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5th Circuit Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference

This one and one-half day workshop will consist of two tracks - one on Chapter 11 bankruptcy issues and one on Chapter 13 and 7 bankruptcy issues.

April 1-2, 2010
Plano, TX

9.5 Hours of MCLE, Including 1 Hour of Ethics, and 11 Hours of CPE Credit

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You are invited to attend an April 1-2 Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference for the 5th Circuit. It will be held at The Center for American and International Law in the Dallas Metroplex (Plano). The audience will include bankruptcy judges and lawyers from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Among those who will be participating in or speaking at the conference are 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Patrick Higginbotham and Bankruptcy Judges Douglas Dodd, Harlin Hale, Barbara Houser, David Houston, Marvin Isgur, Robert Jones, Ronald King, Brenda Rhoades, Barry Russell, Richard Schmidt and Robert Summerhays.

This is a hands-on program that includes plenary sessions and two separate tracks - one focusing on Chapter 11 business bankruptcy issues and one focusing on Chapter 13 and 7 consumer bankruptcy issues. The Chapter 11 participants will be divided into four groups and those groups will remain intact throughout the program. Each of the groups will rotate through the same four teaching modules. There will be at least one Judge and one attorney discussion leader for each module. A case study will serve as the center of discussion throughout the program.

For the Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 track, each module would be offered once and would begin with a presentation followed by facilitated round-table discussions.

There will also be opportunities both days for judges and lawyers to visit informally.

Chapter 11 Modules (Business)

- Module A - Pre-Bankruptcy Planning and Workout Issues
- Module B - First Day Motions, Lift stays, 363 Motions and related issues
- Module C - Confirmation, Exit Financing and Structuring Issues
- Module D - Related Litigation Issues - Lender Liability, Avoidance Actions, Claims Fights including recharacterizations and subordinations, Ponzi Schemes, Safe Harbor, and Receivers.

Chapter 13 and 7 Modules (Consumer)

- Module A - Mortgages and Predatory Lending
- Module B - Discharge and Dischargeability Issues
- Module C - Exempt Property
- Module D - Offering and Excluding Evidence in Adversary and Confirmation Hearings

Day One

- 8:30 Networking Continental Breakfast
9:00 Welcoming Comments and First Modular Session
10:45 Break
11:00 Presentation on the Economy
Noon Luncheon - including a presentation by Judge Patrick Higginbotham
2:00 Second Modular Session
3:30 Break
3:45 Third Modular Session
5:15 Recess
5:30 Networking Reception
(Hosted by State Bar of Texas
Bankruptcy Law Section)
6:30 Hosted Dinner

Day Two

- 8:30 Networking Continental Breakfast
9:00 Fourth Modular Session
10:30 Break
10:45 For the Chapter 11 participants, Reports from the Module Leaders and General Discussion; for the Chapter 7 and 13 participants, General Discussion on Topical Issues including a Judges Panel
11:30 Legal Ethics with Judges Hale, Dodd and Houston
12:30 Concluding Comments - Judge Hale
12:45 Adjourn

Lecturers, Discussion Leaders and Facilitators

Judges:

The Hon. Douglas D. Dodd

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Hon. Harlin D. Hale

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas

The Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham

Senior Judge, Fifth Circuit, US Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas

The Hon. Barbara J. Houser

Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas

The Hon. David W. Houston, III

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Mississippi, Aberdeen, Mississippi

The Hon. Marvin Isgur

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Brownsville, Texas

The Hon. Robert L. Jones

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Lubbock, Texas

The Hon. Ronald B. King

Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Texas

The Hon. Brenda Rhoades

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas, Plano, Texas

The Hon. Barry Russell

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (Los Angeles), Los Angeles, California

The Hon. Richard S. Schmidt

Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas

The Hon. Robert Summerhays

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The Center for American and International Law does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or any other protected status in educational activities, scholarship programs or admissions.

HOUSING: The cost of housing is not included in the tuition. However, rooms (in limited number) have been reserved at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Texas 75034. Registrants should call 972-712-7200 or 1-800-Embassy and advise them that you are attending the 5th Circuit Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference. A rate of \$134 + 13% Occupancy tax is available. The last day to obtain this special rate is March 10, 2010.

MCLE CREDIT: This program has been approved by the State Bar of Texas for 9.5 hours, including 1 hour of ethics. Course ID Number: 901195955. Sign-in sheets and/or certificates of attendance will be available for ALL states.

CPE CREDIT: CPAs will receive 11 hours of CPE credit, no ethics. At the conference, fill out the green MCLE sheet asking for CPE credit. Certificates will be mailed.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Tuition less a \$50.00 cancellation fee will be refunded upon receipt of written cancellation received by March 22, 2010. After this date, no refunds, but substitution of attendees for this program will be permitted.

REGISTRATION

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- Tuition is free for Bankruptcy, District Court and Circuit Court Judges and Federal Magistrates.
- Tuition is \$325 for Trustees and Clerks of the Bankruptcy Courts in the 5th Circuit.
- Registration for all others is \$395 if paid by March 25 and \$445 after March 25.

Which track do you wish to participate in? (choose one)

- Business Consumer

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