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April 11th-13th, 2018

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April 11th - 13th

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Registration and Miniature Golf with the Western District Bankruptcy Judges

Join a miniature golf team with Judge King, Gargotta, Mott or Davis for a little miniature golf competition. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided for golfers and non-golfers at the course, which is right off of the lobby at the Horseshoe Bay Resort. The following law clerks will help Erin Shank organize the teams:

- Sarah Nickodam, Law Clerk to the Honorable Craig Gargotta.
- Evan Atkinson, Law Clerk to the Honorable Ronald B. King
- Maegan Giere, Law Clerk to the Honorable Tony Davis
- Terence Desouza, Law Clerk to the Honorable Christopher Mott

9:00 - 12:00 pm

Registration and Hospitality Suite Open

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 - 8:00 am

Yoga on the Shores of Lake LBJ at the Horseshoe Bay Resort

7:30 - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:45 am

Welcoming Remarks and Announcements - Erin Shank, President Western District Bankruptcy Bar Association, Inc

9:00 - 10:00 am

Recent Bankruptcy Case Law Update in the Western District of Texas

Bankruptcy, District Court, Fifth Circuit and Supreme Court cases. (including an update on exempt property sale proceeds issues)

Speakers: Judge Ronald B. King, Judge Craig Gargotta, Deborah Langehennig, Hannah Roblyer (Law Clerk to Judge King).

10:00 - 10:45 am

Lawsuits and Bankruptcies - Preserving your Cause of Action and Judicial Estoppel

How to protect a state or federal court lawsuit as an asset in bankruptcy schedules and in Chapter 11 plans. A review of the ethical considerations that come into play when it is alleged that the cause of action is not properly preserved.

Speakers: Craig Carlson, Jim Hoffman, Judge Tony Davis

10:45 - 11:00 am

Break

11:00 - 11:30 am

Bankruptcy Lawyers and the Grievance Procedure (Ethics credit)

The most common facts that result in a bankruptcy lawyer defending his/her actions.

Speakers: Steven Lee, Paul Homburg III



11:30 - 12:00 pm Stress and the Bankruptcy Lawyer (Ethics credit)

What to do when you or a colleague you know experiences depression, Alzheimer's, substance abuse or other impairments.

Speakers: Ron Satija, Cameron Vann, Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program, Texas State Bar

12:00 - 1:00 pm Luncheon

Speaker: Professor Jay Westbrook, Benno C. Schmidt Chair of Business Law and Bankruptcy Professor, University of Texas School of Law

Consumer Track**1:15 - 2:00 pm The Future of Chapter 13 - Is it Still a Viable Option?**

Speakers: Heidi McLeod, Fred Walker, Erin Shank

2:00 - 2:45 pm How are the New Chapter 13 Form Plan and Mortgage Proofs of Claim working?

Speakers: Mary Viegelaahn, Joe Shulter and Christi Heimer

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break**3:00 - 3:45 pm Recent Developments in Home Equity Litigation**

Speakers: Michael Baumer and Brian Engel

3:30 - 4:00 pm Reaffirmation Agreements

What happens when one is not filed? Is there a "Fourth Option" in reality or in realty? If they are "mandatory," why are you given the right to rescind?

Speakers: Evan Simpson, Tony Hervol, Elizabeth Hickson and Karla Griffin

Commercial Track**1:15 - 2:00 pm State Court Receiverships and other Non-bankruptcy Alternatives for Corporations- an Alternative to a Corporate Bankruptcies? Pros and Cons.**

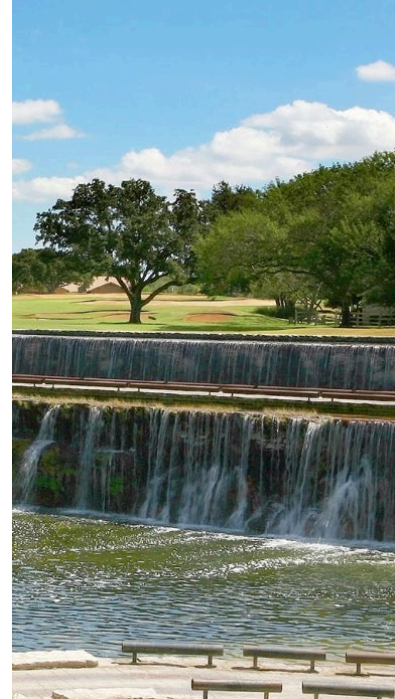
Speakers: James Studensky, Greg Milligan, Seth Meisel and Peter Ruggero

2:00 - 2:45 pm Health Care Bankruptcies

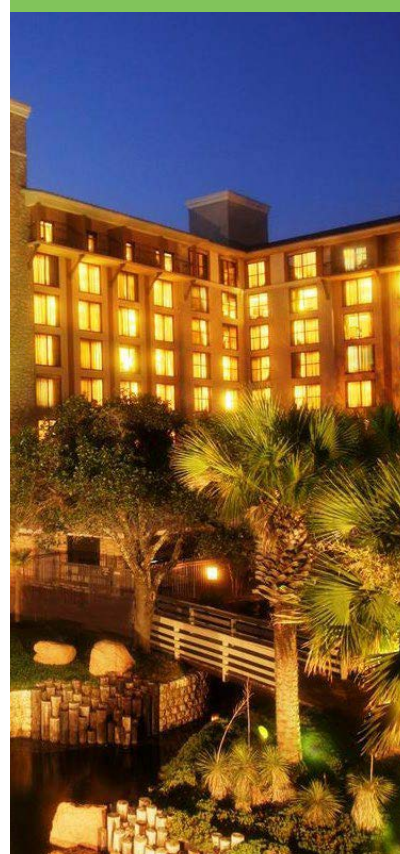
Speakers: Lynn Butler and J. Casey Roy (Texas Attorney General's Office)

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break**3:00 - 3:30 pm Where are the Chapter 11 Filings? What is the Future for the Chapter 11 Practitioner in the Western District of Texas?**

Speakers: Joe Martinec, Eric Taube, Judge Christopher Mott

4:00 pm Seminar Concludes for the Day**4:30 pm Board Buses for Optional Dinner and Wine Tasting at Flat Creek Vineyard, Marble Falls, Texas****5:30 - 9:30 pm Dinner and Wine Tasting at Flat Creek Vineyards. Buses to be Provided by Horseshoe Bay Resort (optional event)****8:00 - 12:00 pm Hospitality Suite Open**

6:00 - 7:00 am	Run with the Judges (Judge Mott and Judge Davis will Co-chair this Event)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Pilates Overlooking Lake LBJ at the Horseshoe Bay Resort
7:30 - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45 am	Election of New Officers and Directors - Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association, Inc.
9:00 - 9:45 am	Pre-bankruptcy Planning - Pig to Hog What can (or should) you tell a client about the Means Test planning, the timing of a bankruptcy filing, transfer of assets, asset protection and other pre-bankruptcy matters in both consumer and commercial cases? Speakers: Steve Sather, Edgar Borrego and Henry Hobbs
9:45 - 10:30 am	Cybersecurity for Law Firms in this Day and Age. Are those emails containing bank statements, pay stubs and income tax returns that are emailed to your paralegal safe from hackers? How are you protecting your and your client's confidential information in your office and in your home? Speakers: Michael Smith and Tony Sauerhoff - Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Information Technology Security.
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - 11:15 am	Best Courtroom Practices - the Secrets from the "Eyes" of a Bankruptcy Judge's Law Clerk. Speakers: Sarah Nickodam, Law Clerk to the Honorable Craig Gargotta Courtroom Deputy Lisa Elizondo Evan Atkinson, Law Clerk to the Honorable Ronald B. King Maegan Giere, Law Clerk to the Honorable Tony Davis Terence Desouza, Law Clerk to the Honorable Christopher Mott
11:15 - 11:45 am	A Salute to the Honorable R. Glen Ayers Jim Hoffman and David Gragg.
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Judges Panel - Including the New Western District's Standing Order Relating to Divisional Venue Choice. Speakers: Judges King, Gargotta, Mott and Davis
12:30 pm	Conference Concludes
1:00 pm	Golfing with the Judges at Apple Rock Golf Course Steve Turner is in charge of this event.
1:00 pm	Horseshoe Bay Spa Mani/Pedi \$125, 50 min Massage \$125



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INFORMATION

Name: _____

Firm / Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (required): _____

State Bar Number: _____

FEES

Early Registration (before March 12, 2018) \$300 _____

Registration \$350 _____

Apple Rock Golf (per person) \$125 _____

Winery Tour & Dinner (per person) \$85 _____

Spa Event \$125 _____

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