

James M. Carr  
United States Bankruptcy Judge  
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Judge Carr is a 1975 *magna cum laude* graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington and was Order of the Coif. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Carr joined the Indianapolis-based law firm of Baker & Daniels. He was a partner in that firm as well as in its successor, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP n/k/a Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Before becoming a judge in January, 2013, Judge Carr was in private practice for 38 years and focused on the representation of business debtors and creditors in chapter 11 cases, financial restructurings and commercial litigation.

Judge Carr received a Business Bankruptcy Law certification from the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification in 1993, and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Carr served for many years as a panelist and the chair of the annual Sig Beck advanced bankruptcy roundtable presented by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. He has been a panelist and chair of many seminars on bankruptcy, reorganization, creditor rights and lender liability sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Federal Bar Association, Commercial Law League and Indiana Bankers Association.

Judge Carr is an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, teaching bankruptcy and business reorganization. He currently serves as an Emeritus member of the law school's Board of Visitors. He is a past member and president of the law school's Alumni Board.

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## **Neema Varghese**

Neema Varghese is the Managing Director and Founder of NV Consulting Services LLC, a firm that specializes in aiding companies through complex situations including cash management issues, raising capital for continued growth, preparing entities for going concern sales of parts or entire businesses, and guiding secured lenders and private equity firms through healthy and troubled portfolio companies - often playing a critical role in resolving a company's lender relationships. Neema is a seasoned financial advisor and independent director. She brings more than 20 years of experience with an expertise in managing comprehensive M&A diligence (buy-side and sell-side efforts), restructuring, bankruptcy and disputes engagements. Neema also serves as a Subchapter V Trustee for the United States Bankruptcy Court (Northern District of Illinois). She is focused on driving change for middle market organizations and executing superior results.