

American College of Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Whereas, R. Patrick Vance received a B.A. with highest College Honors and a J.D. from Louisiana State University, and has had a long and distinguished career at Jones Walker LLP.

Whereas, during his 50-year legal practice, Mr. Vance has represented creditors, debtors, and trustees in a broad array of business bankruptcy cases, has handled commercial disputes in state and federal trial and appellate courts, with over 300 reported decisions, and has been qualified as an expert witness.

Whereas, Mr. Vance is praised by judges, lawyers, and financial advisors around the country, as a worthy adversary and a treasured collaborator, with meticulous attention to detail, intellect, and keen legal acumen.

Whereas, Mr. Vance is an expert both in substantive bankruptcy law and of trial practice, being one of only two active Fellows of both the College and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and is a member of the American Law Institute and a Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference – the legal equivalent of the EGOT – an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony!

Whereas, Mr. Vance has a long, distinguished history of service to the College – a member of Class VI, he served from 2009 to 2024 either as a member of the Board of Directors, Vice-President, or General Counsel. He served on its Board of Regents from 2003-2007, and as member or President of the College's 501(c)(3) Foundation Board from 2010-2014.

Whereas, with Mr. Vance's vision and under his and his successors' leadership, the College's Foundation became the single largest financial supporter of organizations providing pro bono legal services to indigent debtors throughout the United States.

Whereas, as General Counsel, Mr. Vance marshaled and oversaw significant revisions of the bylaws, including amendments proposed by the College's Select Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with skill and commitment to the diversity initiatives of the Commission and the College.

Whereas, Mr. Vance also has served his local bar community with esteem, having held leadership positions in the New Orleans Bar Association (and its Foundation), the Louisiana Bankers Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Whereas, Mr. Vance has a strong and enduring commitment to charitable and civic organizations, having served in leadership positions, including Board President, with the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation and on the Board of Directors of the Whitney Plantation.

Whereas, throughout his distinguished career as a lawyer, Mr. Vance has consistently exhibited impeccable integrity, unwavering professionalism, and a dedication to justice.

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that R. Patrick Vance be awarded the 2025 Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of March 2025.