

# Bankruptcy Conference

*Advancing Bankruptcy Expertise through the Legacy of Karen Cordry*

September 9–11, 2025 | Indianapolis, Indiana

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## Tuesday, September 9

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11:00 am – 11:55 am **Registration**

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12:00 pm – 12:15 pm **Welcome Remarks**

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm **Bankruptcy Basics Session 1**

A general introduction to bankruptcy law and its purpose, including an overview of the bankruptcy code, bankruptcy rules, and common laws. Discussion will include key provisions of the bankruptcy code of which AAGs should be aware.

SPEAKER

**Robert Gerber**, *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge (Ret.), S.D.N.Y.*

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1:20 pm – 2:20 pm **Bankruptcy Basics Session 2**

A detailed walk through a bankruptcy case from start to finish. This session will highlight important issues of which AAGs should be aware, important dates to calendar, and the procedure for filing a proof of claim.

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2:20 pm – 2:35 pm **Break**

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2:40 pm – 3:40 pm **Bankruptcy Basics Session 3**

A discussion of state-specific bankruptcy issues, including beginning tax, child support, enforcement of injunctions, and collections. A fact pattern introducing different issues will be introduced and small groups will be formed to discuss the solution.

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3:45 pm – 4:30 pm **Bankruptcy Basics Session 4**

Group discussion of the fact-pattern presented and solutions.

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4:30 pm – 5:15 pm **Session Wrap-up**

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5:15 pm – 6:15 pm **Reception**

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### Wednesday, September 10

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7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:05 am – 8:15 am **Welcoming Remarks**

8:20 am – 10:00 am **First Day Motions, Disclosure Statements, & Plans**  
Understanding these documents, spotting issues important to assistant attorneys general, and how/when to respond.

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

10:20 am – 11:40 am **First Day Motions, Disclosure Statements, and Plans Workshop**  
Presentation of a fact pattern and small and large group discussion of the issues and solutions.

11:45 am – 12:45 pm **Lunch**

12:50 pm – 1:10 pm **Presentation of the Karen Cordry Award**  
Presentation of the Karen Cordry Award and acknowledgement of assistant attorneys general achievements in bankruptcy courts.

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm **The Intersection of State Regulatory Laws and Bankruptcy**  
A discussion of enforcement of consumer protection laws during bankruptcy and trending regulatory issues in bankruptcy.

MODERATOR

**Bernard Eskandari**, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General, California*

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm **Break with snacks**

2:50 pm – 4:05 pm **Healthcare Bankruptcies**  
A discussion about the current landscape of for-profit and not-for-profit healthcare bankruptcies and emerging issues.

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MODERATOR

**Casey Roy, Sr.** *Attorney, Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC*

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4:10 pm – 4:40 pm **Bankruptcy Litigation for Assistant Attorneys General – Session I**

A discussion of what types of litigation may arise during bankruptcy, the applicable rules, and tools available.

MODERATOR

**Lynn Hamilton Butler**, *Partner, Husch Blackwell*

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4:40 pm – 4:50 pm **Break**

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4:55 pm – 5:35 pm **Bankruptcy Litigation for Assistant Attorneys General – Session II**

Presentation of a problem that will be worked through in small groups and discussed in a larger group.

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5:45 pm – 7:00 pm **Dinner**

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7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:05 am – 8:15 am **Welcome & Announcements**

### Start of Concurrent Sessions

8:30 am – 10:00 am

TRACK I

#### **Child Support – Session I**

A discussion of the intersection of bankruptcy law and child-support collections; teaching how states can maximize their collections.

PANELISTS

**Elizabeth L. Gunn**, *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, D.D.C.*

**Stuart Wilson Patton**, *Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee*

**Fred Rudzik**, *Chief Assistant General Counsel (Bankruptcy), Florida Department of Revenue*

**William Pursell**, *Chief Assistant General Counsel Child Support Program, Florida Department of Revenue*

TRACK II

#### **Insurance**

A discussion regarding types of insurance policies, bonds, and letters of credit, and the effect of bankruptcy on a state's collection efforts.

MODERATOR

**Mark Silverschotz**, *Of Counsel, Anderson Kill*

10:05 am – 10:20 am **Break**

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### Child Support – Session II

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TRACK II

### Advanced Tax

PANELISTS

**Ari Kunofsky**, *Assistant Chief, U.S. Department of Justice – Tax Division*

**Joan Smuda**, *Chief, Revenue Litigation Bureau, Office of the Attorney General of Illinois*

**Florence Bonaccorso-Saenz**, *Senior Counsel, Louisiana Department of Revenue*

11:35 am – 12:30 pm

### Lunch

12:35 pm – 1:35 pm

### Ethics

1:40 pm – 2:55 pm

### PFAS Panel

2:55 pm – 3:10 pm

### Break with snacks

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

### Derivative Standing Post-Purdue

SPEAKERS

**Bernard Eskandari**, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice*

**Justin Leonard**, *Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice*

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4:20 pm – 5:20 pm **Judges' Panel**

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**Elizabeth L. Gunn**, *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, D.D.C.*

**David S. Jones**, *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, S.D.N.Y.*

**Sean H. Lane**, *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, S.D.N.Y.*

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5:20 pm – 5:30 pm **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**