



Join the Fellows of the Seventh Circuit for their annual Seminar on October 24, 2025. The seminar is free for all attendees and will be held at the Jenner & Block Conference Center at 353 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60654.

A complimentary lunch will be served, highlighted by a keynote address from Professor Jennifer Nou of the University of Chicago Law School.

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (All times are listed in Central Time)**

Registration (8:30 - 9:00 AM)

Welcome and Introduction (9:00 - 9:15 AM)

**National Year in Review (Plenary, 9:15 - 10:15 AM)**

Chad Husnick, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, IL (Moderator)

Judge Janet Baer, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Chicago, IL

Catherine Steege, Jenner & Block LLP, Chicago, IL

John Hauber, Chapter 13 Trustee, Indianapolis, IN

**Break (10:15 - 10:35 AM)**

**Bankruptcy and the Rule of Law (Plenary, 10:35 - 11:50 AM)**

Prof. Diane Lourdes Dick, Univ. of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA (Moderator)

Prof. Douglas Baird, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Prof. Adrian Walters, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL

Robert Lawless, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

**Lunch and Keynote Speaker (12:00 - 1:15 PM)**

Prof. Jennifer Nou, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

**When Bankruptcy Crosses International Borders (Breakout, 1:15 - 2:15 PM)**

Richard Mason, Mason Pollick & Schmahll LLC, Chicago, IL (Moderator)

Matthew Warren, Paul Hastings, Chicago, IL

James Sprayregen, Hilco Global, Chicago, IL

**Consumer Crystal Ball: What's Next? (Breakout, 1:15 - 2:15 PM)**

John Hauber, Chapter 13 Trustee, Indianapolis, IN (Moderator)

Ainat Margalit, Legal Aid Chicago

Judge James M. Carr, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Indianapolis, IN

**Break (2:15 - 2:30 PM)**

**Navigating the Ethical Problems Arising in the 'Small World' of Bankruptcy (2:30 - 3:30 PM)**

Kevin Krakora, Getzler Henrich & Associates, Chicago, IL (Moderator)

Judge Deborah Thorne, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Chicago, IL

Peter Roberts, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, IL

**Participants will:**

Discuss some of the more challenging issues encountered by insolvency professionals:

- *National Year in Review*
- *Bankruptcy and the Rule of Law*
- *When Bankruptcy Crosses International Borders*
- *Consumer Crystal Ball: What's Next?*
- *Navigating the Ethical Problems Arising in the Small World of Bankruptcy*

**Field of study and Credits:**

**Business Law:** 3.9 Credits

**Regulatory Ethics:** 1.3 Credits

**Prerequisites:** Participants should either be practicing bankruptcy attorneys, judges, professors, or law students studying bankruptcy; or be CPA's or Financial Advisors or business students studying bankruptcy.

**Advanced Preparation:** None, but materials will be posted online before the Seminar begins

**Program Level:** Intermediate

**Delivery Method:** Group Live

**Fees and Cancellations:** There is no fee for the Seventh Circuit Seminar.

**Event Questions:** Contact Carrienne Basler at [cbasler@alixpartners.com](mailto:cbasler@alixpartners.com).

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