



## 2024 Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference Friday, May 3, 2024 Pines Manor – Edison, NJ

### 8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration/Breakfast

### 9:00 AM Introductory Remarks

**Victor A. Afanador**, President, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, Lite DePalma Greenberg & Afanador, LLC

**Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Bankruptcy Committee Chair, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

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

**Chief Judge Renée Marie Bumb**, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

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

**Fraud in the Bankruptcy Courts:** Tackling fraud and crime in bankruptcy is everyone's responsibility. Whether it is concealment of assets, attempts to wrongfully obtain unclaimed funds, screen-scraping to engage in wire fraud or CARES Act and PPP grant fraud, this panel will have all of the information you need to know.

**Philip R. Sellinger**, United States Attorney, District of New Jersey

**Eamonn O'Hagan**, Senior Bankruptcy Counsel, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey

**Sean Quigley**, Clerk's Office, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**Mary E. Toscano**, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP

Moderator: **Warren A. Usatine**, Cole Schotz, P.C.

### 10:15 – 10:30 AM State of the Bankruptcy Court

Introduction: **Sari B. Placona**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

**Jeanne A. Naughton**, Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

### 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

### 10:45 AM – 12:00 Morning Breakout Sessions (choice of 3)

**Debtor/Creditor Consumer Panel:** Panelists will address issues involving post-petition appreciation of assets, student loans, motions to vacate/reconsider an order of the court, the potential impact of confirmation on earlier stay relief orders, and evolving case law covering tax lien foreclosures and fraudulent transfers.

**Hon. Christine M. Gravelle**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**Denise Carlon**, KML Law Group, P.C.

**Joseph Casello**, Collins, Vella & Casello LLC

**Tamika N. Wyche**, Law Offices of David Paul Daniels, LLC

Moderator: **David Martin**, Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Trenton Vicinage

**Name That Case!:** Join IWIRC-NJ for some friendly competition with your colleagues as we examine the most cited opinions for each of the current bankruptcy judges from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. Test your knowledge to see if you can “Name That Case!” Winners walk away with bragging rights, and we will all learn something in the process.

**Hon. Rosemary Gambardella**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Caitlin Conklin**, K & L Gates LLP  
**Jaclynn N. McDonnell**, Genova Burns LLC  
Moderator: **Tara J. Schellhorn**, Riker Danzig LLP

**Injunctive Relief: It Takes More than a Motion Citing to Section 105:** This panel will explore the availability of injunctive relief in a variety of bankruptcy settings, from Chapter 11 to Chapter 13, and thereafter. In so doing, the panel will discuss the procedural and evidentiary requirements of various forms of injunctive relief and common pitfalls our Court sees in applications for the same.

**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Lisa S. Bonsall**, McCarter & English, LLP  
**Melissa A. Peña**, Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
Moderator: **Michael A. Kaplan**, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

**12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch**

**1:15 - 2:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions (choice of 3)**

**Chapter 13 Hot Topics:** Chapter 13 Trustees will review the important issues of late including how to address ERMA/HAF awards, motions to sell with a co-owner who is not in bankruptcy, updated forms, statistics and procedures.

**Martha R. Hildebrandt**, Assistant United States Trustee, District of New Jersey  
**Joni Gray**, Staff Attorney for Andrew B. Finberg, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee - Camden  
**Albert Russo**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee - Trenton  
Moderator: **Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee - Newark

**Bankruptcy Case Law Update:** A review of recent bankruptcy opinions with emphasis on 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  
**Rebecca K. McDowell**, Saldutti Law Group  
Moderator: **Arthur J. Abramowitz**, Sherman, Silverstein, Kohl, Rose & Podolsky, P.A.

**I Love it When a Plan Comes Together! But are You Now Headed Down the Boulevard of Broken Dreams of Post-Confirmation Pitfalls?:** This session addresses the post-confirmation phase of a reorganization, the need for ongoing monitoring, flexibility in implementation, communication among stakeholders and strategies for addressing unforeseen issues that may arise including but not limited to, the use of releases, gatekeeper provisions, and managing conflicts with a fixed and limited pool of resources.

**Hon. John K. Sherwood**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Ryan T. Jareck**, Cole Schotz P.C.  
**Susannah Prill**, Eisner Advisory Group LLC  
Moderator: **Mark E. Hall**, Fox Rothschild

**2:30 – 2:45 PM Break**

**2:45 – 3:45 PM Plenary Session: More than Great Debates:** An interactive discussion of ten (10) recently decided bankruptcy cases involving critical issues, such as United States Trustee fees, governmental administrative claims, the dischargeability of marital tort claims, the enforceability of condominium liens and Chapter 13 anti-modification provisions under Title 11. Attendees will provide real-time appellate input.

Introduction: **Angela C. Pattison**, Bankruptcy Committee Vice Chair, Hill Wallack, LLP

**Hon. Stacey L. Meisel**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

**Hon. Christine M. Gravelle**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

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

Moderator: **Richard D. Trenk, Esq.**, Director, Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C.

**Co-Chairs:**

**Angela C. Pattison and Sari B. Placona**

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4.5 CLE credits have been approved toward PA including 1.0 ethics credit.

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