

Southern District of Texas Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

August 18-20, 2010

SOUTHERN DISTRICT BANKRUPTCY BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

(Judge Richard S. Schmidt and Mike Schmidt, Program Co-Chairmen)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18

YACHT RACES, RECEPTION AND DINNER AT THE CORPUS CHRISTI YACHT CLUB

Catch a ride on a yacht, or toast the sailors instead, either way, come and enjoy fine dining and seafood at its best.

5:00 p.m. – Registrants Check In To Sail

5:30 p.m. – Reception

6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$35 for registrants and guests)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 – 8:30 **Late Registration**
8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome**
The Honorable Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chief U.S. District Judge, McAllen
The Honorable Marvin Isgur, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Houston

9:15 – 10:00 **Equitable Mootness - Stays Pending Appeal**
The Honorable Edward C. Prado, U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
The Honorable Andrew S. Hanen, U.S. District Judge, Brownsville
The Honorable Richard S. Schmidt, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Corpus Christi
Shelby A. Jordan, Corpus Christi

Appellate issues for when you practice out of District, since the judges of the Southern District always get it right! (.75 CLE)

10:00 – 10:45 **Law and Order**
Judge Hinojosa
AUSA (to be announced)
Joel M. Androphy, Houston

Beyond contested matters and adversary proceedings. Crimes, their investigations, prosecution and defense. (.75 CLE)

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 11:45 **Modular Session One**

Choose the business, consumer or paralegal module. (.75 CLE)

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch (provided for registrants, guests \$25)**

Dr. M. Ray Perryman, Waco, noted economist, will discuss current economic conditions and their impact on bankruptcy practice in the region and the nation. (1.00 CLE)

1:30 – 2:30 **Case Law Update**
The Honorable Karen K. Brown, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Houston
Janet Northrup, Houston
Preston Towber, Houston

The latest and greatest. (1.00 CLE)

2:30 – 3:15 **Modular Session Two (.75 CLE)**

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 4:15 **Modular Session Three (.75 CLE)**

4:15 – 5:00 **Modular Session Four (.75 CLE)**

5:30 **Beer, Band & Burgers!**
(included for registrants, guests \$35)

Join the Judges at Brewster's Ice House for some Texas country music and cuisine at the latest Corpus Christi hot spot.

TOTAL CLE APPLIED FOR DAY 1 (6.5 HOURS)

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20

8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:45 **Cross-Border Issues in Mexico**
The Honorable Letitia Z. Paul, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Houston
Judge Isgur
Rosa Hilda Posada, Reynosa, Mexico
Jorge Garcia, San Antonio

A discussion of issues such as transactions across the border and enforcement in Mexico of claims and judgments out of U.S. bankruptcy cases. (.75 CLE)

9:45 – 10:45 **Pro Bono Bankruptcy**
State Bar Executive Committee: R. Byrn (Byrnie) Bass, Jr., Lubbock;
David Anderson, Houston; Eduardo Rodriguez, Brownsville; Pat Kelley,
Tyler; Jennifer Morris; Elizabeth Guffy, Houston; Elizabeth Smith, San
Antonio; Chris Mott, El Paso; Steve Hutcheson, Dallas.

Members of the State Bar Executive Committee for Pro Bono Legal Services, Bankruptcy Section, discuss the Texas Supreme Court's mandate for pro bono services for the State of Texas and ideas and suggestions for how the bankruptcy bar can respond. (1.0 Ethics)

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 11:45 **Local Rule Changes**
Judge Isgur

Update and discussion of changes to the Local Rules (.75 CLE)

11:45 – 12:00 **Concluding Comments**
Judge Schmidt

TOTAL CLE APPLIED FOR DAY 2 (2.5, 1.0 ETHICS)
TOTAL CLE APPLIED FOR PROGRAM (9.0, 1.0 ETHICS)

* The front cover photograph 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 to its current location in the second floor atrium at the United States Court House in Corpus Christi soon after the Courthouse was completed in 2000.

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BUSINESS MODULES

(RANDY WILLIAMS, MODULE CHAIRMAN)

- 1. The Yin and Yang of Environmental Issues in Bankruptcy**
Judge Schmidt moderates. For the Yin, Andrea Madigan and Hal Morris, and for the Yang, Pat Hughes and Tony Davis. The panelists will explain how apparent conflict and discord is brought into balance and harmony.
- 2. The Great and Powerful Chapter 11 Trustee**
Judge Brown and Judge Paul join Marcie Kurtz and David Jones to explain the birds and the bees of where chapter 11 trustees come from, and how, with proper attention and care, there is no reason to fear them.
- 3. Small Business Chapter 11**
The Honorable Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Houston, joins Joe Epstein, Ed Rothberg and Barbara Rogers in an explanation of life outside of the mega cases and how small is only descriptive of stature and has nothing to do with the issues, quality and professionalism of how to successfully manage these cases, including individual chapter 11 debtors.
- 4. Indubitably Yours**
The Honorable Wesley W. Steen, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Houston, joins Charlie Beckham and Rhett Campbell to discuss the new powers brought to chapter 11 by recent cases addressing the issue of the “indubitable equivalent,” and whether this power will be used for good or evil.

CONSUMER MODULES

(EDDIE RODRIGUEZ, MODULE CHAIRMAN)

- 1. Chapter 13 Autoland!**
Judge Bohm, Behrooz Vida and Ken Keeling will turn your nightmare lemon into the car of your dreams with financing and lease options.
- 2. Discharging a Student Loan, Is It Possible?**
Judge Steen moderates as Judy Robbins and Reese Baker discuss the good, bad and ugly of discharging student loans.
- 3. Ongoing Mortgages Six Years Later**
Judge Isgur moderates as Eddie Rodriguez, Mary Hower, Mary Daffin and Cindy Boudloche discuss mortgage claims in chapter 13 cases.
- 4. Reaffirmations or “Please Sir, May I Have Some More?”**
Judge Paul will moderate as Michael Baumer responds to Mike Ridulfo and Pam Bassel as they assure us that it will only hurt a little.

PARALEGAL MODULES

(JANET NORTHRUP, MODULE CHAIRMAN)

- 1. The Means Test, or Who Knew New Math Could Be Such Fun?**
Judge Steen moderates as Diane Livingstone and Janet Northrup show us how easy and fun Form B22A is and how good you feel when you do it right and earn a gold star!
- 2. The Power Behind the Throne or What is a Bankruptcy Case Manager?**
Judge Isgur moderates a panel of case managers who let you in on how to make sure your attorneys get it right!
- 3. Ethics**
Judge Brown, Hugh Ray, Jr. and Barbara Halliburton discuss the ins and outs of the straight and narrow for legal assistants.
- 4. Chapter 7 and 13 Trustees – Friend or Foe?**
Judge Schmidt moderates as Mike Schmidt, David Peake, Rita Brown, Turea Simpson and Lisa Nichols assure you that with proper care and feeding trustees pose no problems.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For room reservations, please contact:

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(800) 843-6664

or

www.omnihotels.com

Use SDTX Bench/Bar Conference code #14500809409

A special block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$90 per night (single) \$129 per night (double, triple, or quad). We are required to guarantee a certain number of rooms so your early registration is appreciated.

YACHT CLUB RACES

For those that wish to participate in the yacht club races you will need to register using this form and check in at the Yacht Club by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18.

Corpus Christi Yacht Club

98 Coopers Alley

Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401

(Shoreline Blvd. at the Coopers Alley L-Head)

(361) 883-6518

Limited number of boats so register early

For those that just want to toast the sailors, the reception at the Yacht Club begins at 5:30 pm & dinner begins at 6:30 pm.

BREWSTER STREET ICE HOUSE

1724 N. Tanchua

Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Phone: (361) 884-BREW (2739)

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Enjoy drinks and dinner from an eclectic menu at Corpus Christi's premier destination for great food, family fun and hot country music. Kid friendly playground. Open air seating so dress is very casual, shorts recommended!

REGISTRATION FORM

The registration fee is \$300 before June 30, 2010, increasing to \$350 after June 30th. Please make your check payable to: Southern District Bench/Bar Committee and mail it with this form to Bench/Bar c/o Michael B. Schmidt, 555 N. Carancahua, Ste. 1550, Corpus Christi TX 78401.

No refunds of registration fee after August 1, 2010. The Conference Registration fee is complimentary for each Judge, their law clerk & case manager.

Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____

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Conference Registration \$ 300
(increases to \$350 after 6/30/10)

Wednesday Evening, August 18, 2010

___ **Yacht Club Races** **no charge**

___ **Yacht Club Reception
& Dinner - \$35** \$ _____

___ **Yacht Club Reception
& Dinner - Guests @ \$35 each** \$ _____

Thursday, August 19, 2010

___ **Conference Lunch** **included**

___ **Conf. lunch Guests @ \$25 each** \$ _____

___ **Dinner at Brewster
Street Ice House** **included**

___ **Brewster St. Guests @\$35 each** \$ _____

Total Fees: \$ _____

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