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**Commercial Law League of America Congratulates G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.
*Recipient Lawrence P. King Award***

Rolling Meadows, IL, June 18, 2019 – The Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) and its Bankruptcy Section are pleased to announce that they will present the Lawrence P. King Award to G. Eric Brunstad, Jr. at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) in Washington, D.C. in October 2019.

The CLLA events at NCBJ will take place on October 31, 2019. They include the CLLA Luncheon, featuring the Lawrence P. King Award presentation, and the Keynote presentation “How Ronald Reagan Turned Around a Failing Economy and Ended the Cold War.” Following the luncheon will be the Honorable Frank W. Koger Memorial Education Program. For more information, please visit the Events page on www.CLLA.org.

The King Award: Each year, the Executive Council of the Commercial Law League’s Bankruptcy Section presents the Lawrence P. King Award to recognize a lawyer, judge, teacher or legislator who exemplifies the best in scholarship, advocacy, judicial administration or legislative activities in the field of bankruptcy. The award is designed to recognize the lifetime achievements of Professor King, which include contributing to the practice of bankruptcy law through teaching, by working to elevate the profession and through bankruptcy-related legislative activities.

This year’s recipient — G. Eric Brunstad, Jr. — is a partner at Dechert, LLP whose achievements make him well qualified for the King Award. Eric has argued 10 cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, including matters involving bankruptcy, the First Amendment, fee-shifting, taxation, the Commerce Clause, statutory interpretation, jurisdiction, and arbitration.

In addition to the cases he has argued, Eric has worked on over 60 other matters in the Supreme Court. He has also argued and briefed numerous cases in most of the federal courts of appeals and has argued two *en banc* matters in the Third and Eighth Circuits.

Eric earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Connecticut College in 1983, his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986, and his JSD from Yale Law School in 2014. He clerked for the Honorable T. Emmet Clarie on the United States District Court, Hartford, Connecticut from 1986-1987. Eric has been admitted to Practice in the U.S. Supreme Court; the Connecticut Supreme Court; the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department; U.S. Court of Appeals for the First through the Eleventh Circuits; U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. and the Federal Circuit; U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Eastern District of Michigan, and the Southern and Eastern District of New York; and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

He holds an American Board of Certification in Business Bankruptcy Law and is a Lifetime Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



On the academic side, Eric is a Visiting Lecturer in Law at the Yale Law School and a Professor (Adjunct) of Law at New York University School of Law, teaching courses on bankruptcy, argument and reason, federal jurisdiction, commercial transactions, secured transactions, and international insolvency law. He has also taught at the Harvard Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. He is the 2019 recipient of the American Bar Association Business Law Section National Public Service Award for his pro bono work.

Eric has served as an editorial advisory board member for several publications and is a contributing author for the Collier treatise on bankruptcy law, has published numerous scholarly articles, and has lectured widely on a broad range of subjects. He has also published a textbook, "*Secured Transactions, Teaching Materials*," with his co-author, Professor Jim White.

Eric was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to serve as a Member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Bankruptcy Rules, where he worked on drafting and revising 27 proposed new rules of appellate procedure governing bankruptcy appeals. He also served as a member of the Local Rules Committee of the Federal Practice Section of the Connecticut Bar Association; the Drafting Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the Southern District of New York and the District of Connecticut where he assisted in revising the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

Eric has served as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Co-Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee Section of Business Law, and as a member, served on the Advisory Committee on Business Reorganization where he participated in formulating legislative recommendations to reduce time and cost of business reorganizations under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. As Chair of the American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee Task Force on the Report of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, Eric was appointed to survey and coordinate the views of the Committee on various of the proposals adopted by the Commission.

Eric also lectures and speaks frequently at national and international meetings, conferences, and roundtables.

About the CLLA

Since 1895, the not-for-profit Commercial Law League of America has connected experienced attorneys with credit grantors, lending institutions and other commercial credit, bankruptcy and general finance industry members through networking, education, legislative advocacy and specialized legal services. The association's members include attorneys, collection agencies, judges, accountants, trustees, turnaround managers and other credit and finance experts. For more information on the CLLA, please visit www.CLLA.org.

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