

American College of Bankruptcy

Class XXXV Induction

Ceremony and Events

March 21-23, 2024

MARCH 22, 2023 (2:15-3:15 pm) [session Descriptions](#)

Mindfulness in Practice: Why DEI Remains Relevant in the College 1.2 Credits Behavioural Ethics

In this program, moderated by a nationally acclaimed expert in the practical implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion principles in private and public institutions, panelists will discuss the College's DEI mission, its practical implementation in the College's governance and ongoing work, and its continued relevance in a skeptical and polarized professional and political environment.

PANELISTS:

- Mark D. Bloom, Baker & McKenzie, Miami, FL
- Jack Butler, Birch Lake Holdings, Chicago, IL
- Jan M. Hayden, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, New Orleans, LA
- Michael St. Patrick Baxter, Covington & Burling, LLP, Washington, DC
- Moderated by: Dr. Arin N. Reeves, Nextions, Chicago, IL

MARCH 22, 2023 (3:45-4:45 pm)

My Path to Becoming a Bankruptcy Professional 1.2 Business Law

None of us miraculously became a bankruptcy professional. And even when it was by design, there were people in our professional lives, and extraordinary circumstances, that we remember to this day. Moderated by ABI's Editor at Large Bill Rochelle (author of Rochelle's Daily Wire and himself a bankruptcy lawyer of long vintage), the panelists will tell their war stories of the unusual series of events that guided them into practicing bankruptcy law and of the mentors that helped them along the way. The program will acquaint attendees with the realities of the profession and the evolving role of a bankruptcy professional through stories collected by the Senior Fellows Committee on the many paths toward bankruptcy practice.

PANELISTS:

- Michael Cook, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, New York, NY
- Hon Mary Grace Diehl, US Bankruptcy Court, ND of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
- Susan M. Freeman, Lewis Roca, Phoenix, AZ
- R. Patrick Vance, Jones Walker, LLP, New Orleans, LA
- Moderated by: Bill Rochelle, ABI Editor at Large and author of Rochelle's Daily Wire

MARCH 23, 2023 (9:15-10:15 pm)

Views from the Appellate Bench 1.2 Credits Business Law

Three appellate judges—two from the courts of appeals and one from the district court, and all with substantial pre-appointment bankruptcy practice experience—discuss the things bankruptcy lawyers need to know about to position their cases for when the other side inevitably loses and appeals, including protecting your record in the trial court, brief and oral argument tips, and how appellate judges, especially those without the bankruptcy experience of the panelists, approach cases before them.

PANELISTS:

- Hon. Thomas L Ambro, US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

- Hon. Michael J. Melloy, US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- Hon. Jeffrey P. Hopkins, US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

MARCH 23, 2023 (10:15-11:15 pm)

Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Chapter 15, from the Experts' Perspective 1.2 Credits Business Law

This program should be of interest to both American and International Fellows. It is critical in chapter 15 proceedings to be able to enforce judgments obtained in the foreign courts. This is your opportunity to hear from judges who have issued orders and written opinions about the enforcement of foreign judgments in chapter 15 and from a notable professor who has written extensively about UNCITRAL Model Laws.

PANELISTS:

- Hon. Martin Glenn, US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
- Hon. Christopher S Sontchi, International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court, Former Chief Judge, US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School
- Prof. Irit Mevorach, Professor of International Commercial Law, School of Law, University of Warwick
- Moderated by: Robbin L. Itkin, Sklar Kirsh, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

MARCH 23, 2023 (11:30-12:30 pm)

A Fresh Start? A Conversation with Senator Warren's Staff on a Reimagining of Consumer Bankruptcy and of Third Party Releases 1.2 Credits Business Law

Senator Elizabeth Warren introduced legislation in 2021 that would dramatically change the process and rules surrounding consumer bankruptcy and in 2022 that would curtail third party releases in chapter 11 cases. The consumer bill would replace chapter 7 and chapter 13 with a new "chapter 10." Senator Warren's Counsel will join in a lively discussion on the consumer bill and on the bill restricting third party releases.

PANELISTS:

- Anna Hevia, Counsel, Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass)
- Angela K. Littwin, Ronald D. Krist Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law
- Sarah Bolling Mancini, Co-Director of Advocacy, National Consumer Law Center
- Daniel C. Cohn, Murtha Cullina, LLP, Boston, MA

