

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Practice**  
**August 8-9, 2013 • Moody Gardens • Galveston, TX**

**Thursday Morning, Aug. 8, 2013**

**Presiding Officer:**

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

7:30 am	<b>Registration Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
8:45 am 1.25 hrs	<b>Case Law Review</b>  An update of 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 Materials By: Brian Cumings, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody - Austin, TX R. Byrn (Byrnie) Bass Jr., Attorney at Law - Lubbock, TX Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX
10:00 am 1.00 hr ethics	<b>Discharge, Dischargeability and Bankruptcy Crimes</b>  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
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## Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 8, 2013

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

1:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Adversary Proceedings Nuts and Bolts from Filing through Appeal</b></p> <p>How to bring or defend an adversary proceeding in the bankruptcy court. Factors, procedures and deadlines to consider when filing an appeal.</p> <p>Mark A. Castillo, Curtis   Castillo PC - Dallas, TX Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Behrooz P. Vida, Attorney at Law - Bedford, TX</p>
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2:15 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Claim Objections</b>  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 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Chapter 7: Practical Tips and Ethical Considerations</b>  Two attorneys experienced in handling Chapter 7 cases offer insight into Chapter 7 practice, explore a few do's 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
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5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>
7:00 pm	<p><b>Night Out at the Aquarium</b></p> <p>All registrants and their families (kids welcome) are invited to a special reception and buffet dinner with bankruptcy judges and conference faculty members.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Separate registration required: Tickets are \$10 per person and are NOT included in Conference registration - Please see registration form to purchase.</p>

## Friday Morning, Aug. 9, 2013

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

8:00 am 1.00 hr	<p><b>Breakfast Breakout Sessions with the Judiciary and Chapter 13 and 7 Trustees</b></p> <p>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.</p>
9:00 am 1.00 hr	<p><b>Legitimate and Illegitimate Approaches to Home Loan Modification and Loan Forgiveness</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Gary J. Campbell, Gary J. Campbell &amp; Associates, P.C. - Sherman, TX Shawn I. Carter, Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner &amp; Engel - Addison, TX Janna Countryman, Standing Chapter 12 &amp; 13 Trustee - Plano, TX</p>
10:00 am 0.75 hr	<p><b>Better Use of Technology</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Peter Johnson, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
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## LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Fifth Circuit Update</b>  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 pm	<b>Break</b>
1:30 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Rule 3002.1—Interpretations and Actions</b>  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 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Emergency Filings, Eligibility Issues and Other Issues to Address</b>  The top 10 tips and tricks you need to know from the initial client meeting to filing an emergency Chapter 13 and 7.  Yolanda Gutierrez, Keeling Law Firm - Houston, TX Brendetta Anthony Scott, Garner Scott & Jones, PLLC - Houston, TX Tracie M. Shelby, The Shelby Law Firm - Dallas, TX
2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Smackdown Round 5: Emergency Funds in a Chapter 13 Budget</b>  How to get your judge to allow emergency funds.  Moderator: Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, 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
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