

## **Judge Deborah Thorne**

Judge Deborah Thorne was appointed as a bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of Illinois in 2015. Prior to that she represented corporate debtors, secured and unsecured creditors in numerous bankruptcies throughout the country and was appointed as a federal court receiver in a number of cases initiated by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Judge Thorne previously served on the American Bankruptcy Institute Executive Committee. She has also served on the Board of Governors for the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and as Education Chair for the Chicago Bar Association. She was the President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges from 2021 through 2022. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Judge Thorne is a speaker and writer on bankruptcy issues and has authored numerous articles in the *ABI Journal* and *NACM's Business Credit*. She is the author of *Preference Defense Handbook: The Circuits Compared* and co-authored *Interrupted! Understanding Bankruptcy's Effects on Manufacturing Supply Chains*, both published by ABI.