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*WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 14, 2018

JOHN C. AKARD LECTURE

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Melissa B. Jacoby, University of North Carolina School of Law - Chapel Hill, NC

Melissa B. Jacoby is the Graham Kenan Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she teaches bankruptcy law, contract law, and commercial law, including and especially secured transactions.

Jacoby is an elected member to the American Law Institute, the National Bankruptcy Conference, the American College of Bankruptcy, and the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers, and has served as the Robert M. Zinman Scholar for the American Bankruptcy Institute. She is a recipient of the Grant Gilmore Award for scholarship from the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and the Byrd Award for teaching, among other honors. Her recent scholarly articles include *Tracing Equity: Realizing and Allocating Value in Chapter 11* (with Ted Janger), published in the Texas Law Review, and *Corporate Bankruptcy Hybridity*, forthcoming in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Early in her career, Jacoby was a law clerk for the Honorable Robert E. Ginsberg of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Jacoby graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, as well as from Penn's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in history. Jacoby blogs about bankruptcy and commercial law on Credit Slips and is @melissabjacoby on Twitter.

ABOUT THE COVER



Warmth of the Sun, by Lois R. Lupica.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 15, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Richard Robbins, AlixPartners LLP, Houston, TX

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.

8:35 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

DUBERSTEIN AND ELLIOTT CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

8:45 a.m.

Professor Jay L. Westbrook introduces the Duberstein and Elliott Cup Championship Teams.

8:55 a.m.

1.25 hrs | .50 hr ethics

Recent Developments

Professor Westbrook, and his usual supporting cast, discuss the year's most important business and consumer cases.

Moderator:

Jay L. Westbrook, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

Panelists:

R. Byrn "Byrnie" Bass Jr., Attorney at Law, Lubbock, TX Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee, Austin, TX

Bill Rochelle, American Bankruptcy Institute, New York, NY

Deborah D. Williamson, Dykema Cox Smith, San Antonio, TX 10:10 a.m.

.75 hr

Mediation Maximus

Do's and don'ts to maximize the potential for a positive mediated outcome and avoid wasting time and money.

Hon. Leif M. Clark, Leif M. Clark Consulting, PLLC, San Antonio, TX

Sylvia A. Mayer, S. Mayer Law PLLC, Houston, TX

10:55 a.m. Break

11:05 a.m.

.75 hr

What Every Bankruptcy Lawyer Should Know About the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

Discuss the changes in the tax law, brought about by the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, that impact debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, and, in particular, how those changes impact the value of the bankruptcy estate to prospective bidders for assets in the estate.

John T. Bradford, Liskow & Lewis, Houston, TX Edward L. Rothberg, Hoover Slovacek LLP, Houston, TX

11:50 a.m. .75 hr

Puerto Rico Lessons Learned

Puerto Rico's insolvency is changing the law of municipal insolvencies — a spate of litigation has already produced numerous decisions from the trial court, six opinions from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit Court and one from the Supreme Court in the last two years alone. Hear lessons learned, and issues opened and unresolved, for other troubled state and local governments.

Amy Caton, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, New York, NY

12:35 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

THE JOHN C. AKARD DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

The John C. Akard Distinguished Lectureship Program was endowed by the generous gifts of many members of the Texas bankruptcy bar in honor of Judge John C. Akard (retired), a 1957 UT Law graduate who served with great distinction for 14 years as the U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Texas, sitting in Lubbock and throughout much of West Texas. The first Akard Lecture was delivered in 2001 by Professor Elizabeth Warren of Harvard Law School, and formerly of The University of Texas School of Law.

Concurrent Sessions

BUSINESS TRACK

Presiding Officer:

Robin Russell, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, TX

1:50 p.m.

.50 hr ethics

In the Hot Seat: In-House Counsel as Witnesses

The use of in-house counsel as a witness has potential benefits and – more importantly – pitfalls for both the client and counsel. Learn what is the best way to navigate those ethical and legal pitfalls.

Eric D. Madden, Reid Collins & Tsai LLP, Dallas, TX

2:20 p.m. .50 hr

Adequate Protections

Evaluate the trends of adequate protection in the use, sale or lease of property of the estate. Focus on a few case studies and review the legal trends and types of adequate protection which courts have either recently approved or which may become more common in the future, especially as interest rates and liquidity tightens.

Patrick L. Hughes, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, TX 2:50 p.m.

.50 hr

Workout Tactics and Other Strategies to Avoid Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

With the expense of Chapter 11 increasing, what tactics or strategies should a restructuring professional consider if Chapter 11 bankruptcy is not the preferred alternative.

Kevin Mark Lippman, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., Dallas, TX

Mark Shapiro, GlassRatner, Dallas, TX

3:20 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m.

.75 hr

Expert Nightmares

Getting your expert's opinion into the record and adopted by the Court can be the difference between victory and defeat. Using published opinions as a springboard, key turning points in assisting and persuading the Court with expert opinions are examined.

Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX J. Ken Johnson, Martin | Walton LLP, Houston, TX 4:15 p.m.

.75 hr

(Almost) Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Chapter 11 Plans

Before heading off for cocktail hour, be sure to brush up on chapter 11 plan developments so you can be the life of the party. Discuss recent plan-related developments including substantive consolidation, "per plan" versus "per debtor" considerations, third-party releases, artificial impairment, good faith and a number of other issues that will keep your guests thoroughly entertained.

Aaron Michael Kaufman, Dykema Cox Smith, Dallas, TX

David W. Parham, Akerman, Dallas, TX Alexandra Schwarzman, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, IL

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn to Reception

CONSUMER TRACK

Presiding Officer:

Hon. John C. Akard, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Retired, Tomball, TX

1:50 p.m.

.75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Jevic in the Consumer Context

Can a Chapter 7 trustee really sell my underwater homestead? Some courts say yes, but *probably* not in Texas.

Michael V. Baumer, Law Office of Michael Baumer, Austin. TX 2:35 p.m.

.75 hr

Automatic Stay/Turnover

Is refusal to turn over property post-petition a violation of the stay? Discuss turnover after *In Re Cowan, 849 F. 3rd 943* (10th Cir. 2017).

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX David G. Peake, Chapter 13 Trustee, Houston, TX

3:20 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

.75 hr

Loss Mitigation in Texas

Not just for homestead! A committee of the Bankruptcy Law Section has submitted a loss mitigation program for statewide implementation to our bankruptcy judges. Hear the latest on the loan modification program proposed for Texas.

Pamela A. Bassel, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, TX 4:15 p.m.

.75 hr

Bankruptcy Exemptions - A Practical Approach

Bankruptcy Exemptions can be a debtor's best friend or worst nightmare if not used correctly. Attend this breakout session where Judges Gargotta and Rodriguez will discuss how to deal and not deal with exemption issues pre-bankruptcy. As an added bonus, a portable "Bankruptcy Exemption - Quick Reference Guide" prepared by the Judges is available to the first 50 attendees. Don't miss out!

Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen, TX

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn to Reception

5:00 p.m. Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference Reception

Join program faculty and attendees for drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

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FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Chris López, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Houston, TX

7:45 a.m. **Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

8:15 a.m.

.75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Legal Ethics About Cryptocurrencies

Bitcoin and others of the 1,600+ cryptocurrencies are headline news every day, but also possible assets of debtors in bankruptcy. Explore the ethical issues lawyers need to be aware of regarding cryptocurrencies.

John P. Melko, Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP, Houston, TX

John Rollins, Stout Risius Ross, LLC, New York, NY Peter S. Vogel, Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP, Dallas, TX

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

#NoTweetingAfterMidnight: Ethical Risks in Social Media Use

Hear valuable guidance on dealing with the ethical minefield that is social media. Using real world examples and ethics opinions, discuss the areas of practice in which social media use (or misuse) can present ethical and disciplinary concerns, as well as tips for using social media responsibly.

John G. Browning, Passman & Jones, Dallas, TX

.75 hr 9.45 a m

Technology in the Courtroom

Overview of courtroom technologies available to effectively and persuasively present visual and audio materials in court proceedings; evidentiary considerations associated with such technology use; and related practice tips and pointers.

Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

10:30 a.m. **Break**

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Circuit Splits

Discuss key decisions distinguishing the Fifth Circuit from other Circuits in business bankruptcy

Christina W. Stephenson, Husch Blackwell LLP, Dallas, TX

11:15 a.m.

.50 hr

Venue Reform

Where is Senate Bill 2282?

Marcus A. Helt, Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP, Dallas, TX

11:45 a.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Drew McManigle, SierraConstellation Partners, LLC, Houston, TX

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LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:05 p.m. .75 hr

Marijuana and Bankruptcy: Just Say No!

Examine the intersection of Bankruptcy and Marijuana Laws.

Kyung S. Lee, Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP, Houston, TX

Steven N. Levine, Husch Blackwell LLP, Denver, CO

12:50 p.m. **Break** 1:05 p.m.

.50 hr

Fiduciary Duties In Other Systems

Discuss how far from the United States they stray and are they right to do so?

John Pottow, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

1:35 p.m.

.75 hr

.50 hr

Individual Chapter 11's and the Twists and Turns They Can Present

Explore what an individual Chapter 11 case is, what it isn't, and how to identify and address some of the challenges you may experience along the way.

Paul E. Heath, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Dallas, TX Stephanie E. Kaiser, Doerner Saunders Daniel & Anderson LLP, Fort Worth, TX E. Lee Morris, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.,

2:20 p.m. Break

2:35 p.m.

.75 hr ethics

Ethical Considerations in Section 363 Sales

When (if ever) may insiders and court-approved professionals acquire bankruptcy assets? What must be disclosed? What ethical restrictions apply to sale negotiations? What are the consequences of unethical actions when transferring estate assets?

Susan M. Freeman, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, Phoenix, AZ

3:20 p.m.

Judicial Spotlight

1.00 hr

The old guard interviews the new guard. Hear Judges Isgur, Parker, and Gargotta facilitate conversation with Judges Rodriguez and Norman regarding judicial philosophies, procedures, and general practice tips. Come and learn more about what makes all of these judges tick!

Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

Hon. Bill Parker, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Tyler, TX

Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen, TX

4:20 p.m.

Adjourn

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Young Lawyers Committee Annual Evening Reception

Thursday, November 15 at 8:30 p.m.

Micheladas Cafe y Cantina, 333 E 2nd St., Austin, TX 78701

Please join the Young Lawyers Committee of the Bankruptcy Law Section in honoring our recently retired judges, and welcoming our new and incoming judges.

All are invited to join in the celebration!

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REASONS TO ATTEND

- Led by Professor Jay L. Westbrook Recent Developments, the perennial favorite, is back with a panel of distinguished practitioners to discuss this year's cases.
- The old guard, Judges Isgur, Parker and Gargotta, interview the new guard in the Judicial Spotlight.
- Explore ethical issues that lawyers need to be aware of regarding cryptocurrencies and social media.
- Select from Thursday afternoon concurrent tracks:
 - Business Track discussions on the use of in-house counsel as witnesses; the trends of adequate protection for property of the estate; tactics or strategies if Chapter 11 is not the preferred alternative; and recent Chapter 11 plan-related developments.
 - Consumer Track discussions on Jevic in the consumer context; turnover after In Re Cowan, 849 F. 3rd 943; loan modification program proposed for Texas; and exemption issues for pre-
- Review technology in the courtroom; circuit splits; ethical considerations in section 363 sales; maximize the potential for a positive mediation outcome.
- Join us Wednesday evening for the John C. Akard Lecture with Melissa B. Jacoby who is the Graham Kenan Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- · Enjoy interacting and networking with judges, trustees, and practitioners at Thursday Evening's Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Reception.

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November 14*, 15-16, 2018

CONFERENCE LOCATION



Four Seasons Hotel

98 San Jacinto Boulevard Austin, TX 512.685.8100 (reservations)

Accommodations:

City View King: \$285; Lake View King: \$310 Good through October 15, 2018 Reference "UT Law Bankruptcy" (subject to availability)

Parking:

Daily Self-Parking: \$12 Daily Valet Parking: \$16 Overnight Self-Parking or Valet: \$45 (subject to change)

KEY DATES

November 7, 2018

Last day for early registration Add \$50 for registrations received after this time

November 9, 2018

Last day for full refund cancellation

November 12, 2018

Last day for partial refund cancellation \$50 processing fee applied

*November 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m. John C. Akard Lecture begins

November 15, 2018, 8:35 a.m. Conference begins