

2022 BENCH-BAR RETREAT

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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<i>Session 1: Student Loan & Credit Report Updates</i>	<p>This panel will present the latest developments in student loan repayment, forgiveness, and discharge, provide an in-depth review of select provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and address discharged debt, dispute management, and best practices.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Suzana K. Koch (Moderator) and Brian D. Flick</p>
<i>Concurrent Session I: Bankruptcy 101 / Best Practices</i>	<p>Panelists will speak from the perspectives of a debtor attorney, creditor attorney, trustee, and judge to offer guidance on strategies practitioners and adjudicators can adopt to enhance case management and strengthen the effectiveness of their role in bankruptcy proceedings.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Keith L. Borders (Moderator), Bruce Comly French, Cynthia A. Jeffrey, The Honorable Tiiara N.A. Patton, and Dynele L. Schinker-Kuharich</p>
<i>Concurrent Session II: Subchapter V (Almost) Three Years Later: Was a Good Idea Good in Practice?</i>	<p>A panel discussion regarding the practical implications of Subchapter V of Chapter 11, offering views from experienced counsel representing Subchapter V debtors, serving as the Subchapter V Trustee, and representing the Office of the United States Trustee in Subchapter V cases.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Rocco I. Debitetto (Moderator), Kate M. Bradley, Patricia Fugée, and Frederic P. Schwieg</p>
<i>Town Hall Meetings</i>	<p>Town Hall meetings will provide a forum for judges and practitioners to discuss areas of emphasis in each court location. The judges will provide information about practices and expectations specific to their individual courtrooms and clerk's office locations, answer questions from attorneys about local procedure, and provide comments about current practice issues.</p> <p><i>The Judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i> Akron: The Honorable Alan M. Koschik Canton: The Honorable Mary Ann Whipple / Chief Judge Cleveland: The Honorable Arthur I. Harris Toledo: The Honorable John P. Gustafson Youngstown: The Honorable Tiiara N.A. Patton</p>

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<i>Keynote Address - Cryptocurrency</i>	<p>Mr. Beckwith will give an overview of Decentralized Finance (DEFI). His presentation will discuss how DEFI works, how it is built on the blockchain, and what types of DEFI products are available. He will cover how DEFI can be used to launder money and what investigators can do to trace these types of transactions.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Matt Beckwith, Forensic Accountant, Federal Bureau of Investigation</i></p>
<i>Concurrent Session A: Mortgage Foreclosures & Loan Modifications</i>	<p>Panelists for this session include a debtor's attorney, a creditor's attorney, and a representative of a bank. This session will provide an overview of foreclosures in Ohio since the end of the foreclosure moratoria, including the current state of both tax and mortgage foreclosures, the driving forces pushing properties into foreclosure and options available to borrowers to prevent or cease the foreclosure process. The panelists will further delve into loss mitigation options available to borrowers for delinquent loans, including loan modification agreements, partial claim mortgage loans and "short" sales. Finally, the panel will focus on the lender's perspective as to how borrowers can facilitate working with the lender as to loss mitigation options to make the loss mitigation process easier.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <i>Phyllis Ulrich (Moderator), Patrick D. Miller, and Beth Ann Schenz</i></p>
<i>Concurrent Session B: Single Asset Real Estate Seeks Chapter 11 Engagement</i>	<p>This session will address common issues facing practitioners with respect to debtors known as "Single Asset Real Estate Debtors" under the Bankruptcy Code from pre-bankruptcy planning (for both debtor's counsel and creditor's counsel) to post-bankruptcy filing (from the United States Trustee's perspective). The session will cover what constitutes a Single Asset Real Estate Debtor, the implications of being classified as such, operational issues, administrative issues, plan confirmation issues, constraints, and common challenges incurred.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <i>Chrysanthé E. Vassiles (Moderator), Scott R. Belhorn, Michael A. Steel, and Robert M. Stefancin</i></p>

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<i>Session 2: State & Federal Taxes</i>	<p>The panelists will address common state and federal tax matters in bankruptcy, highlight standard actions counsel can take to facilitate case administration, and provide key contact information and additional resources.</p> <p><i>Panelists: Robert L. Doty and Suzana K. Koch</i></p>
<i>Judges' Panel</i>	<p>Join this large-group discussion with the judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The judges will provide tips and feedback to promote excellence and professionalism in insolvency practice in this and other bankruptcy courts from the perspective of the bench. During the online registration process, attorneys may submit questions for consideration by the judges during the presentation.</p> <p><i>The Judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio The Honorable Mary Ann Whipple / Chief Judge, The Honorable Arthur I. Harris, The Honorable John P. Gustafson, The Honorable Alan M. Koschik, and The Honorable Tiara N.A. Patton</i></p>