



American College of Bankruptcy

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Whereas, Leonard H. Gilbert was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, educated at Emory University, B.A. (1958) and Harvard Law School, LL.B (1961);

Whereas, in 1961 Leonard joined the Tampa, Florida firm of Mabry, Reaves, Carlton, Fields & Ward (later known as Carlton, Fields, P.A.) where he became a partner, president and chairman of the firm. He is currently a partner in the Tampa office of Holland & Knight, practicing in the areas of banking, commercial finance, creditor's rights, insolvency and commercial litigation;

Whereas, Leonard's leadership skills and sound judgment resulted in his being selected for numerous leadership positions including President of The Florida Bar (1980-81), President of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers (1999), Chairman of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (1988), President of the Tampa Museum of Art (1986-87), Chairman of the Arts Council of Tampa and Hillsborough County (1969-79), President of the Harvard Law School Association of Florida (1982-83), and President of the Midtown Kiwanis Club (1972);

Whereas, Leonard has been an active member and leader in the American Bar Association including Chairman of the General Practice Section (1979-80), Member of the House of Delegates (1980-89; 2000-present), Member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary (2006-09) and the Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation Committee (1979-82), as well as serving as a Director of the American Bar Foundation (1996-present), Chair of the Fellows of the Foundation (1998-99), a Life Member of the American Law Institute, Director of ALI-ABA (2009-present) and a Master of the Cheatwood Inn of Court (2004-present);

Whereas, Leonard has been actively involved in international law organizations and initiatives including Co-Chair of the International Bar Association Section on Insolvency Law, Secretary and a Director of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member of INSOL International, the Judicial Legal Delegation to the People's Republic of China (1980) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Insolvency Colloquia (1999 and 2005);

Whereas, Leonard has served as a director or trustee of numerous organizations including the American Bankruptcy Institute (1985-94), the American Judicature Society (1980-84), The Florida Bar Foundation (1950-1980), the University of Tampa (1986-2000), the University Community Hospital (1992-96), the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center (1994-98), the United Way (1993-98), The Lowry Park Zoo (1991-96) and the Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce (1997-99);

Whereas, Leonard served as an editor of Collier on Bankruptcy and has been a frequent speaker at programs in the United States, Europe, South America and Asia sponsored by The Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, the American Bar Institute, the American Bar Foundation, PLI, the International Bar Association, the International Insolvency Institute and participated at World Bank Conferences on Insolvency;

Whereas, Leonard has been recognized and profiled in Who's Who in America, The Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers, Who's Who in the World, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, and the Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers;

Whereas, Leonard received the Professionalism Award from the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association as well as various awards from The Florida Bar and other bar and civic associations;

Whereas, Leonard had significant involvement in high profile and complex cases receiving national attention, including Hillsborough Holdings Corp., General Development Corporation, Air Florida, Uiterwyk Lines, The Eli Witt Company and Lykes Brothers Steamship Lines;

Whereas, Leonard was inducted into the first class of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1990, and has served with distinction as a Fellow, Director, Regent and Chair of the Judicial Nominating Committee and as a Director and Treasurer of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation;

Whereas, Leonard and his wife, Jean, enjoy their family and family activities, being with friends, traveling, visiting zoos and museums, enjoying new adventures and seeing the wonders of the world; and

Whereas, throughout his distinguished career Leonard has made a personal commitment to give back to international, national, state and local professional, charitable and cultural organizations.

Therefore, be it recorded unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that Leonard H. Gilbert be, and hereby is, awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of March, 2011.

Paul M. Singer
Chair, Board of Directors

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President, Board of Directors