

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY

THIRD CIRCUIT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN HONOR OF THE LATE JUDGE KEVIN CAREY

PROGRAM AGENDA & BIOGRAPHIES

Venue: Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

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Thursday, November 6, 2025

4:30-5:30 PM Honoring a Judicial Legacy: A Retrospective on Judge Carey's Most Influential Decisions

This one-hour program will be a Fireside Chat with Judge Brendan L. Shannon, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and Professor Bruce Grohsgal, the Helen S. Balick Professor at Widener School of Law, that will celebrate the work of The Late Honorable Kevin J. Carey, a distinguished alumnus of Villanova's Charles Widger School of Law and for the Benefit of the Kevin J. Carey Memorial Scholarship at Villanova Law. Judge Brendan Shannon and Professor Bruce Grohsgal will provide an overview of the most important decisions of Judge Carey.

Speakers

Hon. Brendan L. Shannon, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, D. Del.

Professor Bruce Grohsgal, Professor in Business Law, Widener University

Hon. Brendan L. Shannon

Brendan Linehan Shannon is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University, and his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Shannon was a partner with Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP in Wilmington, Delaware. Since his appointment in 2006, Judge Shannon has managed a full Chapter 11 docket, and he also handles all Chapter 13

consumer bankruptcy cases filed in the State of Delaware. He served as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court from 2014 through 2018. Judge Shannon was reappointed by the Third Circuit to a second 14-year term on March 13, 2020.

Judge Shannon is an adjunct professor in the Bankruptcy L.L.M. Program at St. John's University School of Law in New York, and previously taught at Widener School of Law in Delaware. He serves on the Board of Editors of *Collier on Bankruptcy* (16th ed.) and is a contributing author for Collier Forms. Judge Shannon also serves on the Advisory Board for the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review. Judge Shannon speaks frequently at bar education programs and judicial conferences, and he regularly serves as a faculty member in training programs for new chief judges organized by the Administrative Office of United States Courts.

Judge Shannon is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the Delaware State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Rodney Inns of Court.

Professor Bruce Grohsgal

Bruce Grohsgal is the Helen S. Balick Professor in Business Bankruptcy Law at Delaware Law School, Widener University, and teaches bankruptcy, business organizations, secured transactions, contracts and other commercial law courses. He joined the faculty from Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones in Wilmington, Delaware, where he practiced business bankruptcy law.

His recent articles include: *From Referees to Robes: The Establishment of the U.S. Bankruptcy Bench and the Battle for Article III Status as Told in the Bankruptcy Oral Histories*, 31 No. J. Bankr. L. & Prac. NL Art. 4 (2023); *The Alteration of Ex Ante Agreements by the Bankruptcy Code*, 95 Am. Bankr. L. J. 713 (2021); *The Long Strange Trip to a Certainty of Hopelessness: The Legislative and Political History of the Nondischarge of Student Loans in Bankruptcy*, 95 Am. Bankr. L. J. 443 (2021); and *The Argument for a Federal Rule of Decision for a Bankruptcy Court's Recharacterization of a Claim as Equity*, 94 Am. Bankr. L. J. 681 (2020).

He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law, and is Director of the Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law.