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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

Case Law Update (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
Brendon Singh, Corral Tran Singh LLP, Houston, TX

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

Reviewing Mortgage Claims and Notices in Chapter 13 Cases

Review examples of common errors and issues in proofs of claims and Rule 3002.1 notices.

Jessica L. Holt, Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Houston, TX
Mayur M. Patel, Guzman Law Firm, Houston, TX
Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm, Houston, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

New National Rules: Tips, Traps, and Proper Service

Examine the rule changes effective December 1, 2017, including tips you should know, traps you should avoid, and how to execute proper service.

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee, Austin, TX
Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm, Houston, TX
Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm, Bedford, TX

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11:30 a.m. .50 hr

U.S. Trustee Update

Hear updates on the means test, debtor audits, and various items of note.

Henry G. Hobbs Jr., Acting U.S. Trustee Region 7, U.S. Department of Justice, Austin, TX

12:00 p.m. .50 hr

Discharge and Dischargeability: The Sword and The Shield

Explore the discharge and dischargeability of debts and actions to enforce the discharge injunction, with special attention to the discharge of student loans.

Theodore O. "Thad" Bartholow III, Kellett & Bartholow, PLLC, Dallas, TX
Julianne M. Parker, Fears Nachawati, PLLC, Dallas, TX

12:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

Presentations Resume at 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

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

2:00 p.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Criminal Law: From Bankruptcy Crimes to the Fifth Amendment

Examine the facets of criminal law, which impact bankruptcy proceedings, including a review of bankruptcy-related crimes and the impact of parallel criminal and bankruptcy proceedings.

Bill Mateja, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, Dallas, TX
John M. Vardeman, Office of The United States Trustee, Tyler, TX

2:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Case Law Madness

Vote on the bracket to decide which "Sweet Sixteen" cases to keep in your briefcase for hearings.

Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX
Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC, Arlington, TX

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. .50 hr

How to Claim, Attack, and Defend Exemptions

Discuss how the use of exemptions in bankruptcy reorganizations are designed to aid the individual debtor in achieving a fresh start and protect certain property from the claims of creditors. Absent exemptions, a debtor could be rendered destitute by the claims of creditors. Whether applied to property owned at the time of filing, or acquired post-petition, exemptions are not a windfall; but drafted in a form to try and ensure that creditors receive some cash payments on their claims.

David G. Peake, Chapter 13 Trustee, Houston, TX
Susan Tran, Corral Tran Singh LLP, Houston, TX

4:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

Chapter 13 Trustee Panel

Hear representatives of each district tell it like it is in Chapter 13.

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Carey D. Ebert, Chapter 13 Trustee, Plano, TX
Heena Hirani, Office of the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Tom Powers, Dallas, TX
Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee, Austin, TX
David G. Peake, Chapter 13 Trustee, Houston, TX

5:30 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

THURSDAY NETWORKING RECEPTION

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres at a luau-themed reception with program faculty and attendees.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:00 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Breakfast Breakout Sessions

Judges and trustees from each of Texas's four judicial districts and two from Louisiana meet with attendees and moderate a discussion on problems of local concern.

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

Case Law Update (Part II)

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

10:15 a.m. .50 hr

Meet the New Judge in Texas

Hear about policy, procedure, and perspective from one of the latest additions to the Texas bench.

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

Presenter:
Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court,
Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. .50 hr

Traffic Jam: The Intersection of Community Property, Probate, and Bankruptcy

Explore how community property law, probate law, and bankruptcy law interact.

Brian T. Cumings, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon &
Moody, Austin, TX
Elena Halachian-Kritzer, Kritzer Law Firm,
Houston, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

How to Help Your Clients Help Themselves in Chapter 7

Brush up on the things you need to know to conduct a thorough and efficient Chapter 7 and protect your client's discharge. Chapter 7 Trustees need information – Debtors' attorneys and their clients need to be ready to provide it.

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

Panelists:
Catherine Stone Curtis, Stone Curtis PLLC, McAllen, TX
Robert Yaquinto Jr., Sherman & Yaquinto, Dallas, TX

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Ethics in Bankruptcy Practice

One of the state's preeminent ethics experts addresses bankruptcy and ethics in an entertaining presentation that should not be missed.

Hon. Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern
District of Texas, Houston, TX

1:05 p.m. Break

1:20 p.m. .50 hr

Recent Developments in Home Equity Litigation

Discuss the 2017 Constitutional Amendments and highlight what has changed. Also, take a look at *Wood*, *Garofolo*, and *Alexander*, whether there is a statute of limitations for equity loan violations, and if so, when does it start.

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

1:50 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Ethics Jeopardy

Engage in a fun and informative Jeopardy style game with contestants answering questions about situations involving ethical dilemmas.

Bryan C. Assink, Curtis Castillo PC, Dallas, TX
Ryan J. Dove, Dove Law Firm, PLLC, Houston, TX

2:35 p.m. .50 hr

Smackdown on Construction Trust Funds

One legal titan will bite the (sheet rock) dust in this epic smackdown concerning construction trust funds, a denial of discharge, and a sale free and clear!

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

Panelists:
Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court,
Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern
District of Texas, Houston, TX

3:05 p.m. Adjourn

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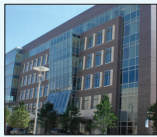
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July 18, 2018

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July 20, 2018

Last day for full refund cancellation

July 23, 2018

Last day for partial refund cancellation
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July 26, 2018, 8:20 a.m.

Conference begins

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