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A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LEVIN

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Each year, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* honors an individual who has made a significant impact on the field of bankruptcy law with the Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement. Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award include The Honorable William L. Norton, Jr. (1999); Kenneth N. Klee (2000); Frank R. Kennedy (2001); Harvey R. Miller (2002); The Honorable David H. Coar (2003); Gerald K. Smith (2004); The Honorable Conrad B. Duberstein (2005); Senator Dennis W. DeConcini (2006); The Honorable W. Homer Drake, Jr. (2007); Douglas G. Baird (2008); Elizabeth Warren (2009); Barry W. Ridings (2010); Tony Alvarez II and Bryan Marsal (2011); and Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz (2012). On April 10, 2013, we presented Richard Levin with the Fifteenth Annual Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Richard Levin is a partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, where he serves as the Chair of the Restructuring practice. His practice focuses on creditors' rights, insolvency, reorganization, and bankruptcy. Mr. Levin also serves as Chair of the National Bankruptcy Conference and is a former member of the Board of Directors and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Levin has guided a diverse range of clients through complex chapter 11 and out-of-court restructurings, both domestically and abroad. His clients have come from many industries and include corporate debtors, creditors, and acquirers.

Serving as counsel to a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Levin was one of the primary authors of the 1978 Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Levin also served as a consultant to the World Bank and to the Central Bank of Brazil regarding Brazil's 2005 bankruptcy legislation, as Faculty at the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Judge Workshops since 2002, and as a Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School.

Mr. Levin is regarded as one of the leading experts in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. He has received recognition from numerous institutions, including, to name a few, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *The*

Legal 500, The Best Lawyers in America, and The International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers. He is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy law in continuing legal education programs and is a regularly published author in the legal press.

Mr. Levin holds an S.B. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1972) and a J.D. from Yale Law School (1975), where he was an Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

To celebrate his tremendous contributions to bankruptcy law, the Honorable Eugene R. Wedoff gave a rousing tribute to Mr. Levin. Judge Wedoff and Mr. Levin have permitted us to include revised versions of the tribute and acceptance speech, respectively. Please join us in celebrating the significant accomplishments of Richard Levin.

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