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Wednesday Evening, Nov. 20, 2013

John C. Akard Lecture

6:00 pm

John C. Akard Lecture Delivered by Sarah Worthington

Professor Sarah Worthington QC (Hon) FBA is the Downing Professor of the Laws of England, University of Cambridge, and Co-Director of the Cambridge Private Law Centre. Her main research interests are in commercial equity and corporate law, especially secured financing and governance issues. She is a Bencher of Middle Temple, barrister of South Square, Gray's Inn, Member of Council of the British Academy and a Panel Member of PRIME Finance. She has held visiting appointments in Africa, Australia, Europe and Hong Kong, and has worked with law reform bodies in the UK, Europe and Australia, including serving as a member of the Advisory Council for the Study Group for a European Civil Code, consultant to the UK Law Commission, and member of working groups of the Bank of England Financial Markets Law Committee and the UK Company Law Review.

Professor Worthington's Akard Lecture is entitled "Lessons from Lehman: Persistent Problems in Secured Lending."

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Thursday Morning, Nov. 21, 2013

Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference

Presiding Officer:

J. Michael Sutherland, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX

8:00 am

Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 am

Welcoming Remarks

Hon. Leif M. Clark, Mediator/Abitrator/Consultant - San Antonio, TX

9:00 am 1.00 hr	<p>Recent Case Law Update</p> <p>If you're sittin' around "waitin' for the dust to settle" on these cases, you'll be disappointed. There's a full-blown West Texas dust storm blowin' out yonder. But the presenters have brought some brooms!</p> <p>Moderator: Jay L. Westbrook, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p> <p>Panelists: R. Byrn (Byrnie) Bass Jr., Attorney at Law - Lubbock, TX Angela Littwin, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX William J. Rochelle, Bloomberg LP - New York, NY Deborah D. Williamson, Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated - San Antonio, TX</p> <p>Materials By: Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX Brian T. Cumings, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody - Austin, TX Aaron M. Kaufman, Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated - Dallas, TX Priya Kiran, Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX</p>
10:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>Oil and Gas Leases: They're Not Just in Texas Anymore; They're Fracking Everywhere!</p> <p>In an oil and gas bankruptcy, what you think you know about the rights of interest owners, remedies, lien rights and termination rights may be changing in Texas, up north and out in the Gulf.</p> <p>Charles A. Beckham Jr., Haynes and Boone, LLP - Houston, TX Eli O. Columbus, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Materials By: Kelli M. Stephenson, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Appendix B: The US Trustee Fee Guidelines—Now What?</p> <p>They're here, so what's next? As firms begin to grapple with the question of how to comply with the UST Fee Guidelines, questions emerge: <i>What does the US Trustee Program hope to accomplish? What does the USTP expect? How can I avoid objections? Why should I?</i> This interactive discussion attempts to dispel some myths and shed some light on how to put the new Appendix B Guidelines into practice.</p> <p>Michael P. Cooley, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP - Dallas, TX Nan Roberts Eitel, U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Trustees - Washington, DC</p>
11:45 am	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 21, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Demetra L. Liggins, Thompson & Knight LLP - Houston, TX

Luncheon Presentation

12:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>What Neuroscience Tells Us about Debtors</p> <p>How does the brain light up when we incur debt? What is the neuroscience behind insolvency? A survey of ethical considerations involved with a brain in debt. Consider the implications on your own ethical conduct in light of the demand characteristics and biased instincts of the debtor's brain.</p> <p>Kevin L. Leahy, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
12:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
1:00 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Interactive Ethics</p> <p>Real world ethical issues involving real players—you!</p> <p>Lawrence J. Fox, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP - Philadelphia, PA Sabrina L. Streusand, Streusand, Landon & Ozburn, LLP - Austin, TX Materials By: Seth E. Meisel, Streusand, Landon & Ozburn, LLP - Austin, TX</p>
1:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Expert Testimony and Evidence in Bankruptcy</p> <p>Use of experts and evidence in bankruptcy—strategies for cases with restricted funds, <i>Daubert</i>, Rule 26 issues and discovery of expert reports.</p> <p>Patrick Kelley, Ireland, Carroll & Kelley, P.C. - Tyler, TX Hon. Richard Schmidt, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Corpus Christi, TX</p>
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Recent Developments in Consumer Bankruptcy Scholarship and Data</p> <p>Angela Littwin, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
2:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Insurance Law for Dummies</p> <p>In many cases, the principal asset recovery will be insurance—the estate's, a director's, a tortfeasor's. Insurance companies are not always eager to pay, however. An acknowledged expert in the field presents this important primer on insurance law.</p> <p>Craig J. Litherland, Gilbert LLP - Washington, DC</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The Plan after the Plan: 30 Tips in 30 Minutes for Life after Reorg</p> <p>Confirmation of the plan is only half the battle. The real test comes when the plan documents face trial by fire post-confirmation. Learn 30 tips in 30 minutes so you—and the confirmed plan—can remain unscathed post-confirmation. Documentation, litigation, reporting requirements, jurisdiction concerns, and more. See what's coming before it arrives!</p> <p>Sylvia A. Mayer, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP - Houston, TX William A. (Trey) Wood III, Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP - Houston, TX</p>

4:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Buyers' Guide to Section 363 Sales</p> <p>What if your client is the buyer? Your point of view is very different, as are your expectations for the outcome. A look at Section 363 sales from the buyer's point of view, including sales to the entity financing the proceeding, the efficacy of successor liability provisions, and strategies for negotiating effective APA's.</p> <p>C. Luckey McDowell, Baker Botts - Dallas, TX Tonya Moffat Ramsey, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
4:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The Results: The Process and Observation from a Survey of Practitioners</p> <p>Discovery and observations from a survey of Texas bankruptcy practitioners regarding the future of Chapter 11.</p> <p>Michelle A. Mendez, Conley, Rosenberg & Brenneise, LLP - Addison, TX</p>
5:00 pm	<p>Adjourn to the Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference Reception Thank You To Our Sponsor</p> <p>Hill Schwartz Spilker Keller LLC</p>

Friday Morning, Nov. 22, 2013

8:00 am	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
<p>Business Track Presiding Officer: Samuel J. Gerdano, American Bankruptcy Institute - Alexandria, VA</p>	
9:00 am 2.75 hrs	<p>ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, Field Hearing</p> <p>The American Bankruptcy Institute's Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11 was established in 2012 to comprehensively investigate the need for modernization in the U.S. law of corporate reorganization. The 20 members of the Commission have held more than a dozen field hearings around the country, hearing from experts in law, finance, the judiciary and academia. The records from these proceedings are found at www.commission.abi.org. More than 130 other top professionals are serving on advisory committees, studying topical areas and reporting back recommendations for reform. The Commission's final report will be transmitted to Congress in December 2014. At this hearing during the Westbrook Bankruptcy conference, panels of experts address policy issues important to Texas practitioners, including fundamental bankruptcy jurisdiction and venue. Includes one 15-minute break.</p>
	<p>Panel 1: Remarks From a Cross-Section of the Texas Bar Regarding the Future Direction of Chapter 11</p> <p>William R. Greendyke, Norton Rose Fulbright - Houston, TX Michael R. (Buzz) Rochelle, Rochelle McCullough, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p>
	<p>Bankruptcy Court Jurisdictional Issues: Article III, <i>Stern</i></p> <p>G. Eric Brunstad Jr., Dechert LLP - Hartford, CT</p>

	<p>Panel 2: Bankruptcy Court Venue</p> <p>Hon. Steven W. Rhodes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan - Detroit, MI Douglas B. Rosner, Goulston & Storrs - Boston, MA Jay L. Westbrook, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Michael Luskin, Luskin, Stern & Eisler LLP - New York, NY James L. Patton, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP - Wilmington, DE</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Adjourn Business Track Lunch On Your Own</p>
<p>Consumer Track Presiding Officer: Robert B. Wilson, Chapter 13 Trustee - Lubbock, TX</p>	
9:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>The New Chapter 13 Plan</p> <p>An opportunity to get your specific questions answered on where we are now on the proposed National Model Chapter 13 Plan. Please submit your questions in advance to service@utcle.org or onsite at the conference registration desk.</p> <p>Jon M. Waage, Bradenton, FL</p>
9:45 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Pitfalls in Pre-Bankruptcy Planning</p> <p>Discussion concerning planning for and anticipating potential issues in consumer cases, with do's and don'ts as well as traps for the occasional consumer attorney to avoid.</p> <p>Joshua P. Searcy, Searcy & Searcy, P.C. - Longview, TX</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>How to Simplify the Use of the iPad in Court and in Your Bankruptcy Law Practice</p> <p>Peter Johnson, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
10:45 am	<p>Break</p>
11:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Homestead Issues</p> <p>A discussion of recent cases affecting the homestead exemption.</p> <p>Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Materials By: Christopher G. Bradley, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
11:30 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Disposable Income Issues in Consumer Cases</p> <p>When the liquidation test says your client needs to pay a specific amount, yet their disposable income won't cover it, what do you do? Does income from exempt property count? How long does your client have to pay in an individual Chapter 11? These and other brain teasers to help you work through disposable income challenges.</p> <p>Michael V. Baumer, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Adjourn Consumer Track Lunch on Your Own</p>

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 22, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Jay H. Ong, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Austin, TX

1:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Section 1129 is "Not Dead Yet" in the Fifth Circuit</p> <p><i>Texas Grand Prairie Hotel; Lively; Village at Camp Bowie!</i> The Fifth Circuit is speaking about 1129 issues once again. Panel members discuss the Fifth Circuit's rulings as well as some lower court decisions struggling with how to apply adequate protection payments at confirmation.</p> <p>Moderator: Clifton R. Jessup Jr., Greenberg Traurig LLP - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Keith M. Aurzada, Bryan Cave LLP - Dallas, TX Davor Rukavina, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Serving up Chapter 9 Lone Star Style . . . With a Dash of Detroit</p> <p>In Texas? Yes, even in Texas!</p> <p>Josiah M. Daniel III, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Dallas, TX Heather M. Forrest, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Dallas, TX Hon. Steven W. Rhodes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan - Detroit, MI</p> <p>Materials By: Katie Drell Grissel, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
2:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
2:55 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Chapter 15 and the <i>Vitro</i> Decision: Is the Applicability of the Public Policy Exception Any More Certain?</p> <p>It's time for this esoteric chapter to go mainstream. In the past few years, there has been a significant increase in Chapter 15 filings and the reasons for its use. Although the Fifth Circuit has weighed in with an important decision that grapples with third party releases under a Mexican reorganization plan, it did not necessarily clear up the uncertainty about how Chapter 15's "public policy exception" will be applied in the future.</p> <p>Berry D. Spears, Norton Rose Fulbright - Austin, TX Joseph J. Wielebinski Jr., Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
3:25 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Judicial Panel</p> <p>Please submit your questions in advance to service@utcle.org or onsite at the conference registration desk.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Hon. Russell F. Nelms, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Fort Worth, TX Hon. Richard Schmidt, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Corpus Christi, TX</p>
4:10 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>