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As lead or Delaware counsel in reorganization and liquidation proceedings, Ms. Owens maintains a diverse practice, representing corporate debtors and various secured and unsecured creditor constituencies, including lenders, bondholders, indenture trustees and agents, landlords, trade creditors, and contract counterparties. In addition, she also represents estate professionals, such as creditor and equity committees, examiners, and future claims representatives, as well as other interested parties, including acquirers of distressed assets. In recent years, Ms. Owens's practice has expanded beyond bankruptcy to commercial civil litigation in state and federal court.

For eight years, Karen served on the Executive Committee of the Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, a professional organization dedicated to the mission of fostering excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills within the bankruptcy community of Delaware. Currently, she serves as a member of the Civics Committee of the Delaware chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is an attorney volunteer in the Delaware Legal Services PFA Pro Bono Program. She is also the founder and editor of, and a regular contributor to, the "[Delaware Bankruptcy Insider](#)", a blog designed to bring readers a comprehensive analysis of the latest Delaware corporate bankruptcy news and rulings.

Before joining Ashby & Geddes, Ms. Owens started her career at Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as an associate, and later went on to serve as a law clerk to Honorable

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