

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION

IN RE:

PICCADILLY RESTAURANTS, LLC, *et al.*,  
  
DEBTORS

CASE NO. 12-51127

(JOINT ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED)<sup>1</sup>

CHAPTER 11

JUDGE ROBERT SUMMERHAYS

**EXHIBIT “B” – QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNSEL RENDERING SERVICES**

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He was the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana from May, 1988 to May, 2002. During his tenure, he authored numerous opinions of first impression of Louisiana state law and bankruptcy law, and was the author of a number of opinions that ultimately were adopted by the Fifth Circuit and other courts as the law of those courts. He also presided over the first conversion to a totally electronic filing and docketing system within the Federal Courts of the United States.

He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Louisiana State University Law Center, a position he has held since 1988, and is the permanent chair of the annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar sponsored by the Louisiana State University Center for Continuing Professional Development, a program he developed and has chaired since 1995.

He has been a contributing editor to the Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 2nd, and is the author of numerous articles for law reviews and other periodicals, including Fifth Circuit Symposium: Bankruptcy, 35 Loy. L. Rev. 715 (1989); Developments in the Law: Bankruptcy, 54 La. L. Rev. 599 (1994); and Ruminations on Property of the Estate: Does Anyone Know Why a Debtor's Postpetition Earnings, Generated by Her Own Earning Capacity, Are Not Property of the Bankruptcy Estate?, 58 La. L. Rev. 623 (1998).

<sup>1</sup> Joint administration requested with *In re Piccadilly Food Service, LLC*, 12-51128 (Bankr. W.D. La.) and *In re Piccadilly Investments, LLC*, 12-51129 (Bankr. W.D. La.).

He is also a frequent speaker and writer for legal education seminars across the country, including seminars presented by or in conjunction with Stetson University College of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Texas Tech School of Law, Norton Institutes on Bankruptcy Law, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, American Bar Association, the bar associations of Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin, numerous federal district bar associations, National Association of Attorneys General, States' Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, and VISA International. He has also taught educational programs on bankruptcy law for state judges.

**Courtney S. Lauer** – Courtney S. Lauer is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy/Debtor-Creditor Practice Group in the Houston office. Her practice involves all aspects of restructuring and reorganization including representation of creditors, secured lenders, purchasers of assets, and debtors and advising lenders and borrowers in restructuring transactions. Her experience includes representation of clients regarding a broad array of Chapter 11 issues, including the preparation and negotiation of prenegotiated, prepackaged, and traditional Chapter 11 plans, bankruptcy acquisitions, executory contracts and unexpired real property leases, debtor in possession financing, cash collateral issues, and Chapter 11 plan confirmation issues. Prior to joining Gordon Arata, Ms. Lauer was Counsel in the Restructuring and Reorganization practice of Vinson & Elkins, LLP's Houston office. She also served as a judicial clerk to The Honorable Harlin D. Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (2003-04); The Honorable A. David Kahn, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1999-2000); and The Honorable Louis M. Phillips, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1994-1995).

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Ms. Lauer is a member of the Houston Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation; and the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas.

The following is a list of Ms. Lauer's Publications and Speeches:

- Author/Speaker, 3rd Annual Federal Bankruptcy Practice Seminar, An Overview of the Bankruptcy Code, October, 2006
- Author/Speaker, Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course, State Bar of Texas, Administrative Expenses and Key Employee Retention Plans Panel, May, 2006
- Author, "New Bankruptcy Law: Changes Affecting Business Cases," Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, October 1, 2005
- Author/Speaker, 2nd Annual Federal Bankruptcy Practice Seminar, An Overview of the Bankruptcy Code, September, 2005
- Author/Speaker, Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Ethics Panel, November, 2004

•Author/Speaker, 10th Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar, Louisiana State University Law School, Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, October, 2004 .

**Peter A. Kopfinger** – Peter A. Kopfinger joined the firm in June of 2009 and is a member in the Baton Rouge office. Mr. Kopfinger’s practice includes representation of clients in the areas of debtor/creditor rights (and associated litigation), commercial real estate (buy/sell agreements, title examination and leasing) and commercial contracts. Mr. Kopfinger obtained a B.S. in Business Administration from Louisiana State University with a major in accounting and thereafter passed the CPA exam on his first sitting. Mr. Kopfinger received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert School of Law at Louisiana State University and an LL.M. from Tulane Law School (concentration in corporate and commercial law). Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Kopfinger clerked for the Honorable Stephen V. Callaway, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Mr. Kopfinger is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and the Baton Rouge Bar Association and also a Board member of the Academic Distinction Fund, a non-profit organization whose goal is to improve the East Baton Rouge Public School System and a member of the Catholic High School Men’s Club. He is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in Louisiana and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, Mr. Kopfinger co-authored Dispute Resolution Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act FORC Quarterly Journal of Insurance Law and Regulation, Vol. XIII, Edition IV (December 2, 2000) and has spoken at, and prepared materials for various legal seminars.

**Ryan J. Richmond** – Ryan J. Richmond is a fifth-year associate with the law firm of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC, and received his J.D. and B.C.L. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, 2006. Mr. Richmond’s practice concentrates on bankruptcy and corporate reorganization. Mr. Richmond also practices in the areas of commercial and general litigation. During law school, Mr. Richmond was active on the Tullis Moot Court, where he served as the Board’s elected treasurer from the spring of 2005 to the spring of 2006. He was a member of the Law Center’s 2005 National Tax Law Moot Court team, which finished second in the nation. Mr. Richmond received awards for the highest grade in European Union II: Commercial and Business Law and Louisiana Security Devices Survey. Mr. Richmond also served as a research assistant to Professor Christopher Pietruszkiewicz. Mr. Richmond contributed to law review articles and seminar papers, including: Douglas D. Dodd, Reaffirmation Agreements: The Triumph of Hope Over Experience, LSU Law Center 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar, October 5, 2006; Christopher Pietruszkiewicz, Discarded Deference: Judicial Independence in Informal Agency Guidance, 76 Tenn. L. Rev. 1 (2006). Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Richmond clerked for the Honorable Douglas D. Dodd, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, from August 2006 to August 2007. Mr. Richmond also served the Bankruptcy Court as a judicial extern during the summer of 2005. Mr. Richmond has appeared before all bankruptcy court within the State of Louisiana.

**Elizabeth A. Spurgeon** – Elizabeth A. Spurgeon is an associate in the Baton Rouge office of Gordon Arata. Ms. Spurgeon’s practice concentrates on bankruptcy and corporate reorganization. Ms. Spurgeon graduated first in her class from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2010, where she received her juris doctorate and diploma of civil law, *summa cum laude*. During law school, Ms. Spurgeon was a member of the Louisiana Law Review and a student attorney with the Juvenile Defense Clinic. She received the David Herman

Civil Law Property award, along with 17 CALI awards, which are given for receipt of the highest grade in a law school course. Ms. Spurgeon's law review comment, "All for One or Every Man for Himself? What is Left of Solidarity in Redhibition," 70 La. L. Rev. 1227 (2010), was a co-recipient of the Henri Capitant Association Award for best comment on a civil law topic. Prior to joining Gordon Arata, from August 2010 to 2011, Ms. Spurgeon clerked for the Honorable James J. Brady, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana. Ms. Spurgeon was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 2010.