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Lee Applebaum, Attorney, is a litigation partner in Fineman, Krekstein & Harris, Professional Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, focusing his work on business and commercial litigation matters, as well as insurance coverage and bad faith cases. He has been involved in a wide variety of disputes involving real estate, the Uniform Commercial Code, business torts, contract actions, securities law claims, employment disputes concerning wrongful termination and restrictive covenants, insurance coverage and defense matters, and has litigated, written, and spoken extensively on civil litigation regarding the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). Mr. Applebaum is an Executive Committee Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Law Section and the past Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Litigation Committee. He is Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Subcommittee on Business Courts, a subject on which he is a national authority, having written numerous articles, consulted on the creation of business courts, and the Commerce Case Management Program Opinion Project and has advised the Journal of Business and Technology Law on its resources webpage.

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Mitchell L. Bach, Attorney, member in Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, Limited Liability Corporation, Litigation Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation. Mr. Bach has extensive experience in a wide variety of civil matters including securities fraud, RICO, construction litigation, intellectual property litigation, environmental litigation, banking litigation and major commercial disputes. Mr. Bach is also highly skilled in the use of alternative dispute resolution techniques, having made innovative use of such cost-saving methods throughout his career. Mr. Bach is a member of the Business Law Section and Litigation Section of the ABA. Currently, he is the Chair of the ABA Business Law Section's Committee on Business and Corporate Litigation, and immediate past Chair of the Business Court's Subcommittee. Mr. Bach has been elected to the Section Council of the ABA's Section of Business Law. He has played a key role in the organization and development of the Commerce Case Management Program of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 1999, and is actively involved in the creation

of other specialized business courts throughout the United States. Mr. Bach is also active in the Philadelphia Bar Association, and served as Chair of its Business Law Section in 2005.

A frequent lecturer, Mr. Bach recently served as a speaker at the Young Lawyers Division of the ABA conference, in a presentation entitled “An Introduction to Business Courts” in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 5, 2007. He also served as a lecturer at the ABA’s annual meeting in a session titled “An Introduction to Business Courts and Complex Litigation Courts: What Works Best and Why,” held in San Francisco, California, on August 13, 2007. Additionally, Mr. Bach was a speaker and course planner for a presentation entitled “An Introduction to Business Courts” at the ABA’s Section of Business Law Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 15, 2007.

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Merrick L. Gross, Attorney, Akerman Senterfitt, Miami, Florida, primarily practices in the areas of commercial litigation, banking and lending litigation, class actions, construction, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, and e-discovery. He has industry experience in banking and financial institutions and insurance. Mr. Gross was appointed by Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis to the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation. He also has extensive experience writing and lecturing on the subject of business courts. At the 2007 annual meeting of the ABA, he spoke on the following two topics: “Business Courts in the United States—An Update” and “An Introduction to Business Courts and Complex Litigation Courts—What Works Best and Why.” He also spoke on two topics at the annual meeting of the ABA Section of Business Law: “Business Courts: Are They Working and Why” and “2005 Review of Recent Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation.”

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Robert L. Haig, Attorney, Kelley Drye & Warren Limited Liability Partnership, New York, New York, practice focuses on commercial, personal injury, and other types of civil litigation in federal and New York State courts and both the trial and appellate levels. As co-chair of the Commercial Courts Task Force, Mr. Haig was instrumental in developing and expanding the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court. The program’s accomplishments have inspired a number of other

states, including California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, to establish their own commercial sections, modeled on the New York system. Mr. Haig has advised many other states on creation of business courts and continues to be active in this area.

Mr. Haig was one of three out-of-state experts invited to meet with the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation in 2007. He also spoke about business courts during 2005 at the Conference of Chief Justices' Midyear Meeting and at an ABA program. During the same year, he spoke at a "lobbying summit" in New Jersey as its legislature was considering the creation of a business court. He has also written articles on the topic of business courts for the ABA.

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The Honorable Ben F. Tennille

The Honorable Ben F. Tennille, North Carolina Business Court, was appointed the first Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases in the Greensboro Business Court established in 1996, which was the first statewide business court in the nation. He has presided over the growth and development of the North Carolina Business Court, which has served as a model for many other states in the attempt to create a more business-friendly judicial system. With the addition of business court judges in 2006, Judge Tennille is now the Chief Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases, in the Business Court, now located in the Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 2002, Judge Tennille was appointed to the sixteen member ABA Presidential Task Force on Corporate Responsibility and serves as Judicial Division Liaison to the Business Law Section of the ABA. He is also Co-Chair of the Judges Initiative Committee of the Business Law Section and serves on the Business Courts Committee and the Business Law Section Institutes and Seminars Board. Judge Tennille serves as Chair of the Business and Commercial Courts Committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, a newly formed committee which provides a forum for the exchange of information, best practices, and technology developments among ABA-member judges who are presently sitting on, planning to organize, or simply interested in the concept of courts or divisions of courts dedicated to the trial of business and commercial cases. He helped found the American College of Business Court Judges and served as its president from 2005 to 2007.

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