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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 18, 2004

Presiding Officer: Hon. Bob McGuire, Dallas

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

1.25 hours including .50 hour 9:00 a.m. ethics credit from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Recent Developments

A survey of case law development from around the nation, delivered by two of the country's leading academic authorities on bankruptcy.

Elizabeth A. Warren, Cambridge, MA Jay L. Westbrook, Austin

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hour

Concurrent Jurisdiction in State and Federal Courts

"Which way do we go?" Rooker-Feldman and the perils of concurrent jurisdiction.

Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, Plano Deborah D. Williamson, San Antonio

11:15 a.m. .75 hour

363 Sales vs. Liquidating Plans

Chapter 11 vs. Chapter 3: the pros and cons of sales under §363 vs. through Chapter 11 plan. Why should the judge care?

Clifton R. Jessup, Jr., Dallas Hon. D. Michael Lynn, Fort Worth

12:00 p.m. Lunch with the Band

Hon. Richard Schmidt, Corpus Christi and his band. Please select on registration form.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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1:15 p.m. .75 hour

What Has Gone Wrong and Right With Large Chapter 11 Cases?

Does current Chapter 11 practice meet the drafters' goal of balancing power between the major groups? How the 78 Code solved some problems, only to create others, as seen through the lenses of cash collateral usage, Section 363 sales, and case management.

William Greendyke, Houston Michael R. Rochelle, Dallas David B. Young, Austin 2:00 p.m.

.33 hour

Estate vs. Estate: What Happens When One Bankruptcy Estate Has Claims Against Another?

This presentation reviews the lack of rules and the resultant custom and practice of courts with Bankruptcy estates making claims against each other and the impact on the use of cash collateral, claims determinations and confirmation issues.

Michelle A. Mendez, Dallas

2:20 p.m. .75 hour

Cramdown in Chapters 11 and 13 after Till

Risk, Rate, Return, Reality and Reasoning as applied to Big Fish and Little Fish that swim in entirely different bodies of water.

Deborah B. Langehennig, Austin Robin E. Phelan, Dallas

3:05 p.m. .42 hour

My Code or Yours? When Federal Statutes Collide

Bankruptcy issues for federally regulated industries including electric utilities and telecommunications companies.

Patricia Baron Tomasco, Austin

3:30 p.m. Break

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:45 P.M. — 5:30 P.M.

A. Business Bankruptcy Track

3:45 p.m.

Deepening Insolvency

This session will discuss the increasingly common theory behind claims against officers, directors, accountants, investment bankers, and lenders for tortiously deepening the insolvency of a company.

Kyung S. Lee, Houston Valinda Barrett Wolfert, Dallas

4:45 p.m.

.75 hour

1.00 hour

Avoiding Chapter 22: A Post-Confirmation Look Back at Feasibility

Many times courts and parties are under great pressure to confirm plans with dubious, at best, chances of ultimate economic success. This session offers a discussion of how to anticipate such problems and strategies for dealing with them.

Loretta Cross, Houston Stephen W. Lemmon, Austin

B. Consumer Bankruptcy Track

3:45 p.m.

Consumer Class Actions Involving Fair Debt Collection Claims

.50 hour

Recognizing and capitalizing on profitable alternatives to Chapter 7 and Chapter 13: consumer class actions.

Manuel H. Newburger, Austin

4:15 p.m. .50 hour

Lying in Wait: The IRS After Discharge

This presentation addresses some questions to ask a prospective client who wants to discharge tax debts in bankruptcy. A model qualified answer, and a disclaimer.

E.P. Bud Kirk, El Paso

4:45 p.m. .75 hour

Pick Your Poison — Divorce, Death or Goin' Broke

The panel will consider the often strange interaction between the Bankruptcy Code, the Texas Probate Code and the Texas Family Code (and related rules and statutes). Topics discussed will include claims procedure in probate administration, as well as the competing rights of creditors, the potential impact on exemption claims, and the jurisdictional interplay between the courts.

Hon. John C. Akard, Lubbock, Moderator Thomas S. Henderson, Houston Patrick J. Neligan, Jr., Dallas

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn to Reception

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FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 19, 2004 Presiding Officer: Thomas S. Henderson, Houston 8:00 a.m. **Conference Room Opens** Continental breakfast provided. 8:30 a.m. .50 hour Creative Objections to Discharge and Dischargeability A survey of the latest trends in discharge and dischargeability litigation. Roger S. Cox, Amarillo 1.00 hour 9:00 a.m. **Executory Contract Issues** Recurring and unresolved issues relating to executory contracts and unexpired leases. Sabrina L. Streusand, Austin Paul E. Heath, Dallas Henry Flores, Houston 10:00 a.m. **Break** 10:15 a.m. .75 hour ethics credit **Privileged Characters** Trustees, Examiners, Committees, Debtors In Possession, and their respective professionals all enjoy limited immunity for actions taken within the scope of their fiduciary duties. Cross the line and bad things can happen. Plan to avoid problems and discuss penalties for "illegal border crossings." John P. Melko, Houston 11:00 a.m. .75 hour **D&O Liability Insurance Coverage Issues** Bankruptcy estates and litigation trusts often sue the former officers and directors of entities that have filed for bankruptcy. This session will address insurance coverage for these claims and exceptions to coverage. Barry C. Barnett, Dallas Karl G. Dial, Dallas 11:45 a.m. .50 hour **Deciding Whether to File:** Alternatives to Bankruptcy An empirical examination of how failed high-tech businesses decide whether to use bankruptcy versus other liquidation methods. Ronald J. Mann, Austin 12:15 p.m. Optional Networking Luncheon For the convenience of speakers and registrants.

Please select on registration form.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Hon. Leif M. Clark, San Antonio

1:45 p.m. 1.00 hour

Corralling Fees

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly—what Fee Auditors, U.S. Trustees and Judges consider important, amusing or outrageous in fee applications.

Nancy Ratchford, San Antonio Hon. Marvin Isgur, Houston Warren Smith, Dallas 1.00 hour including .25 ethics credit 2:45 p.m. from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Judges' Panel: The Judge as Trail Boss

What role should the judge play in managing cases? Should the judge be a whip-cracking hands-on trail boss? Or should the judge just wait at the end of the trail to see if the lawyers can deliver the case to market? A wide ranging discussion of the good, the bad and the ugly in judicial case management styles.

Hon. Leif M. Clark, San Antonio, Moderator

Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, Plano Hon. Marvin Isgur, Houston

Hon. Harlan "Cooter" Hale, Dallas

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

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Nov. 10, 2004, 5 p.m.

·last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this time

Nov. 12, 2004, 5 p.m.

·last day for full refund Nov. 15, 2004, 5 p.m.

Monday before conference ·last day for partial refunds

(\$50 processing fee applied)

Nov. 18 2004, 9 a.m. conference begins

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