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STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM

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Years you have been a chapter 7 or subchapter V panel trustee: 18 _____ Years you have been a NABT Member: 18 _____

Profession: Attorney _____ Average annual number of cases: 200-300 _____

1. **Describe why you would like to be a member of the NABT Board:** *As I stated in my initial SOI in 2022, my Trustee work is the most interesting and rewarding part of my practice. Since being on the board for the last 2 years, my passion for NABT has eclipsed the NC Bar Association, ACT12, and all other trade organizations I've participated in over the last 27 years of practice. I believe I have much more to offer NABT, and I look forward to increasing my time and exposure for the benefit of all the members.*
2. **Describe any significant efforts you have participated in on behalf of NABT:** *Since being appointed to the Board in 2022, I've participated in numerous committees, including Conference Planning (participating as a speaker in 2022 and 2023), along with hosting sessions as moderator. Since joining the board, I've participated on the Legislative Committee, currently serving as Co-Chair along with Jason Gold. I've traveled to DC on no less than 3 occasions this year to meet with representatives and staffers on the Hill to discuss legislation directly affecting our members. In addition, I serve on the ABTJ Editorial Board as an assistant editor, editing and selecting articles and topics for each journal.*
3. **Describe any significant efforts you have participated in to improve the bankruptcy process:** *In addition to my participation referenced above, I served on the EDNC Local Rules Committee for more than 10 years, helping improve the court related processes, as well as serving on our statewide Bar Association board, always promoting bankruptcy and bankruptcy practice statewide. I also lobbied our federal congressional representatives and senators for changes to bankruptcy laws – specifically in the area of Chapter 12 cases prior to becoming a Board member in 2022. I continue to serve on the NC Bar Association Bankruptcy Council as a permanent Past Chair member, assisting with the statewide Council annual meeting on the planning committee, speaking on a panel regarding Sub V and Chapter 12 Farm bankruptcy issues.*
4. **Describe any significant efforts you have participated in on behalf of your specific profession:** *As I stated in my initial SOI back in 2022, I speak at several CLEs focused on introducing other area practitioners to bankruptcy and how it may affect their practice in particular cases, including the North Carolina Investor's Title Annual Meeting, engaging with real estate attorneys and professionals concerning bankruptcy.*
5. **Describe any other items you would like for the voters to consider:** *Since my appointment to the Board in 2022, I have engaged with members, lobbied on behalf of the members, met with stakeholders and discussed ways to improve and perfect relations with the United States Trustee as a member of the working group that meets with the UST regularly. I have also worked to increase membership by recommending that my auctioneers,*



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accountants and new Trustees join the organization, and I believe I have successfully helped increase membership through those efforts. Further, I donate to the PAC, contributing monthly to that effort, and as of 2024, I have become a Lifetime Member of the President's Club.

6. Please attach to this form your biography/CV/resume.

By submitting this statement of interest, I acknowledge receipt of the criteria and obligations of a board member and attest that, to the best of my knowledge, I can meet such criteria and obligations at this time.



Signature of Candidate

____12/21/23_____
Date

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JOHN C. BIRCHER III

John C. Bircher III was born in Columbia, S.C., on September 23, 1970. At the age of eight, he moved with his family to the family dairy farm in Craven County, N.C. He later entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1992. He attended the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University and received his Juris Doctor in 1997.

John is a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and is a member of the NABT Board of Directors, serving on the CLE Planning Committee, Assistant Editor of the American Bankruptcy Trustee Journal, and Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee. He is licensed to practice before all state and federal courts in North Carolina, in the Northern District of Georgia and the state courts of Tennessee. He is a member the Bankruptcy Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, The Eastern North Carolina Inn of Court and the Eastern Bankruptcy Institute Board of Directors. Bircher served as Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the NCBA in 2015-2016. John is also on the Association of Chapter 12 Trustees Board, serving as its Treasurer.

Since 2009, John has been certified as a **Specialist in Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Law** by the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Bircher was initially appointed to serve on the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, Bankruptcy Specialty Committee, and currently sits on the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, overseeing all specialty groups for the State Bar. John, also a Certified Mediator, was recently nominated to serve on the Dispute Resolution Council of the NCBA, where he serves on the Ethics Committee.

He was appointed to the NC Bar Association Board of Governors and NC Bar Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning July 2017, serving as Nominating Committee Chair in 2020. In addition, Bircher serves on the panel of Chapter 7 Trustees in the Eastern District of North Carolina and he is Chapter 12 Case Trustee for the District. He served as a member of the EDNC Local Rules Committee for over ten years.

John has been selected for inclusion to the North Carolina Super Lawyers list in Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights since 2011 and has been named to **Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in Bankruptcy** since 2013. He also received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell in 2021.

John is the Past Chair of the Neuse River Development Corporation and Past Chair of the Board of the Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corporation. Bircher serves as an At-Large Member of the North Carolina Tryon Palace Commission appointed by a Republican Governor and reappointed by a Democrat Governor, and serves on the Executive Committee as legal counsel to the Commission since 2013.

He is Vice-Chair of Bradham's Legacy, Inc., a non-profit corporation dedicated to the formation, construction and operation of a Pepsi-Cola Museum in the Birthplace of Pepsi, New Bern, North Carolina.