

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BANKRUPTCY BENCH BAR CONFERENCE
2024**



Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
900 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
May 6 – May 8, 2024

TOTAL CLE CREDIT 10 hours/1.25 Ethics

* The photograph above is of an original oil painting dated 1947 by Charles Berkeley Norman Studios of Austin depicting the Corpus Christi bayfront. The painting hung for many years at the old Corpus Christi airport and was moved in 2000 to the second-floor atrium at the United States Courthouse in Corpus Christi.

Monday, May 6

5:00 – 7:00 pm: Registration

6:30 – 9:00 pm: Meet the judges and your colleagues at a “Texas Blues & BBQ” Opening Reception at the **Bar Under the Sun “BUS” 702 N. Chaparral St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401** (5 minute walk from the Omni). Barbeque from Full Send BBQ and Blues jams from The Vin Mott Band will kick off the Conference. *Vegan and vegetarian options available.*

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 am: **Welcoming Remarks**

**Chief Judge Randy Crane
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court
Chief Bankruptcy Judge Eduardo V. Rodriguez**

9:00 - 9:45 am: **Case Law Update [CLE .75 hour/.25 hour ethics]**

- Speakers: Ben Wallen, Misty Segura, Genevieve Graham

9:45 - 10:30 am: **Intangible Assets: Avoidance Actions and Fiduciary Claims [CLE .75 hour]**

- Speakers: Demetra Liggins, David Curry, Chris Murray

10:30 - 10:45 am: Morning Snack Break

PICK YOUR MODULE SESSIONS

MODULE 1: CONSUMER & SMALL BUSINESS

10:45 - 11:15 am: **Student Loans – Step by Step on How to Discharge Under the New Guidelines [CLE .50 hour]**

- Speakers: Judge Norman

11:15 - 12:00 pm: **Tough Calls in Chapter 7s – Hard Decisions for Chapter 7 Trustees [CLE .75 hour/ .50 Ethics]**

- Speakers: Catherine Curtis, Cristina Rodriguez

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Buffet Luncheon with Speaker.

1:00 - 2:00 pm: **Evidence Practical Session for Consumer Lawyers [CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speakers: Mayur Patel, Ravi Ratnala

2:00 - 3:00 pm: **Chapter 13 Pitfalls: New Zoom 341s, Plans and more** – A discussion on how to navigate the new 341 format and get a plan confirmed using pro-rata vs fixed payments **[CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speakers: Judge Isgur, Chris Morrison, Aubrey Thomas, Tiffany Castro

3:00 - 3:15 pm: Afternoon Snack Break

3:15 - 4:00 pm: **Subchapter V vs. Business 13s PART II:** When would it be a good idea to utilize Subchapter V rather than a business chapter 13 case and why? *Continuation of the discussion from the January 23, 2024 Consumer Bankruptcy Conference* **[CLE 0.75 hour]**

- Moderator: Judge Christopher M. Lopez
- Speakers: Brendon Singh, Alicia Barcomb, Michael Hardwick

4:00 - 5:00 pm: **Merchant Credit Agreements or Personal guarantees for a debtor who owns a business.** **[CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speakers: Jarrod Martin, Chip Lane

MODULE 2: COMPLEX BUSINESS

10:45 - 11:15 am: **Ethical Issues and Artificial Intelligence** **[CLE .5 hour Ethics]**

- Speakers: Tara LeDay, Jason Brookner, Mike Riordan

11:15 - 12:00 pm: **Extent and Bounds of Post-Confirmation Jurisdiction.** Including third party releases, *Purdue* and the propriety of the gatekeeper function **[CLE 0.75 hour]**

- Speakers: Alfredo Perez, Kelli Norfleet, James Grogan, Elizabeth Guffy

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Buffet Luncheon with Speaker.

1:00 - 2:00 pm: **Evidence Practical Session for Commercial Lawyers** **[CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speakers: Jason Zakia, Veronica Polnick

2:00 - 3:00 pm: **De-SPAC transactions and Restructuring Considerations.** Trends, successes, and failures. **[CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speakers: Greg Pesce, Liam Ahearn

3:15 - 4:00 pm: **Latest on PET/LME Transactions.** Latest Technology, and What happens when the failed transactions end up in chapter 11 **[CLE 0.75 hour]**

- Speakers: Weston Eguchi, Charles Koster

4:00 - 5:00 pm: **Chapter 15 Developments: Firefighters versus Fairfield Sentry** **[CLE 1.0 hour]**

- Speaker: Patricia Tomasco

6:00 pm: Meet your colleagues and join the Judges at **Whataburger Field** to watch the **Corpus Christi Hooks take on the Amarillo Sod Poodles**. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks included. First Pitch is at 6:05 pm. Catch the bus from the Omni beginning at 5:30 pm. Last bus leaves the ballpark at 9:30 pm after the game. *Vegan and vegetarian options available.*

TOTAL DAY 1 CLE: 6.5 Hours/.75 Ethics

GENERAL DAY 2

- 9:00 - 10:00 am: **Defamation Meets Bankruptcy:** Alex Jones/InfoWars; Rudy Giuliani. **[CLE 1.0 hour]**
 - Speakers: Jennifer Hardy, James Burbage
- 10:00 - 10:45 am: **Subchapter V: The Path to Confirmation [CLE 0.75 hour]**
 - Speakers: Chief Bankruptcy Judge Rodriguez, H. Gray Burks IV
- **10:45 - 11:00 am – Morning Snack Break**
- 11:00 - 11:45 am: **Conversion to Chapter 7.** What practitioners need to know about Privilege Issues, Professional Retention, Operating Chapter 7s, and more . . . **[CLE 0.75 hour, 0.25 Ethics]**
 - Speakers: Josh Wolfshohl, Janet Northrup, Heather Heath McIntyre
- 11:45 - 12:45 am: **Judges Panel [CLE 1.0 hour, 0.25 Ethics]**
 - Chief Bankruptcy Judge Rodriguez
 - Judge Isgur
 - Judge Norman
 - Judge Lopez
 - New Judge

TOTAL DAY 2 CLE: 3.5 Hours/.5 Ethics