



American College of Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 10, 2017

Whereas, Judge Thomas L. Ambro was born in Cambridge, Ohio, graduated from Georgetown College (Class of 1971) and earned his law degree at Georgetown Law School (Class of 1975);

Whereas, after graduating from law school, Judge Ambro clerked for Chief Justice Daniel L. Hermann of the Supreme Court of Delaware;

Whereas, Judge Ambro then joined Richards, Layton & Finger, practiced there for 24 years, chaired his firm's bankruptcy practice, and became a leading force in Delaware's rise to national bankruptcy prominence;

Whereas, Judge Ambro was nominated to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals by President Clinton on September 28, 1999 and confirmed by the Senate on February 10, 2000;

Whereas, since joining the Third Circuit, Judge Ambro has written over 1,000 opinions, consents, dissents or orders and has sat on panels that have issued over 4,000 decisions or orders;

Whereas, Judge Ambro has written a number of seminal opinions on bankruptcy issues, as well as a variety of decisions of great importance in other areas;

Whereas Judge Ambro has been a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Law Institute, a Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, the Chair of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association, a member of the Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements and a member of the ABA Committee on Legal Opinions;

Whereas, in 2015, Judge Ambro received the American Inns of Court A. Sherman Christensen Award, which is bestowed upon a member of an American Inn of Court who has provided distinguished, exceptional and significant leadership to the American Inns of Court movement;

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

Whereas, through his scholarship, judgment, integrity, humanity, service and professionalism, Judge Ambro has embodied the highest ideals of the legal profession for over 40 years;

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro be awarded the 2017 Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, DC, this _____ day of March, 2017.

G. Christopher Meyer
Chair, Board of Directors

Marc A. Levinson
President, Board of Directors



American College of Bankruptcy

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MARCH 18, 2016

Whereas, Henry J. Sommer graduated from Harvard College in 1971, magna cum laude, and from Harvard Law School, cum laude, in 1974;

Whereas, following graduation from law school, Henry began devoting his legal talents to helping the poor at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia;

Whereas, Henry now serves as the Supervising Attorney of the pro bono Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project in Philadelphia;

Whereas, Henry has devoted his entire career to helping low-income consumers, by representing them in cases involving civil rights, consumer law and bankruptcy, and by advocating for consumer debtors on a national scale, through litigation around the country to establish or change case law on consumer bankruptcy issues;

Whereas, Henry has worked with Congress throughout his career in efforts to enact compassionate and sensible consumer bankruptcy legislation;

Whereas, Henry has testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission and has served as a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council;

Whereas, Henry was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules for two consecutive three-year terms;

Whereas, as a member of the Advisory Committee, Henry helped make the Official Bankruptcy Forms more user-friendly and sensible;

Whereas, Henry has participated for decades in countless educational programs to ensure that lawyers became skilled in representing consumer debtors;

Whereas, Henry has been a frequent lecturer at the Federal Judicial Conference seminars for bankruptcy judges and has spoken at annual meetings of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges on a variety of consumer bankruptcy issues;

Whereas, Henry has also spoken at programs sponsored by, among others, the Executive Office for United States Trustees, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees;

Whereas, Henry has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the law schools of the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University;

Whereas, Henry helped establish and served as President of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, the most highly respected and influential voice for the rights of consumer debtors;

Whereas, Henry's book, *Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, is a leading publication in the field;

Whereas, Henry has served as contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*, and is also the author of *Collier Consumer Practices Guide* and co-author of *Collier Family Law and the Bankruptcy Code*;

Whereas, since 2003, Henry has served as co-editor in chief of all *Collier* bankruptcy publications;

Whereas, Henry was elected to the American Law Institute;

Whereas, Henry was the first recipient of the National Consumer Law Center's Vern Countrymen Consumer Law Award, and received the prestigious National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Excellence in Education Award in 2011;

Whereas, Henry has been a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference since 1983;

Whereas, throughout his distinguished career, Henry has been an active and passionate member of his community, committed to improving the welfare of others;

Whereas, Henry has been a devoted and loving husband and father;

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy, that Henry J. Sommer be, and hereby is, awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy for 2016.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of March, 2016.



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