

Geoffrey L. Berman is a Senior Vice President of Development Specialists, Inc., based in its Los Angeles office and was the President of the American Bankruptcy Institute in 2011-2012. He has authored numerous articles on general assignments, including the ABI publication “*General Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors, the ABCs of ABCs*” (2d edition), co-authored the Spring 2009 St. John’s University Law School – ABI Law Review article that proposed a Model Statute for General Assignments and has consulted with state bar committees across the country on efforts to modernize state statutes on general assignments. He has over thirty-five years’ experience in the administration of assignment estates around the country as well as numerous post confirmation trusts. Geoff also served as an ex-officio member of the ABI’s Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, with oversight to the Avoiding Powers Committee and served as an ex-officio member of ABI’s Ethics Task Force,

Mr. Berman obtained his B.A. in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA in 1975, with an emphasis in Accounting and Finance, and an Undergraduate Honors Thesis in Finance. He obtained a *juris doctorate* degree from Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, CA in 1985. He is also certified as a mediator, serving on both the Central District of California and the District of Delaware mediation panels.