

17th Annual Conference on Consumer Bankruptcy Practice
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Thursday Morning

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 am In Austin Only	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:00 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
8:10 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Case Summaries - Supreme Court</p> <p>Update on cases relevant to bankruptcy practice that were heard and decided by the United States Supreme Court in the 2020 term, and get a preview of hot cases in the pipeline for the 2021 term.</p> <p>Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX Leslie R. Masterson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX</p>
8:55 am 0.50 hr	<p>Distribution of Insurance Proceeds on Secured Collateral</p> <p>Competing interests often claim the insurance proceeds following damage or destruction of collateral. Analyze the competing claims and how the proceeds should be distributed.</p> <p>Mayur M. Patel, Guzman Law Firm - Houston, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Arlington, TX</p>
9:25 am 0.50 hr	<p>Numbers for Lawyers</p> <p>Judge Isgur will try to make numbers your friend. Learn about some financial calculations that will help every consumer bankruptcy attorney.</p> <p>Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
9:55 am	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
10:10 am 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Ethics for Judges and Trustees</p> <p>Discuss less common ethical issues confronting lawyers, trustees and judges (yes - even judges are subject to ethical constraints).</p> <p>Hon. Douglas D. Dodd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana - Baton Rouge, LA Lloyd Kraus, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm - Bedford, TX</p>

10:55 am 0.50 hr	<p>Strategies for a Successful Consumer Case: A Discussion of Best Practices from the Bench and Bar</p> <p>Gain insights on representing clients in a brave new world examining virtual client communications, court procedures and utilizing technology.</p> <p>Théda W. Page, The Page Law Firm - Frisco, TX Hon. Joshua P. Searcy, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX</p>
11:25 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Case Summaries - Fifth Circuit Only</p> <p>Join Judge Gargotta and Sarah Wood for a discussion of important 5th Circuit bankruptcy cases from 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - San Antonio, TX Sarah Darnell Wood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
12:10 pm In Live Webcast Only	<p>Break for Lunch—Presentations resume at 12:30 p.m. (Webcast)</p>
12:10 pm In Austin Only	<p>Pick Up Lunch (in Austin)</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Thursday Afternoon

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Michelle V. Larson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>Who? Me? Biased? The Science of Decision-making, and Improving Interpersonal Skills</p> <p>So much of the practice of law involves decision-making, and convincing others to make better decisions based upon fact rather than emotion. This course is intended to guide the attendees to appreciate how they involuntarily make decisions, and guide them to recognize and prevent bias, and to know how to effectively communicate with persons whose bias affects others.</p> <p>Claude E. Ducloux, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX</p>
1:30 pm	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
1:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Post-Covid Technology Use</p> <p>Discuss the advantages, challenges and pitfalls of the Virtual Bankruptcy Age.</p> <p>Hon. E. Lee Morris, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Fort Worth, TX Lloyd Kraus, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX</p>

CHICAGO FACT PATTERN: Part One

2:15 pm 1.58 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Fact Pattern: Part One</p> <p>Examine the facts of a case and walk through the full process from counseling the client to the trial proceedings.</p>
	<p>Counseling the Client on How to Proceed (20 mins)</p> <p>Jessica Lanoue Hanzlik, Vanhemelrijck Law Offices, P.C. - Castle Hills, TX Jessica Kimes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Drafting the Complaint (20 mins)</p> <p>Jessica Lanoue Hanzlik, Vanhemelrijck Law Offices, P.C. - Castle Hills, TX Hector Daniel Picazo, Marcos Oliva Law - Brownsville, TX</p>
	<p>Drafting the Answer / Rule 12 Response (20 mins)</p> <p>Lakia' S. McCline, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX J. H. Rogers, Cavazos Hendricks Poirot, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
	<p>Discovery Conference and Rule 16 Conference Between Counsel (15 mins)</p> <p>George F. Dunn, Devlin, Naylor & Turbyfill - Houston, TX Briana Head, Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Initial Appearance at Rule 16 Conference (20 mins)</p> <p>George F. Dunn, Devlin, Naylor & Turbyfill - Houston, TX Briana Head, Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX Hon. Joshua P. Searcy, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX</p>
3:50 pm	<p>10-Minute Break</p>

CHICAGO FACT PATTERN: Part Two

4:00 pm 1.92 hrs 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Fact Pattern: Part Two</p> <p>Examine the facts of a case and walk through the full process from counseling the client to the trial proceedings.</p>
	<p>Taking the Debtor's Deposition / 341 Meeting. Making Objections. (45 mins)</p> <p>Sean Thomas Flynn, The Law Offices of Sean T. Flynn, P.L.L.C. - Austin, TX Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Jessica Kimes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Radi M. Rashid, Rashid Law Firm - Houston, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Motion for Summary Judgment by Defendant. Contents, Answer, Argument Before Judge (20 mins)</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth Heard, M.E. Heard, Attorney, PLLC - San Antonio, TX Hon. Michelle V. Larson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Erin B. Shank, Erin B Shank PC - Waco, TX</p>

The Trial (50 mins)

Susan Tran Adams, Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX
 Beverly Cahill, Waddell Serafino Geary Rechner & Jenevein, P.C. - Dallas, TX
 Jessica Kimes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
 Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
 Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX

5:55 pm **Adjourn**

In Austin Only **Networking Reception (in Austin from 5:55 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.)**

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

Join the Young Lawyers Committee

Attention new bankruptcy attorneys - both recent graduates and those new to the bankruptcy practice. Join the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section's Young Lawyers' Committee (YLC) to engage with the Bankruptcy Section and learn of networking, mentorship, and other opportunities for new bankruptcy attorneys. To learn more and join, visit <http://statebaroftexasbankruptcy.com/join-YLC-1>.

Friday Morning**Presiding Officer:**

Hon. Joshua P. Searcy, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX

7:00 am **Conference Room Opens**

In Austin Only

Includes continental breakfast.

7:30 am **Breakfast Breakout Sessions**
0.75 hr

Judges and trustees from each of Texas's four judicial districts meet with attendees and moderate a discussion on problems of local concern. *Please note - the Southern District will be the only district breakout available to view during the live webcast.*

8:15 am **Case Summaries - Bankruptcy and District Court Only**
0.75 hr
0.25 hr
ethics

Review every consumer bankruptcy case decided by the bankruptcy and district courts in Texas and beyond. Always a highlight of the conference.

Jessica Kimes, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
 Hon. Chris López, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
 Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX

9:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Chapter 13 Trustee Panel</p> <p>Wonder what's new in Chapter 13? We can help with that!</p> <p>Moderator: Christy Lingafelter Heimer, Heimer Law Offices P.C. - Austin, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Pam Bassel, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee - Fort Worth, TX Deborah B. Langehennig, Chapter 13 Trustee - Austin, TX</p>
9:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Hiring Lawyers and Other Professionals for Special Purposes in Bankruptcy Cases</p> <p>Who retains them? How do you retain them? Can you change the terms? What happens if you forget to get them employed?</p> <p>Allison D. Byman, Byman & Associates PLLC - Pearland, TX Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
10:00 am	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
10:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>Every Supreme Court Bankruptcy Discharge Decision</p> <p>A recap of the Supreme Court's discharge decisions since the bankruptcy code went into effect.</p> <p>Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Robert Schaaf, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Grayson Williams, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX</p>
11:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>The CARES Act, Forbearances, Post-Covid Remedies, Modifications</p> <p>Discuss the latest regarding COVID relief, and how it's affecting consumer/small business bankruptcies in Ch. 7, 13 and subchapter V.</p> <p>Jessica L. Holt, Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C. - Houston, TX Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm - Houston, TX</p>
11:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>Debtors Who Do Not File Tax Returns</p> <p>Dealing with the IRS for a client who has not timely filed all tax returns.</p> <p>David G. Adams, U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division - Dallas, TX Michael V. Baumer, Law Office of Michael Baumer - Austin, TX</p>
12:15 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Judicial Panel</p> <p>Hear a panel of seasoned judges respond to your frequently—and sometimes infrequently—asked questions. Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org.</p> <p>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. E. Lee Morris, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Fort Worth, TX Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX Hon. Chris López, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
1:00 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>

1:30 pm
In Austin
Only

Pro Bono Clinic - Back Again This Year!

Join UT Law CLE, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. Inc., and the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas for a *pro bono* clinic following the conference on Friday, September 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the services offered, and how attendees can use their training to make a difference in the community, and are encouraged to sign up to help a client in need of legal services.

Sign-up for the clinic when you register for the conference and receive a free one-year subscription to UT Law CLE's eLibrary (a \$295 value) and for more information about the clinic, contact April Kubik at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. Inc. at (512) 374-2741 or by email at akubik@trla.org or visit them online at <https://www.trla.org/>.
