



**2023 Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference**  
**Thursday, May 11 - Friday, May 12, 2023**  
**Hard Rock Hotel & Casino – Atlantic City, NJ**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**3:00 – 5:00 PM Registration**

**4:00 – 5:30 PM Opening Plenary Session**

**But Your Honor, It's Bankruptcy Court...:** A litigation skills primer designed specifically for litigation in Bankruptcy Court.

**Hon. Tonianne J. Bongiovanni**, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

**William J. Hughes, Jr.**, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

**Warren J. Martin Jr.**, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

Moderator: **Sydney J. Darling**, Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C.

**5:30 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration/Breakfast**

**9:00 AM Introductory Remarks**

**Mark Hall**, Bankruptcy Committee Chair, Fox Rothschild LLP

**Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Co-Chair of Conference

**Sari B. Placona**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Co-Chair of Conference

**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**9:15- 10:15 Morning Plenary Session**

**Crypto Goes Bankrupt:** Bankruptcy cases involving cryptocurrencies present complex and novel legal issues and ethical considerations. The panel will facilitate a discussion on the most significant and relevant issues surrounding cryptocurrencies and Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**Kenneth Aulet**, Brown Rudnick, LLP

**Donald W. Clarke**, Genova Burns LLC

**Christopher S. Koenig**, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

**Allyson B. Smith**, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

**Felice R. Yudkin**, Cole Schotz P.C.

**10:15 – 10:30 AM Break**

**10:30 AM – 11:45 Morning Breakout Sessions**

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**Student Loans 2023 – New Bankruptcy Guidelines:** The new process and procedure for student debt relief plus alternative programs and caselaw update.

**Hon. Christine M. Gravelle**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Roger Chavez**, Law Offices of Roger Chavez  
**Augustus T. Curtis**, U.S. Department of Justice  
**Scott Waterman**, Ch. 13 Standing Trustee, E.D. of Pennsylvania  
Moderator: **Joseph Casello**, Collins, Vella & Casello LLC

**Bankruptcy Case Law Update:** A review of recent bankruptcy opinions from the District of New Jersey and Third Circuit.

**Hon. Vincent F. Papalia**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Andrea Dobin**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC  
**Daniel M. Stolz**, Genova Burns, LLC  
Moderator: **Arthur J. Abramowitz**, Sherman, Silverstein, Kohl, Rose & Podolsky, P.A.

**All Things Appeals...It's Not a Do-Over!:** This panel aims to highlight the issues and outcomes arising from appeals generally, in addition to all aspects of the procedural process.

**Hon. John K. Sherwood**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Justin Baumgartner**, Becker LLC  
**Lauren Bielskie**, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee  
Moderator: **Shefali M. Kotta**, Connell Foley

**11:45 – 1:00 PM Lunch & Presentation to Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

### 1:00 - 2:15 Afternoon Breakout Sessions

**Chapter 13 Hot Topics:** An update from the Standing Trustees and practitioners on bankruptcy & foreclosure statistics, practice pointers & relevant current topics and caselaw.

**Kenneth Borger**, The Law Offices of Brenner Spiller & Archer  
**William Clunn**, Staff Attorney for Isabel C. Balboa, Ch. 13 Standing Trustee  
**Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee  
**Andrew L. Spivack**, Brock & Scott, PLLC  
Moderator: **Albert Russo**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

**Chapter 11 Potpourri:** Featuring a medley of assorted issues arising in chapter 11 including fraud, involuntary bankruptcies, the 1111(b) election and more. It will be scent-sational!!! – Presented by IWIRC-NJ

**Melissa Dardani**, MD Advisory Services  
**Terri Jane Freedman**, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC  
**Sari B. Placona**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC  
**Tara J. Schellhorn**, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP  
Moderator: **Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**Subchapter V – What Have We Learned Thus Far?:** Lively discussion of national and New Jersey Subchapter V statistics, eligibility, and trustee's duties pre-confirmation, at confirmation and post confirmation.

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**Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr.**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Martha R. Hildebrandt**, Office of the U.S. Trustee

**Nicole M. Nigrelli**, Ciardi Ciardi & Astin  
**Devanshu L. Modi**, Lyon, Glassman, Leites & Modi, L.L.C.  
Moderator: **Nancy Isaacson**, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP

### 2:15 – 2:30 PM Break

### 2:30 – 3:15 PM Plenary Session: **The Police and Regulatory Exception to the Automatic Stay: What are the Limits of the Bankruptcy Court's Authority?**

**Hon. Rosemary Gambardella**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Ericka F. Johnson**, Womble Bond Dickinson  
**Kenneth A. Rosen**, Lowenstein Sandler LLP  
**Bruce Ward**, G. Bruce Ward, Esq.  
Moderator: **Robert K. Malone**, Gibbons P.C.

### 3:15 PM Closing Remarks

**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**COST:** The link to reserve your hotel room at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City is on the registration page of the AFBNJ website.

### Thursday

CLE Program + Cocktail Reception - \$150  
Federal Judges and Members of the Clerk's Office - Free

### Friday

AFBNJ Members (2023 – 2024 dues paid) - \$250  
Non-members - \$295  
Public Sector Employees/Lawyers Practicing 5 years or less and Paralegals - \$165  
Law Clerks - \$125  
Federal Judges and Members of the Clerk's Office - Free

**Co-Chairs: Marie-Ann Greenberg and Sari B. Placona**

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### IMPORTANT MCLE INFORMATION

#### Thursday CLE Program:

1.8 NJ MCLE credits have been approved toward NJ/NY and 1.5 CLE credits have been approved toward PA.

#### Friday CLE Program:

5.7 NJ MCLE credits have been approved toward NJ/NY including 1.2 ethics credits and 4.5 CLE credits have been approved toward PA including 1.0 ethics credit.

In order to receive proper credit for all CLE programs, each attendee is required to complete and submit a CLE Affirmation and Evaluation Form after the program.