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Moderator: EDPA Bankruptcy Judge Ashely Chan

Judge Ashely M. Chan sits as a bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Chan was a shareholder at Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller (“HASPS”) and concentrated her practice in the areas of bankruptcy and corporate restructuring. She is a 1996 graduate of Rutgers School of Law – Camden, where she received Tax Honors with Distinction and received the Rutgers Pro Bono Publico Award. From 1996 to 1997, Judge Chan served as law clerk for the Honorable Gloria M. Burns of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the

District of New Jersey. Before joining HASPS, she was an associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in the business and finance section where she focused on bankruptcy, corporate restructuring, and corporate finance. She has received numerous recognitions, including being selected as a Leader in Bankruptcy/Restructuring by Chambers USA, a Best Lawyer in America in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights and a Pennsylvania Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly. She is an adjunct professor at Temple Law School where she teaches a course on commercial bankruptcy practice and procedure. She also serves as Chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group. Judge Chan is passionate about increasing diversity in the legal profession and loves to spend time in nature with her two dogs.

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Panelist: EDPA District Court Judge Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro

Judge Quiñones joined the federal bench in 2013, becoming the first lesbian Latina to be appointed to serve as a federal judge. Judge Quiñones was nominated for her position by President Barack Obama. Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge Quiñones served as a Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas Judge for over twenty years, presiding over both civil and criminal matters. Prior to joining the bench in 1991, Judge Quiñones worked as a Staff Attorney for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from 1979 to 1991 and as an Attorney Advisor for the United States Department of

Health and Human Services from 1977 to 1979. She began her legal career as a Staff Attorney for Community Legal Services, Inc. in Philadelphia from 1975 to 1977. Judge Quiñones received her J.D. in 1975 from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law and her B.B.A. cum laude in 1972 from the University of Puerto Rico.

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Panelist: EDPA District Court Judge Gerald A. McHugh

Judge Gerald McHugh is a district judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's College and Penn Law School. Judge McHugh began his legal career clerking for the Honorable Edmund Spaeth of the Pennsylvania Superior Court and the Honorable Alfred L. Luongo of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge McHugh then handled complex tort litigation on behalf of plaintiffs for more than 30 years, practicing at two firms known for their success in the courtroom – Litvin, Blumberg, Matusow and Young, followed by Raynes McCarty. His practice areas included product

liability, aviation, medical malpractice, and civil rights.

Judge McHugh was elected to fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and he was consistently listed in the directory *Best Lawyers in America*. His work in support of access to justice included three terms as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program (IOLTA) and serving as President of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network and Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Judge McHugh is co-author of *Pennsylvania Torts: Law and Advocacy*, a two-volume treatise considered a standard reference, and on six occasions the Governor of Pennsylvania presented him with a pen used to sign legislation he helped draft. His first book was on restorative justice, *Christian Faith and Criminal Justice*, and he co-founded a transitional residence for men returning home from prison.

Judge McHugh has received many awards throughout his career, including the Philadelphia Bar's Fidelity Award, the Justice Michael Musmanno Award, the Distinguished Child Advocate Award from the Support Center for Child Advocates, the Friends of Farmworkers Service Award, the Equal Justice Award from Community Legal Services, and Penn Law's Lesnick Award for pro bono service.

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Judge McHugh is a life-long resident of West Philadelphia, where his family has lived through six generations and he has long been active in community activities.



Panelist: Third Circuit Judge Ted McKee

Judge Ted McKee was sworn in as a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on June 20, 1994, and became Chief Judge on May 4, 2010. He began his legal career at a large Philadelphia law firm, but left there in 1977 to begin his career in public service. He has since been an Assistant United States Attorney, Deputy Solicitor to the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia, and General Counsel to the Philadelphia Parking Authority. He was elected to a 10-year term as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania and chaired the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission. He

was appointed to the Court of Appeals by President Clinton shortly after being retained for a second 10-year term on the Court of Common Pleas.

Judge McKee serves on the boards of directors of several nonprofit organizations and institutions including the Vera Institute of Justice and Syracuse University. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of Temple University Beasley School of Law, an honorary member of the Board of Visitors of Syracuse University College of Law, and has been an advisor to the American Law Institute. He also previously served on the Criminal Law Committee of the United States Judicial Conference.

Recently, Judge McKee was appointed to serve as a member of the National Academy of Science Committee on Law and Justice, and is one of the inaugural members of the Council on Criminal Justice. He also serves on the Board of the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement and the Board of the National Constitution Center.

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Panelist: EDPA Magistrate Judge Pamela Carlos

Magistrate Judge Carlos is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College (1986) and Temple University's Beasley School of Law (1989). Upon graduation, she worked as an Assistant District Attorney for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. In 1993, Judge Carlos joined the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC. She served as Chair of the Special Investigative Unit from 1997 through 2004. In 2004, she was named Chair of the Bad Faith and Insurance Coverage team and served in this capacity until her departure in 2021. Judge Carlos was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge on November

12, 2021.
