



2022 Honorable William H. Gindin Bench Bar Conference
Friday, May 6, 2022
Pines Manor
Edison, NJ

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration/Breakfast

9:00 AM Introductory Remarks

Mark Hall, Bankruptcy Committee Vice-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

Chief Judge Freda L. Wolfson, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

9:15- 10:15 Morning Plenary Session

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - What Does It Mean, Why Is It Needed, And How Can You Make A Difference?

The practical applications of knowing what diversity, equity and inclusion are, why they are so important and how to successfully implement these principles to the benefit of all and for your business.

Hon. Rosemary Gambardella, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

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

Isabel C. Balboa, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

G. Glennon Troublefield, Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C.

Moderator: **Patricia A. Staiano**, Hellring Lindeman Goldstein & Siegal LLP

Break

Morning Breakout Sessions

Hot Or Not, Topics in Chapter 13: An update from the trustees on statistics, use of POAs, death of a debtor, conduit payments, sales of realty and tax lien foreclosures.

Isabel C. Balboa, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

Albert Russo, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

Moderator: **Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

There Are Always New Rules: A review of the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

Lauren Bielskie, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee

Andrew L. Spivack, Brock & Scott, PLLC

Ross J. Switkes, Sherman, Silverstein, Kohl, Rose & Podolsky, P.A.

Moderator: **Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

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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.

Third Party Release Battleground: Clash of the Titans: The panel will debate the legal, statutory, and policy bases for third party releases in Chapter 11 plans.

Nicole Fulfree, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

Paul S. Hollander, Okin Hollander LLC

Andrew H. Sherman, Sills, Cummis & Gross P.C.

Felice R. Yudkin, Cole Schotz P.C.

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

Break

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

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Afternoon Breakout Sessions

NJ Residential Foreclosure Update And Impact On Consumer Bankruptcy: An update on changes to NJ foreclosure, discussion on intersection of bankruptcy and foreclosure and how it will impact consumer debtors.

Denise Carlon, KML Law Group, P.C.

Jeanie D. Wiesner, Sadek and Cooper Law Offices

Moderator: **Angela Pattison**, Hill Wallack LLP

Conversions, Dismissals, and Everything In-Between: A review of case law and practical tips and pitfalls when arguing for or against a conversion or dismissal.

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

Mary Krieger, Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Trenton Vicinage

David Martin, Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Trenton Vicinage

Maureen P. Steady, Kurtzman Steady, LLC

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

Subchapter V: Yes, No or Maybe?: Update on procedures and case law.

Hon. John K. Sherwood, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

Martha Hildebrandt, Office of the U.S. Trustee

Holly S. Miller, Gellert Scali Busenkell & Brown, LLC

Moderator: **Nancy Isaacson**, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP

Do the Due...Process: Practical Considerations on Due Process in Bankruptcy – Presented by IWIRC-NJ

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

Kelly D. Curtin, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

Marita S. Erbeck, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Tara J. Schellhorn, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP

Moderator: **Rebecca A. Earl**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey

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Break

2:45 – 3:45 PM Great Debates: Our judges will debate two important and timely issues concerning consumer and commercial bankruptcy.

Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr.

Hon. Christine M. Gravelle

Hon. Vincent F. Papalia

Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny

Marie-Ann Greenberg, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

Anthony Sodono, III, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

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

3:45 – 4:00 PM Closing Remarks

COST:

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Federal Judges and Members of the Clerks Office - Free

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

IMPORTANT MCLE INFORMATION

5.4 NJ MCLE credits have been approved toward NJ/NY including 1.2 diversity, ethics and inclusion credits and 4.5 CLE credits have been approved toward PA including 1.0 ethics credit.

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