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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 20, 2017

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Case Law Review (Part I)

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

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

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

9:45 a.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Filling Out the Mortgage Proof of Claim Form

Demystify the 410 Proof of Claim form and 410A Mortgage Attachment, while exploring how mortgage services calculate and input pre-petition mortgage arrears in the forms. Learn what information can be helpful when completing the debtor-filed Proofs of Claim.

Jeffrey M. Fleming, Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP, Addison, TX

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

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

Surrender Issues and Vesting Issue

Hear an overview of debtor and creditor problems that can arise when surrendering homes and cars, including foreclosures, repossessions, and automatic stays.

Hon. Tony M. Davis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, Austin, TX

Joshua P. Searcy, Searcy & Searcy PC, Longview, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

Judicial and Non-Judicial Options for Student Loans

Even with the high bar for showing undue hardship, there may be some options for your client. Review important student loan cases, and gain helpful and practical information regarding the various programs available for student loan borrowers.

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee, Austin, TX

Dawn Whalen Theiss, U.S. Department of Justice, Dallas, TX

12:00 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

Client Relationships: Ethical Considerations for Conflicts, Divorces of Clients, Divorces from Clients, and Other Convivial Client Issues

Get practical guidance for creating and maintaining attorney-client relationships. Learn how to discern ethical issues and conflicts of interest within those relationships, while identifying circumstances where termination of representation is necessary.

Hon. Ronald B. King, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX

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

Brendon Singh, Corral Tran Singh LLP, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

1:20 p.m. .75 hr

Interview with a District Judge

Hear a district judge's perspective on bankruptcy issues and practice before the federal bench.

Moderator:

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

Panelist:

Hon. George C. Hanks Jr., U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Galveston, TX

2:05 p.m. Break

2:20 p.m. .75 hr

Cash Collateral Issues in Chapter 13 Cases and Small Chapter 11 Cases

Learn how to handle and use rent and related proceeds from property in the possession of the debtor.

Nicholas Inman, Allmand Law Firm, PLLC, Dallas, TX

Mayur M. Patel, Guzman Law Firm, Houston, TX

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

3:05 p.m. .50 hr

Redeem, Reaffirm, or Surrender

Explore the facts about post-petition financing and the debtor's options with regard to secured claims.

Yolanda Gutierrez, Keeling Law Firm, Houston, TX

Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC, Arlington, TX

3:35 p.m. Break

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3:45 p.m. .50 hr

The Importance of Evidence

The rules of evidence play an important role in the consumer bankruptcy process. Review how the rules apply to the introduction of key documents, objections to introduction, and how the rules may assist you in overcoming objections.

Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX
Susan Tran, Corral Tran Singh LLP, Houston, TX

4:15 p.m. .50 hr

United States Trustee Perspective

Gather news, notes, and the latest, from filing trends to debtor audits to criminal referrals to mortgage servicer settlements.

Henry G. Hobbs Jr., Office of the U.S. Trustee, U.S. Department of Justice, Austin, TX

4:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Chapter 13 Trustee Panel

Come hear the latest! Learn what is on Chapter 13 Trustees' minds.

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

Panelists:
Pamela A. Bassel, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Fort Worth, TX
Carey D. Ebert, Chapter 13 Trustee, Plano, TX
William E. Heitkamp, Chapter 13 Trustee, Houston, TX
Gary Norwood, Chapter 13 Trustee, Midland, TX

5:45 p.m. **Adjourn to Reception**

THURSDAY NETWORKING RECEPTION

5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

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

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

19TH ANNUAL ESTATE PLANNING, GUARDIANSHIP AND ELDER LAW CONFERENCE AND TEXAS NAELA SUMMER CONFERENCE
August 2, 3-4, 2017

2017 CAR CRASH SEMINAR
August 17-18, 2017

12TH ANNUAL ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINAR
August 24-25, 2017

2017 WINNING AT DEPOSITION: SKILLS AND STRATEGY
August 24, 2017

2017 ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT LAW: A PRACTICAL COURSE IN THE BASICS
September 8, 2017

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 21, 2017

Presiding Officer:

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

7:15 a.m. **Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

7:30 a.m. .75 hr

Breakfast Breakout Sessions with the Judiciary and Chapter 13 Trustees

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.

8:15 a.m. 1.00 hr

Case Law Review (Part II)

Listen to a continued discussion of relevant Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit, and bankruptcy cases affecting consumer practice.

Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Plano, TX

9:15 a.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Frost and its Effects

Review important tips and information on how to keep those important exemptions in place.

Moderator:
Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX
Panelists:
Rodney Tow, Rodney Tow PLLC, Texas City, TX
Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm, Bedford, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr ethics

Unauthorized Practice of Law: How Much Can Your Paralegal Do?

Learn how to keep your costs down and your ethics up by exploring topics such as proper delegation, what constitutes legal advice, and attorneys' roles in supervising affiliated paralegals.

Mark A. Castillo, Curtis | Castillo PC, Dallas, TX
Hon. Douglas D. Dodd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA

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

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Jeopardy

Hear a panel of experienced Chapter 7 Trustees, with participation from the audience, work through some hard issues. The session takes the form of a game, but gives real tips on how to keep your clients from real jeopardy.

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

Panelists:
Catherine Stone Curtis, Stone Curtis PLLC, McAllen, TX
Christopher J. Moser, Quilling, Selander, Lownds, Winslett & Moser, P.C., Dallas, TX
Ron Satija, Hajjar Peters LLP, Austin, TX
John Dee Spicer, Cavazos, Hendricks, Poirot & Smitham, P.C., Dallas, TX

11:45 a.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Oops! Fixing Errors in Pleadings, Schedules, Plans, Prior Testimony, Proposed Orders, and Entered Orders

Gain insight on how to correct mistakes made by a debtor and/or their attorney, and helpful tips to avoid them in the first place.

Diane S. Barron, Barron & Barron LLP, Plano, TX
Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen, TX

12:30 p.m. .50 hr

Smackdown: Exempt Property is Forever Yours???

Tackle the "Snapshot Rule" and explore whether exemptions cause property to leave the estate or whether they insulate property of the estate from creditors' claims in the latest installment of the popular *Smackdown* series.

Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX
Hon. Russell F. Nelms, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, TX

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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KEY DATES

July 12, 2017

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July 14, 2017

last day for cancellation (full refund)

July 17, 2017

last day for cancellation (partial refund)

\$50 processing fee applied

July 20, 8:15 a.m.

Conference begins

REASONS TO ATTEND CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice is an informative and informal conference that presents current developments and practical tips for bankruptcy attorneys and trustees, offers essential information on the Bankruptcy Code, and provides must-have written materials and resources for practitioners.

2017 learning objectives include:

- Analyze updates on consumer bankruptcy cases from the Fifth Circuit with **Hon. Marvin Isgur**, **Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades**, **Hon. Craig A. Gargotta**, and **Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez**.
- Employ practical tips on what to do when things go wrong, with *Oops! Fixing Errors in Pleadings, Scheduled, Plans, Prior Testimony, Proposed Orders, and Entered Orders* and *Filling Out the Mortgage Proof of Claim Form*.
- Determine what's on the minds of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Trustees through candid discussions among the trustees.
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- Prepare to keep your costs down and ethics up with *Unauthorized Practice of Law: How Much Can Your Paralegal Do?*
- Examine the "Snapshot Rule" in the newest installment of the *Smackdown: Exempt Property is Forever Yours???* with **Hon. Marvin Isgur** and **Hon. Russell F. Nelms**.
- Interact and network with judges, trustees, and practitioners throughout the conference, including breakfast breakout sessions on Friday morning.

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