

13th Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Practice

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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 am	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:15 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
8:30 am 1.25 hrs	<p>Case Law Review (Part I)</p> <p>Get an update on Fifth Circuit consumer bankruptcy cases from the past year.</p> <p>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</p>
9:45 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Filling Out the Mortgage Proof of Claim Form</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
10:30 am	<p>Break</p>
10:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Surrender Issues and Vesting Issues</p> <p>Hear an overview of debtor and creditor problems that can arise when surrendering homes and cars, including foreclosures, repossessions, and automatic stays.</p> <p>Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas - Plano, TX Joshua P. Searcy, Searcy & Searcy PC - Longview, TX</p>
11:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Judicial and Non-Judicial Options for Student Loans</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

12:00 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>Client Relationships: Ethical Considerations for Conflicts, Divorces of Clients, Divorces from Clients, and Other Convivial Client Issues</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
1:00 pm	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Thursday Afternoon, July 20, 2017

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

1:20 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Interview with a District Judge</p> <p>Hear a district judge's perspective on bankruptcy issues and practice before the federal bench.</p> <p>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</p>
2:05 pm	Break
2:20 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Cash Collateral Issues in Chapter 13 Cases and Small Chapter 11 Cases</p> <p>Learn how to handle and use rent and related proceeds from property in the possession of the debtor.</p> <p>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</p>
3:05 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Redeem, Reaffirm, or Surrender</p> <p>Explore the facts about post-petition financing and the debtor's options with regard to secured claims.</p> <p>Yolanda Gutierrez, Keeling Law Firm - Houston, TX Stephen G. Wilcox, Wilcox Law PLLC - Arlington, TX</p>
3:35 pm	Break

3:45 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The Importance of Evidence</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Hon. David R. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Susan Tran, Corral Tran Singh LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>United States Trustee Perspective</p> <p>Gather news, notes, and the latest, from filing trends to debtor audits to criminal referrals to mortgage servicer settlements.</p> <p>Henry G. Hobbs Jr., Office of the U.S. Trustee, U.S. Department of Justice - Austin, TX</p>
4:45 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Chapter 13 Trustee Panel</p> <p>Come hear the latest! Learn what is on Chapter 13 Trustees' minds.</p> <p>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</p>
5:45 pm	<p>Adjourn to Reception</p>
	<p>Thursday Networking Reception (5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.)</p> <p>Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with program faculty and attendees.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Houston Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers</i></p>

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7:15 am	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
7:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Breakfast Breakout Sessions with the Judiciary and Chapter 13 Trustees</p> <p>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.</p>

8:15 am 1.00 hr	<p>Case Law Review (Part II)</p> <p>Listen to a continued discussion of relevant Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit, and bankruptcy cases affecting consumer practice.</p> <p>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</p>
9:15 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Frost and its Effects</p> <p>Review important tips and information on how to keep those important exemptions in place.</p> <p>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</p>
10:00 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Unauthorized Practice of Law: How Much Can Your Paralegal Do?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mark A. Castillo, Curtis Castillo PC - Dallas, TX Hon. Douglas D. Dodd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana - Baton Rouge, LA</p>
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 1.00 hr	<p>Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Jeopardy</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
11:45 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Oops! Fixing Errors in Pleadings, Schedules, Plans, Prior Testimony, Proposed Orders, and Entered Orders</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Diane S. Barron, Barron & Barron LLP - Plano, TX Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas - McAllen, TX</p>
12:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Smackdown: Exempt Property is Forever Yours???</p> <p>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 <i>Smackdown</i> series.</p> <p>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</p>

1:00 pm

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