

11th Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Practice

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Thursday Morning, July 23, 2015

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 am	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:20 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
8:30 am 1.00 hr	<p>Case Law Review</p> <p>An update on Fifth Circuit consumer bankruptcy cases from the past year.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Douglas D. Dodd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana - Baton Rouge, LA 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. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, Judge Designate, U.S Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX</p> <p>Co-Author: Sarah Darnell Wood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
9:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Six Debtor Squabbles Settled by SCOTUS</p> <p>Follow up on six bankruptcy cases granted certiorari before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2014 and recently decided.</p> <p>Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Jordan M. "Monty" Lewis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX</p>
10:15 am	<p>Break</p>
10:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Isn't Bankruptcy for Creditors, Too?</p> <p>Hear hot tips and practical advice for the creditor side of the Bar.</p> <p>Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Fort Worth, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>What's Going On in the Creditor World?</p> <p>Hear the latest developments in Chapter 13 cases from the creditor perspective.</p> <p>Diane S. Barron, Barron & Barron LLP - Plano, TX Jeffrey M. Fleming, Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP - Addison, TX</p>

12:00 pm

Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

Thursday Afternoon, July 23, 2015

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm

1.00 hr

BAPCPA: A Ten Year Retrospective from the Bench and Bar

Review some of the highlights of practicing under the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) ten years in.

Moderator:

Théda W. Page, The Page Law Firm - Frisco, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Douglas D. Dodd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana - Baton Rouge, LA

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

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

1:20 pm

Break

1:35 pm

0.75 hr

0.50 hr ethics

Frost-bite: Protect Your Proceeds!

Learn to identify potential mistakes and missteps that could leave you and your clients exposed with the latest on the Texas homestead exemption.

Pamela A. Bassel, Chapter 13 Trustee - Fort Worth, TX

Michael V. Baumer, Law Office of Michael Baumer - Austin, TX

2:20 pm

0.50 hr ethics

A Primer on the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule

What bankruptcy lawyers need to know about rampant mortgage modification scams and compliance with or exemption from the provisions of the MARS Rule.

Mayur M. Patel, The Sughrue Law Firm, PLLC - Houston, TX

Thomas D. Powers, Chapter 13 Trustee - Irving, TX

2:50 pm

0.75 hr

0.25 hr ethics

Chapter 7 Trustee Panel: What Is Going On in Chapter 7s?

Chapter 7 trustees from each Texas district focus on recent decisions, trends, and issues arising in each district and identify traps and tips to avoid disaster for your client.

Moderator:

Allison D. Byman, Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP - Houston, TX

Panelists:

Ron Satija, Hajjar Peters LLP - Austin, TX

John Dee Spicer, Cavazos, Hendricks, Poirot & Smitham, P.C. - Dallas, TX

Stephen J. Zayler, Law Office of Stephen J. Zayler - Lufkin, TX

3:35 pm

Break

<p>3:45 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>Basics of Filing and Prosecuting an Adversary Proceeding</p> <p>So you have decided to sue. What now?</p> <p>John Akard Jr., Coplen & Banks, P.C. - Cypress, TX Famose T. Garner, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
<p>4:15 pm 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p>How to Marry and Divorce Clients</p> <p>Learn how to properly document your engagement agreement and scope of duties with your client and ensure an appropriate termination after your representation has (or should have) ended.</p> <p>Edgar J. Borrego, Tanzy & Borrego - El Paso, TX Mark A. Castillo, Curtis Castillo PC - Dallas, TX</p>
<p>4:45 pm 1.00 hr</p>	<p>Evidence Skills: Direct and Cross Examination of Witnesses</p> <p>You want the truth? You can't handle the truth!</p> <p>Mark A. Castillo, Curtis Castillo PC - Dallas, TX Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Charles E. Lauffer Jr., Ritcheson, Lauffer & Vincent, P.C. - Tyler, TX Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX Brendetta A. Scott, Hoover Slovacek LLP - Houston, TX Tracie M. Shelby, The Shelby Law Firm - Dallas, TX Co-Author: Sarah Darnell Wood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
<p>5:45 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>Night Out at the Aquarium Reception and Dinner</p> <p>All registrants and their families (kids welcome) are invited to a special reception and 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 evening featuring a casual dinner with heavy appetizers, carving stations and cocktails. It's a kid-friendly event that's perfect for networking with colleagues and fun for the whole family!</p> <p>This event is casual, fun, and flexible. Drop in for a quick drink, or stay and enjoy dinner with seating throughout the Aquarium.</p> <p>SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Tickets are \$15 per person and are NOT included in Conference registration. Please see registration form to purchase.</p>

Friday Morning, July 24, 2015

Presiding Officer:

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

<p>7:15 am</p>	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
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7:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Breakfast Breakout Sessions with the Judiciary and Chapter 13 Trustees</p> <p>Judges and trustees from each of Texas's four judicial districts and two from Louisiana meet with attendees and moderate discussion on problems of local concern.</p>
8:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>Evidence Skits: How to Get In Tax Returns, Schedules, Appraisals, and Other Key Documents</p> <p>Live Testimony! Dead Bodies! Smoking Guns! That would be fun, but this is about documents, instead. Sorry.</p> <p>Mark A. Castillo, Curtis Castillo PC - Dallas, TX Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Kristina L. Gonzales, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Charles E. Lauffer Jr., Ritcheson, Lauffer & Vincent, P.C. - Tyler, TX Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX Brendetta A. Scott, Hoover Slovacek LLP - Houston, TX Tracie M. Shelby, The Shelby Law Firm - Dallas, TX Sarah Darnell Wood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
9:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>The Who, What, When, Where, and How of Chapter 13</p> <p>Explore trends and hot topics in Chapter 13 cases, including what Chapter 13 Trustees are looking for and why.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana - Shreveport, LA Panelists: David G. Peake, Chapter 13 Trustee - Houston, TX Thomas D. Powers, Chapter 13 Trustee - Irving, TX John J. Talton, Chapter 13 Trustee - Tyler, TX</p>
9:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Bankruptcy Accounting 101: Small Business Statements, Escrows, and Other Math Tests</p> <p>Get the judicial perspective and learn simple ratios to estimate a small business's chances of success or failure, including how to use the balance sheet and income statement to determine its ability or inability to pay creditors and continue in operation.</p> <p>Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana - Shreveport, LA William G. West, William G. West, P.C., C.P.A. - Houston, TX</p>
10:30 am	<p>Break</p>
10:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>Valuation Issues in Consumer Cases</p> <p>Addressing valuation issues in Chapters 7 and 13 bankruptcy cases, including redemptions, lift stays, motions for valuation, and objections to confirmation.</p> <p>Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, Judge Designate, U.S Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Fort Worth, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>Securing Post-Petition Financing and Rebuilding Client Credit</p> <p>Discuss how to help your clients obtain debt during an active bankruptcy case and consider ways to advise them on rebuilding credit after their case has ended.</p> <p>Sean T. Flynn, Fears Nachawati - Dallas, TX Benjamin J. Lusky, Fears Nachawati - Dallas, TX</p>

11:45 am
0.75 hr

A View from the District Court and Court of Appeals

A question-and-answer session about bankruptcy appeals to the district court and court of appeals.

Hon. Gregg Costa, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, TX

12:30 pm
0.75 hr

Mini-Trial: How Big Is Too Big?

The judges talk about strategy, evidence, and things that really matter during trial.

Moderator:

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Panelists:

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

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

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana - Shreveport, LA

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

1:15 pm

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