

17th Annual Conference on Consumer Bankruptcy Practice

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Thursday Morning, July 14, 2022

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 am In Galveston Only	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
In Galveston Only	New this Year! Guest Meal Package—\$40 Have family joining you in Galveston? You can now purchase a guest meal package for them that includes Thursday and Friday's continental breakfasts, as well as Thursday's lunch and networking reception.
8:00 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:10 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Case Summaries: Supreme Court Update on cases relevant to bankruptcy practice that were heard and decided by the United States Supreme Court in the 2020 and 2021 terms, and get a preview of hot cases in the pipeline for the 2022 term. 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
8:55 am 0.50 hr	Distribution of Insurance Proceeds on Secured Collateral Competing interests often claim the insurance proceeds following damage or destruction of collateral. Analyze the competing claims and how the proceeds should be distributed. Mayur M. Patel, Guzman Law Firm - Houston, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Arlington, TX
9:25 am 0.50 hr	Strategies for a Successful Consumer Case: A Discussion of Best Practices from the Bench and Bar Gain insights on representing clients in a brave new world examining virtual client communications, court procedures and utilizing technology. Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX Théda W. Page, The Page Law Firm - Frisco, TX
9:55 am	15-Minute Break

10:10 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Case Summaries: Fifth Circuit Only Hear a discussion of important Fifth Circuit bankruptcy cases from 2020 to 2022. Hon. Michael M. Parker, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - San Antonio, TX Sarah Darnell Wood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX
10:55 am 0.75 hr	Every Supreme Court Bankruptcy Discharge Decision A recap of the Supreme Court's discharge decisions since the bankruptcy code went into effect. Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Hon. Scott Everett, Bankruptcy Judge Selectee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Robert Schaaf, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Grayson Williams, McDermott Will & Emery LLP - Dallas, TX
11:40 am In Galveston Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Galveston) Included in registration.

Thursday Afternoon, July 14, 2022

Presiding Officer:

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

THE HON. H. DEWAYNE "COOTER" HALE LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 pm 1.00 hr ethics	There Is No Bias In Bankruptcy, Said Nobody Ever Who? Me? Biased? The Science of The Mind, and Improving Interpersonal Skills. 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. Hon. Audrey Moorehead, Dallas County Criminal Court #3 - Dallas, TX
1:00 pm	15-Minute Break
1:15 pm 0.75 hr	Chapter 13 Trustee Panel Wonder what's new in Chapter 13? We can help with that! Moderator: Christy Lingafelter Heimer, Heimer Law Offices P.C. - Austin, TX Panelists: Pam Bassel, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee - Fort Worth, TX Yvonne V. Valdez, Chapter 13 Trustee - Corpus Christi, TX

2:00 pm 1.00 hr	<p>What Happens Next? Mortgages, Forbearances, Foreclosures and More</p> <p>Hear a discussion of what is happening with mortgages now that the CARES act forbearances are coming to an end. Review how debtors are addressing forbearance balances in modifications, 362 agreed orders, and other loss mitigation options.</p> <p>Mitchell J. Buchman, Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP - Houston, TX Jessica L. Holt, Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C. - Houston, TX Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm - Houston, TX</p>
3:00 pm	15-Minute Break
CHICAGO FACT PATTERN: Part One	
3:15 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>Moderator: Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Teresa K. Howard, Vanhemelrijck Law Offices, P.C. - San Antonio, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hector Daniel Picazo, Sanchez, Whittington, Wood & Orozco, LLC - Brownsville, TX Lakia' S. McCline, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX George F. Dunn, Devlin, Naylor & Turbyfill - Houston, TX Betsy Diana Thomas, Pratt & Thomas, Attorneys & Counselors at Law - Houston, TX Hon. Michael M. Parker, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - San Antonio, TX</p>
	<p>Counseling the Client on How to Proceed (20 mins)</p> <p>Teresa K. Howard, Vanhemelrijck Law Offices, P.C. - San Antonio, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Drafting the Complaint (20 mins)</p> <p>Teresa K. Howard, Vanhemelrijck Law Offices, P.C. - San Antonio, TX Hector Daniel Picazo, Sanchez, Whittington, Wood & Orozco, LLC - Brownsville, TX</p>
	<p>Drafting the Answer / Rule 12 Response (20 mins)</p> <p>Lakia' S. McCline, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Discovery Conference and Rule 16 Conference Between Counsel (15 mins)</p> <p>George F. Dunn, Devlin, Naylor & Turbyfill - Houston, TX Betsy Diana Thomas, Pratt & Thomas, Attorneys & Counselors at Law - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Initial Appearance at Rule 16 Conference (20 mins)</p> <p>Hon. Michael M. Parker, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - San Antonio, TX George F. Dunn, Devlin, Naylor & Turbyfill - Houston, TX Betsy Diana Thomas, Pratt & Thomas, Attorneys & Counselors at Law - Houston, TX</p>

4:50 pm In Galveston Only	<p>Adjourn to Networking Reception (in Galveston from 4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.) Hosted in Partnership with the Young Lawyers Committee</p> <p>Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with program faculty and attendees.</p>
	<p>Join the Young Lawyers Committee</p> <p>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.</p>

Friday Morning, July 15, 2022

Presiding Officer:

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

7:00 am In Galveston Only	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
7:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Breakfast Breakout Sessions (Webcast to stream Southern District only)</p> <p>Judges and trustees from each of Texas's four judicial districts meet with attendees and moderate a discussion on problems of local concern. <i>Please note - the Southern District will be the only district breakout available to view during the live webcast.</i></p>
8:15 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Case Summaries: Bankruptcy and District Court Only</p> <p>Review every consumer bankruptcy case decided by the bankruptcy and district courts in Texas. Always a highlight of the conference.</p> <p>Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX Madison Haueisen, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX Richard Willi, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX</p>
9:00 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. Robert R. Summerhays, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana - Lafayette, LA Lloyd Kraus, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Eastern District of Texas - Tyler, TX Millie A. Sall, Office of the U.S. Trustee - Houston, TX Behrooz P. Vida, The Vida Law Firm - Bedford, TX</p>
9:45 am	<p>15-Minute Break</p>

CHICAGO FACT PATTERN: Part Two

10:00 am 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>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 Albert Alonzo, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Alex W. Chalk, Bryeans & Garcia, PLLC - Houston, TX Sean Thomas Flynn, The Law Offices of Sean T. Flynn, P.L.L.C. - Austin, TX Hon. Michelle V. Larson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Mary Elizabeth Heard, M.E. Heard, Attorney, PLLC - San Antonio, TX Evan Simpson, Attorney at Law - Waco, TX Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Beverly Cahill, Waddell Serafino Geary Rechner Jenevein, P.C. - Dallas, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Susan Tran Adams, Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX</p>
	<p>Taking the Debtor's Deposition / 341 Meeting. Making Objections. (45 mins)</p> <p>Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Albert Alonzo, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Alex W. Chalk, Bryeans & Garcia, PLLC - Houston, TX Sean Thomas Flynn, The Law Offices of Sean T. Flynn, P.L.L.C. - Austin, TX</p>
	<p>Motion for Summary Judgment by Defendant. Contents, Answer, Argument Before Judge (20 mins)</p> <p>Hon. Michelle V. Larson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Mary Elizabeth Heard, M.E. Heard, Attorney, PLLC - San Antonio, TX Evan Simpson, Attorney at Law - Waco, TX</p>
	<p>The Trial (50 mins)</p> <p>Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Albert Alonzo, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Beverly Cahill, Waddell Serafino Geary Rechner Jenevein, P.C. - Dallas, TX Re'Necia Sherald, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Susan Tran Adams, Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX</p>
11:55 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>Moderator: Shelly M. Davis-Smith, The Davis Law Firm - Houston, TX 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</p>

12:25 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Judicial Panel</p> <p>Hear a panel of judges from across the state respond to your frequently—and sometimes infrequently—asked questions. Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Scott Everett, Bankruptcy Judge Selectee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Hon. Marvin Isgur, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hon. Michelle V. Larson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Hon. Michael M. Parker, 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 Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX</p>
1:10 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>
1:30 pm In Galveston Only	<p>Pro Bono Clinic - Back Again This Year!</p> <p>Join UT Law CLE, Lone Star Legal Aid and the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas for a <i>pro bono</i> clinic following the conference on Friday, July 15 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.</p> <p>Lone Star Legal Aid serves clients in all four U.S. Districts of Texas. Clients unable to attend in person can be assisted virtually during the clinic.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>For more information about the clinic, contact Jessie Campbell, JCampbell@lonestarlegal.org.</p>