

**2005 Consumer Bankruptcy Practice**  
**June 30 - July 1, 2005 • Moody Gardens • Galveston, TX**  
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**Thursday Morning, June 30, 2005**

**Presiding Officer:**

In Galveston: **John C. Akard**, Lubbock, TX

9:00 am In Galveston Only 0.50 hr	<b>Hot Texas Topics</b>  An overview of controversies concerning political contributions and the avoidance powers, tithing and discharge under §523(a)(8), unfair discrimination, and much more.  David B. Young, McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore - Austin, TX
9:30 am In Galveston Only 0.75 hr	<b>Dischargeability of Taxes: Part I</b>  Noted author and authority, Morgan D. King, explains in simple yet comprehensive terms what kinds of taxes can be erased, when they can be erased, and how they can be erased in Chapter 7 and 13—this session also covers common issues and traps for the unwary.  Morgan D. King, Law Offices of Morgan D. King - Dublin, CA
10:30 am In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>Dischargeability of Taxes: Part II</b>  This panel continues the discussion of the dischargeability of taxes with an emphasis on common problems, solutions and practices.  Morgan D. King, Law Offices of Morgan D. King - Dublin, CA E.P. Bud Kirk, Attorney at Law - El Paso, TX Portia N. Rose, Houston, TX
11:30 am In Galveston Only 0.75 hr	<b>Exemptions: What May You Keep While Serving Your Time in Debtors' Prison?</b>  The session will cover exemptions in general with a focus on recent cases and issues.  Ronald Hornberger, Plunkett & Gibson, Inc. - San Antonio, TX Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm, PLLC - Bedford, TX

**Thursday Afternoon, June 30, 2005**

**Presiding Officer:**

In Galveston: **John C. Akard**, Lubbock, TX

1:30 pm In Galveston Only 0.82 hr	<b>Small Business Bankruptcy Issues</b>  Business debtor's reporting and accounting requirements, eligibility, cash collateral, valuing a sole proprietorship, "transforming" the business entity and other related issues.  Janet S. Casciato-Northrup, Houston, TX William E. Heitkamp, Houston, TX
2:20 pm In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>Saving Chapter 13: Law, Economy and Strategies</b>  Solving inefficiencies and ineffectiveness in Chapter 13 Procedures. A review of the new, proposed Southern District Rules and Forms.  Hon. Marvin Isgur, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX John Ernest Smith, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX Walter B. Thurmond, Barrett Burke Wilson Castle Daffin & Tra - Houston, TX
3:35 pm In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>What Should I Do If...A Discussion of Issues with Not So Simple Answers</b>  A panel discussion of issues that arise in a consumer bankruptcy practice that may not always have an easy answer, or that may involve serious ethical considerations and/or conflicts.  Marlow R. Preston, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX Michael P. Ridulfo, Brown McCarroll, LLP - Houston, TX Rosemary J. Zyne, Dallas, TX
4:35 pm In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>The Bankruptcy Reform Act: Now That It's Here, What Do We Do with It?</b>  A look at some of the biggest changes in consumer bankruptcy practice resulting from the Reform Act—with suggestions for how to deal with them.  Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District - Chicago, IL

## Friday Morning, July 1, 2005

### Presiding Officer:

In Galveston: **J. Michael Sutherland**, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal - Dallas, TX

8:30 am In Galveston Only 0.75 hr	<b>Managing Your Practice for Profit</b>  Dinorah Gonzalez, Malaise & Daivs, P.C. - Houston, TX Marlow R. Preston, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
9:15 am In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>Avoiding Evidentiary Pitfalls in Bankruptcy Litigation</b>  This program will highlight various evidentiary issues including making a record, judicial notice, business records and opinion testimony to increase your chances of a successful outcome in litigation.  Hon. Barry Russell, U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Los Angeles, CA

10:30 am In Galveston Only 0.50 hr	<b>Marital Bliss or Not in Bankruptcy</b>  Bankruptcy treatment of (1) collection of support; (2) marital liabilities; (3) marital liens; and (4) conflicts of interest in spousal representation.  Frank R. Monroe, US Bankruptcy Court - Austin, TX
11:00 am In Galveston Only 0.75 hr	<b>The Nonfiling Spouse</b>  When you can get two for the price of one, why would a spouse not file? Oh, I see. His/her stuff is “separate” (maybe).  R. Byrn "Byrnie" Bass Jr., R. Byrn Bass, Jr. - Lubbock, TX
11:45 am In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>Box Lunch Presentation: Bankruptcy Ethics</b>  Follow the law or follow the judge? How much representation is enough?  John C. Akard, Lubbock, TX David W. Barry, Houston, TX Nancy B. Rapoport, University Of Houston Law Ctr - Houston, TX

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1:15 pm In Galveston Only 0.75 hr	<b>Disposable Income</b>  The U.S. Trustee’s review of cases for civil enforcement issues.  Mary Frances Durham, United States Department Of Justice - Dallas, TX Albert Loftus, Office of the U.S. Trustee - Dallas, TX David G. Peake, Houston, TX
2:00 pm In Galveston Only 1.00 hr	<b>How Will the New Consumer Bankruptcy Rules Work in Practice</b>  In the closing panel, bankruptcy judges and practitioners discuss how they see the new bankruptcy rules play out in their courts. Q&A encouraged—questions will be solicited throughout the conference.  Hon. Marvin Isgur, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Marlow R. Preston, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX Gerrit M. Pronske, Pronske & Patel, P.C. - Dallas, TX J. Michael Sutherland, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal - Dallas, TX Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm, PLLC - Bedford, TX