



2021 Honorable William H. Gindin Bench Bar Conference Friday, April 23, 2021

9:00 AM Introductory Remarks

9:15- 10:30 AM Plenary Session – New Jersey Federal Bench

Hon. Michael A. Chagares, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
Hon. Brian Martinotti, U.S. District Judge, District of New Jersey
Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Moderator: **Michael D. Sirota**, Cole Schotz, P.C.

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Sessions

Subchapter V: Discussion of Recent Cases Filed in the Past Year, Case Statistics and Pending Legislation

Panelists:

Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Eric S. Benderson, Associate General Counsel for Litigation and Small Claims, Small Business Administration
Nicole M. Nigrelli, Ciardi, Ciardi & Astin
Eamonn O’Hagan, Senior Bankruptcy Counsel, U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of New Jersey
Moderator: **Mitchell B. Hausman, Esq.**, Office of the United States Trustee

Ins and Outs of Confirming a Chapter 11 Plan: How to Confirm a Chapter 11 Plan Whether Individual, Complex, Small Business or Subchapter V

Panelists:

Hon. John K. Sherwood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Morris S. Bauer, Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
Nancy Isaacson, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP
John P. Schneider, Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Moderator: **Warren A. Usatine**, Cole Schotz, P.C.

Recent Bankruptcy Case Decisions

Panelists:

Hon. Vincent F. Papalia, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Robert J. Cooper, Esq., Adjunct Professor of Law, Rutgers University, School of Law, Camden
Andrea Dobin, McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC
Daniel M. Stolz, Genova Burns, LLC
Moderator: **Arthur J. Abramowitz**, Sherman Silverstein Attorneys at Law

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Mortgage Forbearance Agreements: Important Clauses and Considerations and Negotiation of Future Agreements

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Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Jennifer R. Gorchow, Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Camden Vicinage
Andrew L. Spivack, Brock & Scott, PLLC
Moderator: **Jeanie D. Wiesner**, Sadek and Cooper Law Offices

12:00 – 12:30 PM Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:45 PM Breakout Sessions

The Changing Supreme Court – Presented by IWIRC-NJ: Changing the Philosophy of the Supreme Court; Discussion of the Influence a More Conservative Court Will Have on Bankruptcy Cases

Panelists:

Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Lisa S. Bonsall, McCarter & English, LLP
Professor Stephen J. Lubben, Seton Hall University School of Law
Moderator: **Terri Jane Freedman**, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi P.C.

Hot Topics in Chapter 13

Panelists:

Hon. Christine M. Gravelle, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
David G. Beslow, Goldman & Beslow, LLC
Linda S. Fossi, Gary C. Zeitz, LLC
Angela Pattison, Hill Wallack LLP
Moderator: **Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

COVID-19 Defenses to Litigation: How Effective Are the Defenses of Force Majeure, Impossibility of Contract and Frustration of Contractual Purpose in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Panelists:

Hon. Rosemary Gambardella, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Sydney J. Darling, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP
David B. Grantz, Meyner and Landis LLP
Marc D. Miceli, SM Law PC
Moderator: **Anthony Sodono, III**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

Chapter 11 – Landlord/Tenant Discussion: Recent Decisions; Business Insurance Legislation; Landlord Considerations

Panelists:

Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
Arielle B. Adler, Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Felice R. Yudkin, Cole Schotz P.C.
Moderator: **Mark E. Hall**, Fox Rothschild LLP

2:00 – 2:15 PM Break

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2:15 – 3:30 PM Plenary Session Judges Roundtable: View From the New Jersey Bankruptcy Bench

Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan
Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr.
Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson
Hon. Rosemary Gambardella
Hon. Christine M. Gravelle
Hon. Stacey L. Meisel
Hon. Vincent F. Papalia
Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny
Hon. John K. Sherwood

COST:

AFBNJ Members (2021 - 2022 dues paid) - \$99

Non-members - \$125

Public Sector Employees/Lawyers Practicing 5 years or less and Paralegals - \$50

Federal Judges, Law Clerks and Members of the Clerks Office – Free

Coordinators: Joni L. Gray and Sari B. Placona

IMPORTANT MCLE INFORMATION

6.0 NJ MCLE credits have been requested toward NJ/NY including 1.0 ethics credit and 5.0 CLE credits including 1.0 ethics credit have been approved toward PA. In order to receive proper credit, each attendee is required to complete and submit the CLE Attendance Affirmation Form after the program, including filling in the codes provided during the program by each moderator. CLE certificates will be issued via email within 5-7 business days after receiving your Attendance Affirmation Form.