; Pittsburgh), President **Patricia B. Fugée** (FisherBroyles, LLP; Perrysburg, Ohio), President-Elect **Donna T. Parkinson** (Parkinson Phinney; Sacramento), Treasurer Mary Beth Ausbrooks (Rothschild & Ausbrooks, PLLC; Nashville, Tenn.) and Secretary **Randy Nussbaum** (Sacks Tierney PA; Scottsdale, Ariz.).

The ABC Committee Leaders include the following: Dean of Faculty Prof. **Bob Cooper** (Rutgers University School of Law; Camden, N.J.), Chair of Standards **Jimmy D. Parrish** (BakerHostetler; Orlando, Fla.), Co-Chairs of State Bar Liaison **Wesley H. Avery** (Law Offices of Wesley H.

Avery, APC; Pasadena, Calif.) and **Brian L. Davidoff** (Greenberg Glusker LLP; Los Angeles), Chair of Long-Range Planning **Robert C. Furr** (Furr & Cohen, PA; Boca Raton, Fla.), Chair of Marketing **Justin M. Luna** (Latham, Luna, Eden & Beaudine, LLP; Orlando, Fla.), Chair of Technology **Mark A. Craige** (Crowe & Dunlevy, PC; Tulsa, Okla.), ABI at Large Representative **Amy A. Quackenboss** (ABI; Alexandria, Va.) and CLLA at Large Representative Robert L. Pollak (Glassberg, Pollak & Associates; San Francisco).

ABC acknowledges the good work of the 2020 Officers and Executive Committee, led by **Robert C. Furr** (Furr & Cohen, PA; Boca Raton, Fla.). Even though 2020 was a challenging year like no other, ABC accomplished much: participating in Insolvency 2020, hosting virtual happy hours for members, engaging ABI to serve as its management firm, providing extensions for certification applications, recruiting new members and administering exams. We look forward to 2021 and to seeing ABC members at in-person events.

ABC is the nation's premier legal specialty certification organization, and is focused solely on certifying attorneys as specialists in business bankruptcy, consumer bankruptcy and creditors' rights law. Board certification assists the public in identifying those attorneys who have the skills and have taken the extra time and effort to meet the ABC's rigorous standards, and is the mark of a dedicated legal professional. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of certification, please email mkleppinger@abi.org or visit abcworld.org. **abi**



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