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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:45 a.m. 1.25 hr | .25 hr ethics

Case Law Review

An update on Fifth Circuit consumer bankruptcy cases from the past year.

- Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
- Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX
- Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX
- Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Plano, TX

10:00 a.m. 1.00 hr ethics

Discharge, Dischargeability and Bankruptcy Crimes

- Ashley L. Gargour, Berg & Androphy, Houston, TX
- Cedric L. Joubert, Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

11:00 a.m. Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:15 a.m.

TOPICS*

- A. Bankruptcy Basics 1.00 hr
- B. Reaffirmation Agreements—Personal and Real Property 1.00 hr
- C. Client Tips for Chapter 13 Success 1.00 hr
- D. Family Law and Bankruptcy—No Love (or Money) Lost 1.00 hr
- E. Bankruptcy Tax Issues 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

12:15 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

*See "Breakout Sessions" column for topic descriptions and faculty

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX

1:30 p.m. .75 hr

Adversary Proceedings Nuts and Bolts from Filing through Appeal

How to bring or defend an adversary proceeding in the bankruptcy court. Factors, procedures and deadlines to consider when filing an appeal.

- Mark A. Castillo, Curtis | Castillo PC, Dallas, TX
- Behrooz P. Vida, Attorney at Law, Bedford, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Claim Objections

Understanding and presenting claim objections.

- Diane S. Carter, Barron & Barron LLP, Plano, TX
- Mayur M. Patel, The Sughrue Law Firm, PLLC, Houston, TX
- Michael L. Weems, HughesWattersAskanase LLP, Houston, TX

3:15 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Chapter 7: Practical Tips and Ethical Considerations

Two attorneys experienced in handling Chapter 7 cases offer insight into Chapter 7 practice, explore a few dos and don'ts and offer advice about traps for the unwary.

- Theda W. Page, The Page Law Firm, Frisco, TX
- Joshua P. Searcy, Searcy & Searcy, P.C., Longview, TX

3:45 p.m. Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4:00 p.m.

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- F. Writing Better Motions and Briefs 1.00 hr

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00–9:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner

NIGHT OUT AT THE AQUARIUM

All registrants and their families (kids welcome) are invited to a special reception and buffet dinner with bankruptcy judges and conference faculty members.

Visit the spectacular Moody Gardens Aquarium without the large crowds of summer—the Aquarium is closed to the public for this special private reception and buffet.

This event is casual, fun and flexible—come for a half hour and quick drink, or stay on for two hours, and enjoy a buffet dinner with seating throughout the Aquarium.

SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Tickets are \$10 per person and are NOT included in Conference registration. Please see registration form to purchase.



Presiding Officer:

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

8:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Breakfast Breakout Sessions with the Judiciary and Chapter 13 and 7 Trustees

Includes continental breakfast.

One or more judges and trustees from each of Texas' four judicial districts meet with attendees and discuss problems of local concern.

9:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Legitimate and Illegitimate Approaches to Home Loan Modification and Loan Forgiveness

Home loan modification and loan forgiveness is an ever-evolving minefield for both banks and borrowers, from constant regulations and rule-making to shady third-party "loan modification" assistance groups. Navigating and protecting your client through this morass is possible when armed with the right information.

Shawn I. Carter, Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, Addison, TX
Janna Countryman, Standing Chapter 12 & 13 Trustee, Plano, TX

10:00 a.m. .75 hr

Better Use of Technology

Targeted to the sole practitioner, learn how to simplify the use of the iPad for courtroom presentations and organization of the paperless office, and how to implement cloud-based practice management.

Peter Johnson, Attorney at Law, Houston, TX

10:45 a.m. Break

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No Love (or Money) Lost | 1.00 hr |
| E. Bankruptcy Tax Issues | 1.00 hr .25 hr ethics |

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Plano, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Fifth Circuit Update

A discussion of cases from the Fifth Circuit allowing time for questions at the end.

Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Rule 3002.1—Interpretations and Actions

How the Courts are interpreting Rule 3002.1 and what the Courts are doing.

Cristina Platon Camarata, Buckley Madole, P.C., League City, TX
Eduardo V. Rodriguez, Malaise Law Firm, Brownsville, TX

2:00 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Emergency Filings, Eligibility Issues and Other Issues to Address

The top 10 tips and tricks you need to know—from the initial client meeting to filing an emergency Chapter 13 and 7.

Famose T. Garner, Garner Scott & Jones, PLLC, Houston, TX
Yolanda Gutierrez, Keeling Law Firm, Houston, TX
Tracie M. Shelby, The Shelby Law Firm, Dallas, TX

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. .75 hr

Smackdown, Round 5: Emergency Funds in a Chapter 13 Budget

How to get your judge to allow emergency funds.

Moderator:
Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

Panelists:
Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX
Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Topic A: Bankruptcy Basics

Designed for newer practitioners, learn the basics that every lawyer should know about bankruptcy. The two judges address the following questions and more: What is a discharge? What is estate property? How are exceptions determined? What should be in the schedules? What is the best interest of creditors test in a Chapter 13?

Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX
Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Plano, TX

Topic B: Reaffirmation Agreements—Personal and Real Property

Lender's counsel and debtor's counsel discuss the benefits, burdens and beauties of reaffirmation agreements.

June A. Mann, Mann Law Firm PLLC, Houston, TX
Theda W. Page, The Page Law Firm, Frisco, TX
Stephen G. Wilcox, Bassel & Wilcox, P.L.L.C., Fort Worth, TX

Topic C: Client Tips for Chapter 13 Success

Consumer practitioners offer practical approaches for average debtors to achieve Chapter 13 success.

J. Thomas Black, Law Office of J. Thomas Black, P.C., Houston, TX
Tagnia F. Clark, Maida Law Firm, Beaumont, TX

Topic D: Family Law and Bankruptcy—No Love (or Money) Lost

Family law and bankruptcy often collide in interesting ways. A discussion of the basics of bankruptcy and family law, as well as issues that arise when these areas of law intersect.

Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX
Bryan W. McDaniel, Law Office of Bryan W. McDaniel PC, Elgin, TX
Layla D. Milligan, Attorney at Law, Austin, TX

Topic E: Bankruptcy Tax Issues

A judge, former DOJ tax division counsel, and experienced debtor's counsel provide practical suggestions in negotiating tax issues with the IRS both outside and in the bankruptcy context. The panel also discusses issues that all debtor's counsel must consider when a client has tax debt in bankruptcy.

David B. Coffin, David Coffin, PLLC, Southlake, TX
Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
Eduardo V. Rodriguez, Malaise Law Firm, Brownsville, TX

Topic F: Writing Better Motions and Briefs

A judge and law clerk offer their insights and suggestions for effective legal writing for court pleadings and briefs.

Jack Byrom, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX

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It's great to have so many judges participate in the presentations—I'm impressed by how knowledgeable each judge is with every single case, even very recent case law.

The breakout sessions offer great interaction and participation.

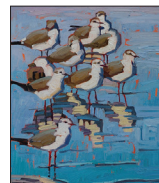
This is one of my favorite seminars—I have been attending this conference since 2006 and I always learn so much.

I like how knowledgeable the speakers are, and the topics and information are excellent.

This is an excellent program! The breakout sessions are a great addition and I especially like the opportunity for interaction throughout the conference and at the reception and dinner at the aquarium.

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CONFERENCE LOCATION



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KEY DATES

July 31, 2013

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

August 2, 2013

last day for full refund

August 5, 2013

last day for partial refund
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August 8, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

Conference begins

Dietary requirements or Accessibility needs?
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REASONS TO ATTEND CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice presents current developments and practical tips for bankruptcy attorneys and trustees, offers essential information on Bankruptcy Code, and provides a must-have set of materials and resources.

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