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Mr. Leake has published and lectured extensively on U.S. and transnational insolvency matters. He is a member of the board of directors of Her Justice, a nonprofit organization that supports women living in poverty in New York City by recruiting and mentoring volunteer lawyers to provide free legal help to address individual and systemic legal barriers. He also is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Erika L. Morabito of Foley & Lardner LLP (Washington, D.C.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2001, she serves on the ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and Views from the Bench Advisory Boards, and is a frequent speaker at ABI events. She will serve a term of three years.

Ms. Morabito is a partner, litigator, trial attorney and restructuring lawyer at Foley & Lardner LLP. She concentrates her practice in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, debtor reorganizations and out-of-court restructurings. She regularly represents chapter 11 debtors, creditors' committees, chapter 7 and 11 trustees, and federal court-appointed receivers, and she frequently advises and represents clients in creditors' rights litigation, avoidance actions, claims disputes, out-of-court restructurings, and the purchase and sale of assets under the Bankruptcy Code.

Ms. Morabito is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations and Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practices, as well as its Automotive and Airport & Aviation Industry Teams. In addition, she is a member of Foley's Innovation Committee, Recruiting Committee and Alumni Advisory Counsel. Ms. Morabito also co-chairs the Women's Retention Initiative, which supports an increase in women in leadership positions throughout the firm.

Victor Owens of East West Bank (Pasadena, Calif.) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2001, he is a member of the Financial Advisors and Investment Banking Committee, and a contributor to the ABI Anthony H.N. Schnelling Endowment Fund and Endowment events. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Owens is the senior vice president and senior director of Specialty Deposits for East West Bank. He has over 30 years of specialized banking and deposit-management experience, and he currently manages a sales, operations and marketing team that offers specialty banking services to legal professionals nationwide.

Mr. Owens specializes in building fiduciary deposit-gathering teams for national banks that include sales, marketing, operations, customer service and compliance. His depository banking experience includes the management of funds under legal supervision, including the oversight of account relationships for bankruptcy trustees, state and federal court receivers, disbursing agents, class action suit administrators, chief responsible officers, chief restructuring officers, assignees and chapter 7 trustees.

William S. Sugden of Alston & Bird (Atlanta) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2008, he chairs ABI's Corporate Restructuring Competition. He will serve a term of three years.

Mr. Sugden is partner with the Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group at Alston & Bird. He represents debtors, bankruptcy trustees, creditors' committees and other fiduciaries, as well as creditors and indenture trustees, in bankruptcy proceedings. He has substantial experience advising parties on insolvency-related issues arising in workouts and insolvency-related issues in significant transactions. Mr. Sugden also has significant experience advising clients on derivatives safe-harbor issues. *Chambers USA* recognized him as a 2016 "Up and Coming" lawyer, and he was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2018-2020 in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor/Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

Adrienne K. Walker of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, PC (Boston) has been elected to ABI's Board of Directors. An ABI member since 2000, she is a member of the ABI's "40 under 40" Program Steering Committee, is an active member of ABI's Bankruptcy Litigation, Business Reorganization, Mediation and Secured Credit Committees, was on the advisory board of ABI's Northeast Bankruptcy Conference in 2017 and is a frequent contributor to the *ABI Journal*. She will serve a term of three years.

Ms. Walker has significant experience in workout, restructuring and bankruptcy matters. She represents corporate debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, lessors and lessees, and trustees in federal, state and out-of-court restructurings. Her clients represent a variety of industries, including retail, health care, textile manufacturers, biopharmaceutical, computer software, aviation, jewelry and automotive. More frequently, she has been engaged to represent trustees and bondholders in numerous chapter 9 municipal bankruptcies. She is also an adjunct professor at Suffolk University Law School, where she teaches advanced courses in business bankruptcy. **abi**



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