



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 11th:

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

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

Warren A. Usatine, Cole Schotz, P.C.

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

5:30 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 12th:

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

Christopher S. Koenig, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Allyson B. Smith, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Felice R. Yudkin, Cole Schotz P.C.

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

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

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:

5.1 NJ MCLE credits have been approved toward NJ/NY including 1.2 ethics credits and 4.0 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.