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The Lawrence P. King Award

Lawrence P. King Award Winner

Judge Thomas L. Ambro



Thomas L. Ambro is a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Prior to becoming a Judge in 2000, he was a member of the law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger, Wilmington, Delaware, where he was the head of its Bankruptcy Group and involved in many of the most significant reorganizations in the 1990s. Judge Ambro

joined the firm in 1976 after a judicial clerkship with Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann. On the Third Circuit Judge Ambro has authored over 1,000 opinions, many of which relate to bankruptcy and commercial issues.

Judge Ambro is a past Chair of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association and past Editor of *The Business Lawyer*. He is also a past member of the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation, and in Delaware he is a past President of the Richard S. Rodney Inn of Court and a former Co-Chair of the Collins J. Seitz Bankruptcy Inn of Court. Within the Delaware State Bar Association, Judge Ambro is a former Chair of the Commercial Law Section and chaired for 20 years that Section's Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code. He currently is a member of the American Law Institute, the American College of Bankruptcy, and the National Bankruptcy Conference (where he served on its Executive Committee).

Judge Ambro has authored numerous articles and CLE materials, and has lectured frequently throughout the country, including on various bankruptcy and commercial matters. In 2017, Judge Ambro gave the inaugural King-Seligson Lecture on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization, named after two renowned NYU law scholars—Professor Lawrence King, the former Editor-in-Chief of *Collier on Bankruptcy* (the principal treatise on bankruptcy law), and Professor Charles Seligson, a preeminent academic of his era on bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

From mid-2017 until early 2022, Judge Ambro was a member of the mediation team involved with debt-restructuring proceedings of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and affiliated entities under the federal Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act.

Judge Ambro graduated from Georgetown University's College in 1971 (Class of '72) and from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1975.

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ADMIRAL BOBBY R. INMAN'S VIEW OF THE WORLD AND INTERNATIONAL CRISES FACING THE COUNTRY

Admiral Inman will provide his view of the world, recent international developments, and crises facing the country. In addition to his service for the United States Navy, Admiral Inman also served as the Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and will provide his unique perspectives from a lifetime of service in several high-ranking positions within the United States government and military.

Distinguished Speaker



Admiral Bobby R. Inman
Retired, U.S. Navy

Adm. Bobby R. Inman became an adjunct professor at The University of Texas at Austin in 1987. He was appointed a tenured professor holding the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy in August 2001. He served as interim dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs in 2005 and again from January 2009 to March 2010. Inman served in the U.S. Navy from November 1951 to July 1982, retiring with the permanent rank of admiral. On active duty he served as director of the National Security Agency and as deputy director of Central Intelligence.

After retirement from the Navy, Inman was chairman and CEO of the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC) in Austin, Texas, for four years and chairman, president and chief executive officer of Westmark Systems Inc., a privately owned electronics industry holding company, for three years. Inman also served as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from 1987 through 1990.

His primary business activity since 1990 has been investing in startup technology companies, serving as managing director of Gefinor Ventures and Limestone Capital Advisors. He serves as a trustee of the American Assembly and the California Institute of Technology. Inman is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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MODERATOR



Hon. Marvin Isgur
United States Bankruptcy Court for
the Southern District of Texas

Marvin Isgur has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge since February 1, 2004. He was appointed to a second term as a Bankruptcy Judge, which began on February 1, 2018. Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. has appointed Judge Isgur to two terms as the sole bankruptcy judge on the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management. Judge Isgur currently presides over more than 3,000 bankruptcy cases. He has been instrumental in reforming consumer bankruptcy practices and rules both in the Southern District of Texas and nationally. For several years, Judge Isgur was one of two judges who was assigned complex bankruptcy cases in the Southern District of Texas. In that capacity, he presided over multiple bankruptcy cases with liabilities exceeding one billion dollars. Effective January 1, 2023, Judge Isgur chose to stop accepting new complex cases. He has retained all of his existing complex cases and is being assigned a full docket of all other cases. In 1974, Judge Isgur received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. In 1978 he received his MBA, with honors, from Stanford University. After earning his MBA, Judge Isgur served as an executive with a large real estate development company in Houston. In 1987, Judge Isgur returned to the University of Houston to attend law school. Judge Isgur was awarded his law degree, with high honors, in 1990 and began representing debtors and trustees in chapter 11 and 7 bankruptcy cases until his appointment as a Bankruptcy Judge. Judge Isgur is also one of a handful of attorneys in the nation with experience representing various parties in chapter 9 bankruptcy cases. Judge Isgur has written over 500 memorandum opinions. He was one of the first judges to issue opinions interpreting the 2005 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. Judge Isgur was a founding member and served on the board of directors for the Houston Urban Debate League, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with local schools to bring policy debate to high school students. He is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs.

DISTINGUISHED PANEL



Leyza Blanco, Shareholder, Sequor Law, Miami, FL

Leyza has devoted her practice to a wide range of litigation and insolvency matters, including out-of-court workouts, debt restructuring and representation of creditors, receivers, assignees, trustees and debtors in bankruptcy and general commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts. Her practice in the area of restructuring and creditors' rights is currently focused on complex business and cross-border bankruptcy and commercial litigation matters. Leyza has served in several roles including examiner, receiver and special master in federal and state court proceedings and has served as a neutral arbiter in an arbitration proceeding. Leyza received her Juris Doctor degree magna cum laude from the University of Miami Law School. She is past Chair of IWIRC International and Past Chair of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section and Education Director for the ABI Asset Sales Committee. Leyza is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and past president of the Bankruptcy Bar of the Southern District of Florida. Other notable activities include serving as lead adjunct professor at the Florida International University College of Law where she launched its bankruptcy clinical program. Leyza has been recognized in Chambers and Partners, U.S.A. Chambers and Partners, U.S.A.



Marc E. Hirschfield, Partner, Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld LLC,
New York, NY

Marc focuses his practice on bankruptcy, business restructuring, creditors' rights, litigation, and debt finance. With more than 30 years of experience as an attorney, Marc regularly represents parties in bankruptcy proceedings and related litigation throughout the country. Marc is also a court-certified mediator and is appointed to mediation panels formed by the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Delaware and for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and a member of the Turnaround Management Association. Marc serves on the Board of Directors of the Turnaround Management Association's New York Chapter. Marc is also an accomplished debt finance attorney where he regularly represents lenders and borrowers in a variety of debt finance transactions.



Eric D. Madden, Partner, Reid Collins & Tsai LLP, Dallas, TX

Eric is a partner with Reid Collins & Tsai LLP in Dallas, where his practice focuses on complex bankruptcy and business litigation. He has represented trustees, receivers, creditor committees, and investors in a number of major cases involving Ponzi schemes, financial fraud, and/or significant fraudulent transfers. He has successfully tried cases against a cast of characters—from a former member of the Gambino crime family to a former U.S. Congressman. Eric has been named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, ranked as a leading lawyer in Chambers USA, listed in The Best Lawyers in America for bankruptcy litigation, and recognized as a "Future Litigation Star" by Benchmark Litigation. In 2023, Eric was selected as the "Lawyer of the Year" for litigation-bankruptcy work in the Dallas/Fort Worth area by Best Lawyers in America. He serves as a member of the ABI Board of Directors and the Advisory Board for the New York City Bankruptcy Conference. He received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kansas, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the Order of the Coif, and the Editor-in-Chief of the Kansas Law Review.

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