



Bankruptcy Conference

September 9-11, 2025 | Indianapolis, IN

Tuesday, September 9

11:00 am – 11:55 am **Registration**

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

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, the different types of bankruptcy cases, the major players in a bankruptcy case, how to find cases through PACER, and how to understand a docket sheet.

SPEAKERS

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

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

Patricia Molteni, *Senior Counsel, NAAG*

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

A review of the basic structure of a bankruptcy case and an explanation of its most important concepts, including the automatic stay, a claim, property of the estate, and the discharge injunction.

SPEAKERS

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

Patricia Molteni, *Senior Counsel, NAAG*

2:20 pm – 2:35 pm **Break**

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

A discussion of state-specific bankruptcy issues as they arise in the context of the automatic stay, claims, discharge and section 525.

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3:45 pm – 4:45 pm **Small Group Exercises**

Attendees will break up into small groups and using short fact patterns will test their new knowledge by applying bankruptcy concepts, like the automatic stay and the discharge injunction, to them.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

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

Heather Crockett, *Section Chief, Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Litigation, Office of the Indiana Attorney General*

Gill Geldreich, *Deputy Attorney General, Public Protection Section, Bankruptcy Division, Office of the Tennessee Attorney General*

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Patricia Molteni, *Senior Counsel, NAAG*

Donn Rosenblum, *(Ret.) Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Ohio*

Abigail Ryan, *Bankruptcy Counsel, NAAG*

Cory Steinmetz, *Assistant Attorney General/IRS Compliance Officer – Collections Enforcement, Office of the Ohio Attorney General*

4:50 pm – 5:15 pm **Session Wrap-up**

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm **Reception**

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7:00 am – 8:00 am **Registration & 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 AAGs, and how/when to respond.

SPEAKERS

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

Samuel Maizel, *Partner, Dentons*

Tania Moyron, *Partner, Dentons*

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

10:20 am – 11:40 am **First Day Motions, Disclosure Statements, & Plans Workshop**

Presentation of a fact pattern and small and large group discussion of the issues and solutions.

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Maureen Leary, *New York DPS*

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

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

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

Abigail Ryan, *Bankruptcy Counsel, NAAG*

Mark Silverschotz, *Partner, Anderson Kill*

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

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 AAG 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.

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

2:50 pm – 4:05 pm **Bankruptcies of Solar Panel Financiers**

A discussion about the intersection of consumer-credit contracts subject to the Truth in Lending Act and solar panel financiers' bankruptcies.

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Jeffrey Mapes, *Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Michigan Attorney General*

4:05 pm – 4:15 pm **Break**

4:20 pm – 5:30 pm **Bankruptcy Appeals and Equitable Mootness**

This session will alert you to issues unique to bankruptcy appeals, including how to avoid “equitable mootness,” which appeals forum (district court or BAP) to choose, standing to appeal, and when is an order final.

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Dinner**

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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

Judge Jason A. Burgess, U.S.

Bankruptcy Judge, FL

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

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

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TRACK II

Insurance 101

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

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Judge Robert E. Gerber, U.S.

Bankruptcy Judge (Ret.), S.D.N.Y.

Robert Horkovich, Partner, Anderson Kill

William Passannante, Partner, Anderson Kill

Mark Silverschotz, Of Counsel, Anderson Kill

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

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10:20 am – 11:35 am

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A discussion of the intersection of bankruptcy law and child-support

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Advanced Tax

A discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Miller* decision, claims

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litigation, discharge issues, and issues that arise in mega bankruptcy cases.

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A discussion of self-care as a lawyer's duty to the profession

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1:40 pm – 2:55 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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Casey Roy, *Sr. Attorney, Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC*

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4:20 pm – 5:20 pm **Judges' Panel**

MODERATOR

Kristian Oldham, *Assistant Attorney General, FL*

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