



**BANKRUPTCY  
LAW SECTION**  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS

**2023**

# **BANKRUPTCY BENCH BAR CONFERENCE**

June 4 - 6, 2023 | San Antonio, TX



# CONFERENCE INFO



**Course Directors:** Frances Smith & Michael Cooley  
**Credit Hours:** Pending

## ACCOMMODATIONS

JW Marriott San Antonio  
Hill Country Spa & Resort

**Group Room Rate:** \$289/night

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enlightening & Educational Presentations
- Annual Section Awards
- Judge Panels
- Breakout Rooms
- YLC Sponsored Monday Reception

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# CONFERENCE AGENDA



## SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM **Golf and Spa Time** (The Canyons Golf Course, Lantana Spa)  
**Spa Reception** (The Bistro at the Spa – Lantana Spa)

5:30 - 8:00 PM **Opening Reception & Registration** (Events Lawn 1 – JW Marriott)

8:30 PM **Hospitality Suite Available**

## MONDAY, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 8:00 AM **Yoga Class** (Iris-Lily Room)

7:30 - 8:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcome, Technology Explanation, Calendar Overview** — *Michael Cooley*

8:45 - 10:00 AM **Plenary Session — Recent Developments & Caselaw Update**  
Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, Hon. Brenda T. Rhoades, Deborah B. Langehennig,  
Liz Boydston

10:00 - 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 AM **Plenary Session — Market Trends**  
Greg Milligan, Dr. Nathaniel Pattison, Nick Inman

11:15 - 12:15 PM **Plenary Session — A Discussion on Allyship**  
Moderator – Rakhee Patel  
Hon. Harlin D. "Cooter" Hale (Ret.), Wande Elam, Travis Torrence

12:15 - 1:30 PM **Box Lunch**

1:30 - 2:30 PM **Plenary Session — Name That Tune (5th Circuit Version)**  
*Harmonize your knowledge of music with important non-bankruptcy Fifth Circuit cases every bankruptcy practitioner needs to know. Based on the 1950s game show. Live band and surprises guaranteed!*

Moderator – Dick Clark (Todd Headden)  
Stevie Nicks (Jernigan, J., NDTX), Elton John (Mullin, J., NDTX), Willie Nelson (Mott, J., WDTX), Dirty 6th Street Band (Bach Norwood, Lisa Fancher, and special guests)

2:30 - 3:00 PM **Break** (*transition to breakouts*)

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## MONDAY, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

3:00 - 3:45 PM

**Business Breakout —**

***Talen Energy: Settlements, Releases, and Exculpations***

Zack Clement, Ryan Manns, Julie Harrison

**Consumer Breakout — Sales and Appreciation in Chapter 13**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman, Pam Bassel, Toni Townsend, Jessica Hanzlik

3:45 - 4:30 PM

**Business Breakout — Lender on Lender Violence**

Hon. Michelle V. Larson, George Howard, Maegan Quejada, Sean Davis, Dawn Ragan

**Consumer Breakout — Views and Impacts of Bankruptcy in Family Law**

Hon. Tena Callahan (Ret.), Hon. Robert L. Jones, Catherine Curtis

4:30 - 6:00 PM

**Happy Hour** (Hospitality Suite)

6:00 PM

**SBOT Council Dinner** (Iris-Lily Room)

8:00 PM

**Young Lawyer Committee (YLC) Reception** (San Antonio Terrace)

All Attendees Welcome

10:00 PM

**Hospitality Suite Open**

## EXHIBIT SPACE AVAILABLE

**\$500 per table**

Please email [monique@planitsat.com](mailto:monique@planitsat.com)  
to reserve your exhibit space today.



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## TUESDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 - 8:00 AM **Run with the Judges** — *hosted by Judge Mott*
- 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Breakfast**
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Plenary Session — Best Practices in Removals, Withdrawals of Reference and Appeals**  
Hon. Lee Yeakel, Hon. Edward L. Morris, Michelle Shriro, Annmarie Chiarello
- 10:00 - 10:45 AM **Plenary Session — Crypto Assets in Bankruptcy**  
Hon. Stacey G. C. Jernigan, Layla Milligan, Sean Flynn, Jordan Chavez
- 10:45 - 11:15 AM **Break**
- 11:15 - 12:00 PM **Business Breakout — Best Practices for Subchapter V Cramdown Plans**  
Brendon Singh, Trey Monsour, Frances Smith
- Consumer Breakout — Bifurcated Fee Agreements**  
Hon. John W. Kolwe, Aubrey Thomas, Hal Lusky
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch** — *Bankruptcy Law Section Business Meeting and Awards* (Exhibit Hall C)
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM **Business Breakout — Healthcare Cases, Practical Advice for Distressed Healthcare Businesses**  
Hon. Joshua P. Searcy, Anne Burns, Pat Kelly, Casey Roy
- Consumer Breakout — Mortgages After CARES Act**  
Hon. Shad M. Robinson, Christy Heimer, Yoshie Valadez, David Peake
- 1:45 - 2:15 PM **Break**
- 2:15 - 3:00 PM **Great Debates**  
*Carson v Mayer*, Amber Carson and Simon Mayer  
*Shanks v Bourda*, Emily Shanks and Matthew Bourda
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM **Wrap It Up with the Judges**  
Moderator – Hon. Ronald B. King (Ret.)  
Hon. Michael M. Parker, Hon. Michelle V. Larson, Hon. Shad M. Robinson,  
Hon. Scott W. Everett

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Sunday, June 4th | 1 PM**

*The Canyons Golf Course*

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## **\$259 Canyons Course per player**

Join your bankruptcy colleagues and judges at the 2023 Bankruptcy Bench Bar golf tournament! We will pair you up into teams of two for a scramble based on your handicap. Prizes will be awarded for the top 2 teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

### **What is your handicap?**

- 0-10
- 11-20
- 20-30
- 30-40
- Handicap? Wait — let me Google that.



## **RELAX & UNWIND**

**Sunday, June 4th | 1 PM**

*Lantana Spa & Replenish Spa Bistro*

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### **\$175 - facial or 1 hour massage**

*(includes gratuity & afternoon wine/cheese reception at Replenish Spa Bistro)*

*email Shane Kelly for appointments at [shane.kelly@marriott.com](mailto:shane.kelly@marriott.com)*

Relax in the rejuvenating Lantana Spa within just steps of your room! *Reservations must be made by **May 12, 2023**. Only 40 spots are available.*



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# REGISTRATION

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Mail to: Frances A. Smith, Ross, Smith & Binford PC  
Attn: Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference Registration

Plaza of the Americas, 700 North Pearl St., Suite 1610, Dallas, TX 75201

(Deadline for refund is May 19, 2023. Substitutions allowed.)

[REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

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District: \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer: Consumer Session \_\_\_\_\_ Business Session \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your attendance at the following events:**

*Some events require additional fees. Social attendees may participate in events as noted below.*

**Registration:**

\_\_\_\_ \$475 Registration Fee (no charge for judges, law clerks, or speakers)

**Receptions (Indicate number of attendees/guest):**

\_\_\_\_ Sunday Evening Cocktail Welcome Reception (no charge)

\_\_\_\_ Monday Evening YLC Sponsored Reception (no charge)

**Fun Run Event:**

\_\_\_\_ Tuesday morning Run with the Judges (no charge)

**Golf Tournament:**

\_\_\_\_ Sunday afternoon \_ Holes of Golf \$259 per player

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Name of additional players and handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spa Treatments:** *includes wine & cheese reception at Replenish Spa Bistro, 20% gratuity*

\_\_\_\_ Spa Treatments: indicate # of persons \_\_\_\_\_ and name of guest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$175 - 60 min massage

\_\_\_\_ \$175 - 60 min facial      Email Shane Kelly at [shane.kelly@marriott.com](mailto:shane.kelly@marriott.com) to schedule your service.