

20th Annual New England Bankruptcy Law Conference 2018

Judicial panel and cutting-edge consumer and business bankruptcy breakout sessions

MCLE's flagship *20th Annual New England Bankruptcy Law Conference* features a Judicial Panel of six bankruptcy judges from the Districts of Massachusetts, Maine, and Rhode Island, as well as leading practitioners discussing the latest trends affecting both consumer and business bankruptcy practitioners in breakout sessions. New England's bankruptcy judges share insights on a number of recent developments in bankruptcy law and practice around the country, and the four breakout sessions address a range of important topics, including: discharge litigation, bankruptcy alternatives, post-petition pitfalls, and trade creditor issues. Customize the *Conference* by choosing the breakout sessions that fit your needs and practice. Get important perspective that only experience—and the *Conference*—can provide. Your time is valuable; let MCLE's distinguished panelists quickly bring you up to speed on the latest developments essential to your practice.

Featuring Six New England Bankruptcy Court Judges



Hon. Frank J. Bailey,
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Boston



Hon. Melvin S. Hoffman,
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Boston



Hon. Elizabeth D. Katz,
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Springfield



Hon. Diane Finkle,
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Providence, RI



Hon. Peter G. Cary,
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Portland, ME



Hon. Michael A. Fagone,
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Bangor, ME

Materials

The materials for this program include a faculty-prepared program book.

Also, there is no need to take extensive notes. Two weeks after the live seminar, all registrants will receive a link to a written verbatim transcript of the recorded sessions of this program.

Dates & Locations

BOSTON

Monday, December 3, 2018
1:00 pm–6:00 pm

MCLE Conference Center,
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street
Program Number: 2190006P01

LIVE WEBCAST

Monday, December 3, 2018
1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Register at www.mcle.org
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RECORDED WEBCAST

Monday, December 17, 2018
9:00 am–2:00 pm

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Agenda

1:00 pm–1:05 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Paul W. Carey III, Esq., *Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee LLP, Worcester*, Cochair
Jennifer V. Doran, Esq., *Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP, Boston*, Cochair
Donald R. Lassman, Esq., *Law Office of Donald R. Lassman, Needham*, Cochair
Leslie F. Su, Esq., *Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Boston*, Cochair

1:05 pm–2:15 pm

Breakout Session I (choose one)

Consumer Panel: Issues in Dischargeability Litigation (webcast)

This panel discusses practice points that all bankruptcy lawyers should know about the intersection of fraud and bankruptcy law. Hear them cover pre-bankruptcy planning for debtors and creditors, the effect of state court judgments in bankruptcy proceedings, recent cases and developments concerning bankruptcy fraud post-*Husky Int'l Elecs., Inc. v. Ritz*, and trends in dischargeability litigation.

Michael K. Lane, Esq., *McAuliffe & Associates, PC, Newton*
Anthony J. Manhart, Esq., *Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios LLP, Portland, ME*
Alex F. Mattera, Esq., *Demeo LLP, Boston*

Business Panel: Bankruptcy Alternatives

This panel discusses alternatives to bankruptcy available to businesses, including out-of-court restructurings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, secured party sales and receiverships. The panel also addresses common problems encountered with out-of-court alternatives, including solicitations and hold-outs, and the benefits and burdens of bankruptcy and the various forms of non-bankruptcy alternatives.

Joseph M. Diorio, Esq., *Diorio Law Office, Providence, RI*
Craig Jalbert, CIRA, *Verdolino & Lowey, PC, Foxboro*
John T. Morrier, Esq., *Casner & Edwards LLP, Boston*

2:15 pm–2:30 pm

Networking & Refreshment Break

2:30 pm–4:30 pm

Judicial Panel

Hon. Frank J. Bailey, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Boston*
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4:30 pm–4:45 pm

Networking & Refreshment Break

4:45 pm–6:00 pm

Breakout Session II (choose one)

Consumer Panel: Post-Petition Problems and Pitfalls (webcast)

The case is filed but creditor addresses are wrong, creditors were not listed, new assets are discovered, the bank won't foreclose, and the creditors continue to threaten collection. This panel is for debtor's lawyers that need to know how to address post-filing problems, and for creditor's lawyers that need to know how to keep their clients out of trouble.

John Boyajian, Esq., *Chapter 13 Trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Providence, RI*
Shawn K. Doil, Esq., *Eaton Peabody PA, Portland, ME*
L. Alexandra Hogan, Esq., *Sabella Hogan, PC, Springfield*

Business Panel: Trade Creditors in Bankruptcy Cases

A number of major retailers and suppliers have been involved in Chapter 11 cases in recent years. This panel explores new developments from recent cases that impact trade creditors in bankruptcy cases. Topics include reclamation claims, consignment issues, obtaining critical vendor status, minimizing preference exposure, maximizing lien rights, and the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. The panelists discuss practical approaches that can reduce a trade creditor's losses in the event of a bankruptcy case.

John G. Loughnane, Esq., *Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, Boston*
Lindsay Zahradka Milne, Esq., *Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, PA, Portland, ME*
Adrienne K. Walker, Esq., *Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glowsky and Popeo, PC, Boston*

6:00 pm–6:30 pm

Networking Reception for Faculty & Registrants



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