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Dr. Andrew Kalotay, president of Andrew Kalotay Associates, is a leading authority on debt management. He has written widely on the valuation of bonds, interest rate derivatives, and mortgage-backed securities. His innovations include refunding efficiency (a widely used tool for managing callable debt), the Ratchet Bond (a surrogate for conventional callable bonds), and the Volatility Reduction Measure (for testing hedge effectiveness). Before founding AKA in 1990, Dr. Kalotay was with Salomon Brothers in the Bond Portfolio Analysis Group. Prior to that he was at Bell Laboratories and AT&T. On the academic side, he directed the first Financial Engineering program in the U.S. at Polytechnic University, from 1995 to 1997. Previously he taught at Wharton, Columbia and Fordham University. Apart from his academic publications in finance, operations research and statistics, he writes the "Topics in Fixed Income" column in Financial Engineering News. Dr. Kalotay holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Queen's University and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto, all in mathematics. In 1997 he was inducted into the Fixed Income Analyst Society's "Hall of Fame". Dr. Kalotay teaches *Advanced Topics in Fixed Income* on a regular basis.

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Rebecca Kurland works for Jones Apparel Group as a product development manager, supervising and directing a number of clothing lines from design to delivery. She serves on the JAG committee for Corporate Excellence at Jones New York, whose goal is to create and maintain a positive work environment for all employees.

Ms. Kurland attended Cornell University as a Presidential Research Scholar and graduated from Cornell with honors in Human Development. Her research focused on child development amidst rural poverty.

Ms. Kurland was director of Camp Ramah Berkshires Waterfront for several summers and still keeps busy in her spare time by teaching American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR. In conjunction with her close ties with Camp Ramah, she is co-chair of the Labor Day Retreat Committee and sits on the board of the Ramah Berkshires Alumni Association.