



American College of Bankruptcy

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Whereas, Professor Jay L. Westbrook graduated from the University of Texas in 1965 and its School of Law in 1968;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook practiced law for 11 years, participating in a variety of complex international financial litigation, as well as a civil rights class action suit;

Whereas, in 1980 Professor Westbrook returned to the University of Texas to teach bankruptcy and commercial law, where he has served for the past 35 years, currently as the Benno C. Schmidt Chair of Business Law, and where he has received numerous awards for teaching excellence;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook co-authored the popular law school bankruptcy casebook, *The Law of Debtors and Creditors*, plus a host of books on international business bankruptcy, consumer bankruptcy and commercial law;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook has engaged in ground-breaking empirical research about individual consumer debtors, leading to the publishing of numerous articles on related subjects;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook's research and scholarly work have meaningfully encouraged federal economic policy of providing a fresh start for good faith consumer debtors;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook has been a leader in the study of international bankruptcy law, serving as the United States Reporter for the American Law Institute Transnational Insolvency Project and co-heading the United States Delegation to The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law where he played a pivotal role in developing the Model Law on Cross Boarder Insolvency, subsequently enacted by the United States, the European Union, England and other countries throughout the world;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, the American Law Institute, the International Insolvency Institute and the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law;

Whereas, Professor Westbrook has received the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award for his book *As We Forgive Our Debtors* (1989) and the American College of Financial Services Lawyers' Annual Writing Award for this book *The Fragile Middle Class: Americans in Debt* (2000);

Whereas, Professor Westbrook, throughout his distinguished career, has been an active and passionate member of his community, committed to improving the welfare of others;

Whereas, in addition to his many professional achievements, Professor Westbrook has been a devoted and loving husband to Polly and father to Joel;

Therefore, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that Professor Jay L. Westbrook be, and hereby is awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy for 2016.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of March, 2016.

Michael L. Cook
Chair, Board of Directors

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President, Board of Directors