

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



Omni Corpus Christi Hotel Bayfront Tower

900 North Shoreline Blvd.

Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

May 9-11, 2018

## WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 9

RECEPTION AND DINNER

Texas State Aquarium

7:00 p.m.: Reception and dinner (included for registrants, \$40 for guests)

## THURSDAY, May 10

**8:00 – 8:30: Late Registration**

**8:30: Hot Breakfast Buffet**

**9:00 – 9:15: Welcome**

- Chief Judge David Jones

**9:15 – 10:00am: We're from the Government, and We're Here to Help. Really! Tips for dealing with federal government issues. (CLE .75)**

- Daniel Hu, AUSA
- Rick Kincheloe, AUSA

**10:00am – 10:45: Top 10 Tips on Handling the "Difficult" Opposing Counsel, Trustee or Judge. (CLE .75, ethics .25)**

- Miriam Goott, Walker & Patterson
- Allison Byman, Hughes Watters & Askanase

**10:45 – 11:00: Break**

**11:00 – 12:00: Practicing Law in Harm's Way: Fending Off Thorny Ethical Problems Each and Every Day (1.0 CLE, 1.0 Ethics)**

- Judge Jeff Bohm
- Ashley Harper, Andrews Kurth Kenyon
- Betsy Thomas, Pratt & Thomas

**12:00 – 1:00: Lunch Program: Braniff Davis of SpaceCityWeather.com**



## 1:00 – 5:00 Pick Your Module

### MODULE 1

**1:00 – 1:45: The Next Wave (CLE .75)**

- James Sprayregen, Kirkland & Ellis
- Patty Tomasco, Jackson Walker

**1:45 – 2:30: Hot Topics for Affecting Creditors in Chapter 11 (CLE .75)**

- Arsalan Muhammad, Haynes & Boone
- Chris Lopez, Weil Gotshal & Manges
- Kim Lewinski, Dore Law Group

**2:30-3:00 Structured Dismissals in a Post-Jevic World (.5)**

- Matt Cavanaugh, Jackson Walker
- Sean Davis, Winstead

**3:00 – 3:15 Break**

**3:15 – 4:00: Independent Fiduciaries: Liquidating Trustees, Plan Agents, Pay Agents (.75 CLE)**

- Joshua Wolfshohl, Porter Hedges
- Drew McManigle, SierraConstellation Partners

**4:00 – 5:00: Plan Structuring: Releases, Death Traps, and Other Stuff... (1.0)**

- Chief Judge David Jones
- Judge Marvin Isgur
- Bill Greendyke, Norton Rose Fulbright

## MODULE 2

### **1:00 – 2:00 The New Plan, Forms and Rules (1.0 CLE, .25 ethics)**

- Tiffany Castro, Office of William Heitkamp
- Cristina Rodriguez, Keeling Law Firm
- Leigh Anna Tognetti, Marcos D. Oliva, PC

### **2:00 – 2:30: The Nitty Gritty of Dirt for Debt (.5 CLE)**

- Emil Sargent, Attorney at Law
- Chief Judge David Jones
- Carl Barto, Law Office of Carl M. Barto

### **2:30 – 3:00: Mortgage Calculations: Identifying Causes of Action (.5 CLE)**

- Veronica Polnick, The Polnick Law Firm
- Mike Weems, Hughes Watters & Askanase

### **3:00 – 3:15 Break**

### **3:15 – 4:00: Getting it Right the First Time, or Not: The Right to Amend and Limitations (.75 CLE, .25 ethics)**

- Joel Gonzalez, Law Office of Joel Gonzalez
- Tom Dowling, Anderson, Lehrman, Baree & Maraist
- Judge Eduardo Rodriguez

### **4:00 – 4:30: Federal Government Issues: Student Loans, the IRS . . . (.5 CLE)**

- Rick Kincheloe, AUSA
- Chris Morrison, Christopher Todd Morrison, P.C.

### **4:30 – 5:00: Best Practices in Chapter 7 Cases (.5 CLE)**

- Catherine Curtis, Stone Curtis
- Chris Murray, Diamond McCarthy

### **6:30: Food, Beers & a Game! Join the Judges at The Corpus Christi Hooks stadium for food, drink and a game. First Pitch is at 7:05pm.**

We have reserved the Mike Shaw Loft (f/k/a AutoNation Club) with an additional 36 seats at the game. The Judges will serve fajitas, hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas, beer, chips and desserts. There will also be a cash bar. (included for registrants, guests \$35)

TOTAL CLE FOR DAY 1 = 6.25, ethics 1.75

## **FRIDAY MORNING, May 11**

### **8:30: Hot Breakfast Buffet**

### **9:00 – 9:45am: Electronic discovery meets Bankruptcy (.75 CLE, .25 ethics)**

- Chief District Judge Lee Rosenthal
- Carolyn Southerland, Morae Global

### **9:45 – 10:30: Making Effective Use of Expert Witnesses (.75 CLE)**

- Judge Gregg Costa, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Anna Rotman, Kirkland & Ellis

### **10:30 – 10:45: Break**

### **10:45 – 11:15: Ethics Considerations in a Social Media World (.5 CLE, .5 ethics)**

- Liz Freeman, Clerk to Chief Judge David Jones
- Mayur Patel, Guzman Law Firm

### **11:15 – 12:15: Case Law Update (1.0 CLE, .25 ethics)**

- Genevieve Graham, Okin Adams
- Bill Greendyke, Norton Rose Fulbright

### **12:15- 1:00: Judges Panel (.75)**

TOTAL CLE FOR DAY 2 = 3.75, 1.0 ethics

**TOTAL CLE APPLIED FOR PROGRAM = 10.0, 2.75 ethics**

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For room reservations, please contact:

Omni Bayfront Hotel  
(800) 843-6664  
or

[www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

**PLEASE USE SDTX Bench/Bar Conference Code  
050918SOUTHERND**



**\*THE DEADLINE TO BOOK IS APRIL 4, 2018\***

A special block of rooms has been reserved at the conference at rate of **\$101** per night (single). We are required to guarantee a certain number of rooms so your early registration is appreciated.

## **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM DINNER**



2710 Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi

Reception and Dinner at the Texas State Aquarium Wed., May 9, 2018. The reception begins at 7:00 pm.

A shuttle bus will run from the Omni to the Aquarium starting at 6:45pm. The bus will also provide return to the Omni.

\* 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.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI HOOKS GAME @ WHATABURGER FIELD**



We have reserved the Mike Shaw Loft (f/k/a AutoNation Club) on the Suite Level for the evening of Thursday, April 21, 2018. It features an open air party pavilion plus 36 seats. The Judges will serve fajitas, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, soda and beer which are included in the ticket. Open air seating so dress is very casual, shorts recommended!

734 E Port Ave, Corpus Christi

A shuttle bus will begin running from the Omni to the Stadium at 6:15pm. The bus will also provide return to the Omni.

## 2018 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BANKRUPTCY BENCH BAR REGISTRATION FORM

The registration fee is \$275 on or before April 4, 2018, increasing to \$325.

*PLEASE RSVP to the following events so we can get an accurate headcount to vendors*

**Wednesday Evening, May 9, 2018**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

\_\_\_\_\_ Aquarium Reception (included for attendee)      \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball Game (included for attendee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Aquarium Guests @ \$40 each                                      \_\_\_\_\_ Hooks Game @ \$35 Guest

TOTAL FEE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*We cannot give refunds after April 25, 2018

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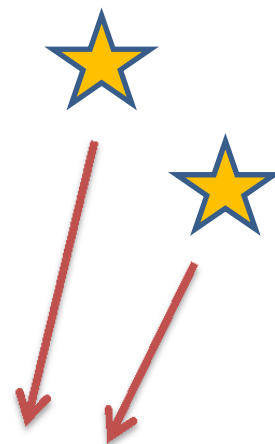
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You can pay by check or credit card. Please make the check payable to: **Houston Bar Association** and mail it with this form to:

Matthew Cavanaugh  
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If paying by card please go to e-mail the registration form to: [mcavanaugh@jw.com](mailto:mcavanaugh@jw.com)  
Instructions for payment will be e-mailed back to you.



**\*\*\*PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM NOT LATER THAN APRIL 4\*\*\***

*This is the deadline for securing the conference rate of \$101  
(and for the humble planners to fill the guaranteed block).*

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If you have any difficulty booking the room or obtaining the reduced rate,  
please contact Liz Freeman @ 713-250-5673 for assistance