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HON. ELIZABETH L. PERRIS

JUDGE PERRIS has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Oregon since 1984. She has been an Adjunct Professor at Lewis & Clark College of Law (2005 - 2006, 2008 - 2009) and Willamette University School of Law (1998). She was a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit from 1988 - 1993 and 1998 - 2005. From 1976 - 1984 she worked as a bankruptcy court law clerk, served as a bankruptcy trustee and was an attorney in private practice specializing in bankruptcy. Judge Perris has been a member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules since 2007 and is chairperson of the Bankruptcy Forms Subcommittee. She has served as chairperson of the Bankruptcy Judges' Education Committee of the Federal Judicial Center (FJC), FJC board member, chairperson of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association, chairperson of the Oregon State Bar (OSB) Continuing Legal Education Committee, and chairperson of the OSB Debtor-Creditor Section. She is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Judge Perris has been a judicial mediator in the chapter 9 cases filed by multiple cities: Vallejo, Mammoth Lakes, Stockton, and Detroit.

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HON. STEVEN RHODES

MODERATOR

JUDGE STEVEN RHODES has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit) since 1985, serving as its chief judge from 2002-2009. He was also appointed to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit from 1997-2004 and 2008-2011, serving as its chief judge from 2002-2004. He was an Associate Editor of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal, published by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, from 1994-1996. In 1995, he was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. From 2002-2004, he was the Chair of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education. From 2005-2009, he was Vice President for Research of the American Bankruptcy Institute and on its Executive Committee. On April 3, 2009, the ABI awarded him its 2009 Distinguished Service Award. He is also a co-author, with Kathy Bazoian Phelps, of *“THE PONZI BOOK: A LEGAL RESOURCE FOR UNRAVELING PONZI SCHEMES,”* published by Matthew Bender LexisNexis (March 2012).

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DANIEL HEIMOWITZ

Daniel Heimowitz is a Managing Director in RBC Capital Markets' U.S. Municipal Finance group. He joined RBC in 2008 and currently leads municipal banking efforts with large issuers throughout the United States. On September 30, 2014 he completed a term as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), the Congressionally created, self-regulatory organization charged with promulgating the rules of conduct for the US Municipal Securities Market. During his tenure the MSRB expanded its scope with the introduction of rules of conduct for advisors to municipal issuers and significantly expanded pricing transparency and credit disclosure standards required for transactions in the municipal secondary market.

Prior to his position with RBC Capital Markets, Mr. Heimowitz was a managing director in Lehman Brother's public finance group. He joined Lehman Brothers after a 19-year career with Moody's Investors Services, during which time he served as executive vice president and head of the public finance ratings group, while also chairing Moody's public finance ratings and ratings policy committees.

Mr. Heimowitz is a member of the Municipal Analysts Group of New York, the National Federation of Municipal Analysts and a past president of both the Society of Municipal Analysts and the Municipal Forum of New York. He previously served as a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council and the Government Finance Officers Association Advisory Committee. Mr. Heimowitz received bachelor's degrees in economics and geography from Clark University and a master's degree in city planning from Harvard University.

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MARC A. LEVINSON

Marc Levinson is a partner in Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, resident in its Sacramento office. Since starting his career as an associate in Shutan & Trost in Los Angeles in 1975, his practice has been limited to insolvency planning, bankruptcy cases and workouts and other out-of-court reorganizations. He was lead bankruptcy counsel for the City of Vallejo, California, whose chapter 9 plan of adjustment went effective in the fall of 2011, and currently is the lead bankruptcy counsel for City of Stockton, California. Vallejo produced two published bankruptcy court decisions, one affirmed by the BAP and one by the district court, each in a published opinion. As of April 2014, Stockton had produced six published bankruptcy court decisions. Mr. Levinson is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and is the Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Bankruptcy. He received his B.A. in English from UCLA in 1970, and his J.D. from the U.C. Davis School of Law in 1973, where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. He served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Donald R. Wright of the California Supreme Court (1973-74) and for Judge William H. Orrick, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (1974-75).

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RON OLINER

Ron Oliner practices in the area of business reorganization and financial restructuring. He represents financial institutions, including loan servicers, mortgage lenders and asset based lenders, as well as bankruptcy trustees, creditors' committees, and rents and equity receivers.

Mr. Oliner has served as a chapter 11 trustee in the Northern District of California Bankruptcy Court, and is a court-appointed mediator and examiner. He has testified in jury trials as a qualified expert witness on bankruptcy and commercial remedies, and is versed in all creditors' remedies in both state and federal courts. He has also defended appeals in bankruptcy appellate courts, district courts, and before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In recent years, Mr. Oliner served as counsel to creditors' committees in *Health Plan of the Redwoods*, one of the largest chapter 11s ever filed in Santa Rosa; *Swift Instruments, Inc.* in San Jose; *SonicBLUE, Inc.* in San Jose and *Cedar Funding, Inc.* in San Jose. He has represented trustees in several very large cases, including *Cyberhome Entertainment, Inc.* and *3DFX Interactive, Inc.* in the Northern District of California. Mr. Oliner is currently representing the Vallejo Police Officers Association in the City of Vallejo chapter 9 bankruptcy case, pending in Sacramento, as well as the San Bernardino Police Officers Association in the City of San Bernardino's chapter 9 case, pending in Riverside.

In addition to his bankruptcy practice, Mr. Oliner has extensive experience in receivership, foreclosure and workouts. He has represented lenders in over one hundred receivership cases in state courts throughout California and in other jurisdictions. Mr. Oliner also represents court-appointed receivers in numerous cases in Northern California.

Mr. Oliner was the 2009 president of the California Receivers Forum. He was elected chair of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of the San Francisco Bar Association in 2005; served on the Northern District of California's Bench-Bar Liaison in 2003-2005; and served as president of the California Receivers Forum, Bay Area Chapter, in 2001-2002.

Mr. Oliner has written and spoken on a variety of topics in the bankruptcy and receivership fields. He has been designated as a Northern California Super Lawyer in the bankruptcy field in 2005 through 2012; is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law; and has been repeatedly recognized as one of the most active bankruptcy lawyers in the country by *The Deal*.

Mr. Oliner is a 1990 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law with a certificate in business law. While in law school, he served as Articles Editor for the *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*.

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