



American College of Bankruptcy

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Whereas, Douglas G. Baird is an active and devoted Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, having been inducted as a member of Class XIV in 2003, and having served on its Board of Directors (2005-2009) and as its Scholar in Residence (2009-2013);

Whereas, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English summa cum laude from Yale College (1975), he graduated Order of the Coif from Stanford Law School (1979), where he served as the Managing Editor of the Stanford Law Review; he also holds an LL.D, honoris causa, from the University of Rochester (1994);

Whereas, after serving as a law clerk for two judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1979, 1980), he immediately joined the University of Chicago Law School as an Assistant Professor, becoming Professor and Associate Dean a mere four years later;

Whereas, Professor Baird has had a long and distinguished career at the University of Chicago, being named the Harry A. Bigelow Professor of Law in 1988, serving as the Dean of the Law School from 1994 to 1999, and serving as the Harry A. Bigelow Distinguished Service Professor of Law since 1996;

Whereas, the law schools at Stanford (1987-88), Harvard (1993), and Yale (2000) were the fortunate beneficiaries of Professor Baird's short sabbaticals from Chicago;

Whereas, by last count, Professor Baird has authored or co-authored thirty scholarly books, served as the editor for two others, contributed to over a dozen book sections, and authored nearly ninety law review articles;

Whereas, Professor Baird's scholarship is held in high regard by the academy, the bar, and the bench, having been cited over 3,500 times in articles and 150 times in cases;

Whereas, Professor Baird's scholarship is as impactful as it is immense, as recognized by his receipt of the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal's Distinguished Service Award (2008);

Whereas, Professor Baird is the consummate teacher to us all – lawyers, financial professionals, judges, students, and professors, alike – having given countless presentations, including many before the College, and having authored books used in law schools nationwide;

Whereas, Professor Baird is a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, having served as its Vice-Chair (1997-2005), on its Executive Committee (2012-15) and serving as Chair from 2020-2024;

Whereas, Professor Baird's contributions extend beyond the realm of bankruptcy, including:

Since 1996, being a fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, an honorary society and research center that convenes leaders across disciplines to address significant societal challenges;

Serving on the Board of Directors and as an officer of the American Law and Economics Association (1992-2014);

Serving on the Board of Directors and as an officer of the Southeast Chicago Commission, a community-based not-for-profit organization focused on enhancing economic development in five neighborhoods on the south side of Chicago (1991-2011).

Whereas, the bankruptcy profession and the communities in which Professor Baird lives and works have benefited from his creative endeavors and astute elucidation for over four decades;

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that Professor Douglas G. Baird be awarded the 2023 Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 24th day of March 2023.