



# *American College of Bankruptcy*

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
MARCH 13, 2020

*Whereas*, William J. Perlstein, graduated from Union College, summa cum laude (Class of 1971), and earned his law degree at Yale Law School (Class of 1974), where he served as Managing Editor of the Yale Law Journal;

*Whereas*, after graduating from law school, Bill clerked for Judge Marvin E. Frankel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York;

*Whereas*, Bill then joined Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, DC, practiced there for 41 years, served as Managing Partner, had key roles in many large, significant chapter 11 cases and became a leading force in the firm's rise to national prominence with a strong Supreme Court practice;

*Whereas*, in 2015, Bill embarked on a new career at Bank of New York, where he led the Legal Department practice groups focused on government affairs, public policy, regulatory affairs, and corporate services legal functions;

*Whereas*, Bill has written numerous articles and spoken on many educational panels;

*Whereas*, Bill has been a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy since 1996, was a Regent at Large for four years and served with great distinction as its General Counsel for 20 years;

*Whereas*, he has been a member of the American Law Institute, a director of the American Bankruptcy Institute, a member of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the D.C. Neighborhood Legal Services Program, and Trustee of Union College while serving as General Counsel to the Board of Trustees;

*Whereas*, in 2014, Bill received the American Lawyer Law Firm Distinguished Leader Award for his distinguished, exceptional and significant leadership;

*Whereas*, throughout his career, Bill has been a friend, mentor, and colleague to a vast number of professionals in all areas of practice;

*Whereas*, through his scholarship, judgment, integrity, humanity, service and professionalism, Bill has embodied the highest ideals of the legal profession for over 45 years;

*Therefore*, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that William J. Perlstein be awarded the 2020 Distinguished Service Award of the American College of the Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, DC, this 13th day of March, 2020.

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Marc A. Levinson  
Chair, Board of Directors

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Mark D. Bloom  
President