



American College of Bankruptcy

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Whereas, D. J. (Jan) Baker was born in Dallas, Texas, attended public schools in Houston, graduated with honors from Harvard College in 1966, and earned his law degree with honors from the University of Houston in 1973, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Houston Law Review*; and

Whereas, he practiced law with distinction for forty-four years, specializing in restructuring and reorganization matters, and was regularly recognized throughout his career as one of the country's leading restructuring lawyers; and

Whereas, he retired in 2017 from Latham & Watkins, where he had been Global Co-Chair of the Restructuring, Insolvency & Workouts Practice; and

Whereas, he has since served and continues to serve as an independent board member of companies undergoing a restructuring or reorganization; and

Whereas, his ability, professionalism, dignity and respect for all parties has distinguished him throughout his career; and

Whereas, he has performed outstanding services for numerous charitable and non-profit organizations and has given generously of his time and effort in support of pro bono legal services; and

Whereas, he has been a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy for the past 25 years and has served the College during that time in various capacities, including as a Regent, Director, President, and Board Chair; and

Whereas, UJA-Federation has previously selected him as the recipient of the Professor Lawrence P. King Award; Catholic Renewal has presented him with the St. Francis Service Award; the American Bankruptcy Institute named him as a member of the Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11; and the University of Houston has presented him with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Service to the Law School; and

Whereas, throughout his career, he has been a friend and mentor to a large number of other professionals in the restructuring community, all of whom value his judgment, professionalism, integrity, humanity, and service;

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that D. J. (Jan) Baker be awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at San Diego, California this 15th day of March, 2019.

Marc A. Levinson
Chair, Board of Directors

Mark D. Bloom
President