

14th Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Practice

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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 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 1.00 hr 0.25 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 am 0.75 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 am	Break
10:30 am 1.00 hr 0.25 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 Panelist: Layla D. Milligan, Office of Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm - Houston, TX
11:30 am 0.50 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 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Discharge and Dischargeability: The Sword and The Shield</p> <p>Explore the discharge and dischargeability of debts and actions to enforce the discharge injunction, with special attention to the discharge of student loans.</p> <p>Theodore O. "Thad" Bartholow III, Kellett & Bartholow, PLLC - Dallas, TX Julianne M. Parker, Fears Nachawati, PLLC - Dallas, TX</p>
12:30 pm	<p>Lunch On Your Own—Presentations Resume at 2:00 p.m.</p>

Thursday Afternoon, July 26, 2018

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

2:00 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Criminal Law: From Bankruptcy Crimes to the Fifth Amendment</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bill Mateja, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP - Dallas, TX John M. Vardeman, Office of The United States Trustee - Tyler, TX</p>
2:45 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Case Law Madness</p> <p>Vote on the bracket to decide which "Sweet Sixteen" cases to keep in your briefcase for hearings.</p> <p>Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Arlington, TX</p>
3:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>How to Claim, Attack, and Defend Exemptions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>David G. Peake, Chapter 13 Trustee - Houston, TX Susan Tran, Corral Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX</p>

4:30 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Chapter 13 Trustee Panel</p> <p>Hear representatives of each district tell it like it is in Chapter 13.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX</p> <p>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</p>
5:30 pm	Adjourn to Reception
	<p>Thursday Networking Reception (5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres at a luau-themed reception with program faculty and attendees.</p>

Friday Morning, July 27, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 am	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:00 am 1.25 hrs	<p>Breakfast Breakout Sessions</p> <p>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.</p>
9:15 am	Break
9:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Case Law Update (Part II)</p> <p>Get an update on Fifth Circuit consumer bankruptcy cases from the past year.</p> <p>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</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>Meet the New Judge in Texas</p> <p>Hear about policy, procedure, and perspective from one of the latest additions to the Texas bench.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
10:45 am	Break

11:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Traffic Jam: The Intersection of Community Property, Probate, and Bankruptcy</p> <p>Explore how community property law, probate law, and bankruptcy law interact.</p> <p>Brian T. Cumings, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody - Austin, TX Elena Halachian-Kritzer, Kritzer Law Firm - Houston, TX</p>
11:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>How to Help Your Clients Help Themselves in Chapter 7</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator: Théda W. Page, The Page Law Firm - Frisco, TX Panelists: Catherine Stone Curtis, Pulman, Cappuccio & Pullen LLP - McAllen, TX Robert Yaquinto Jr., Sherman & Yaquinto - Dallas, TX</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

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LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Ethics in Bankruptcy Practice</p> <p>One of the state's preeminent ethics experts addresses bankruptcy and ethics in an entertaining presentation that should not be missed.</p> <p>Hon. Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
1:05 pm	<p>Break</p>
1:20 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Recent Developments in Home Equity Litigation</p> <p>Discuss the 2017 Constitutional Amendments and highlight what has changed. Also, take a look at <i>Wood</i>, <i>Garofolo</i>, and <i>Alexander</i>, whether there is a statute of limitations for equity loan violations, and if so, when does it start.</p> <p>Michael V. Baumer, Law Office of Michael Baumer - Austin, TX</p>
1:50 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Ethics Jeopardy</p> <p>Engage in a fun and informative Jeopardy style game with contestants answering questions about situations involving ethical dilemmas.</p> <p>Bryan C. Assink, Curtis Castillo PC - Dallas, TX Ryan J. Dove, Dove Law Firm, PLLC - Houston, TX</p>

2:35 pm
0.50 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!

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3:05 pm

Adjourn