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Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference

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- » Plenary sessions featuring Diversity in the Courtroom, COVID's Effect on Businesses Along the Gulf Coast, Cryptocurrencies, Equitable Mootness, and Getting to Know the New Judges
- » Breakout sessions focusing on business and consumer practice
- » State by State breakfasts with judges and practitioners
- » Networking Receptions



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Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference

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The Hon. Meredith S. Grabill
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Louisiana

The Hon. Stacey G.C. Jernigan
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Texas

The Hon. Katharine M. Samson
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Mississippi

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:30 - 7:00 pm Reception (and Early Registration) at the Hotel (The Roosevelt New Orleans)

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 am Registration

8:15 am State By State Breakfasts, with a moderated discussion as part of each breakfast (30 minutes)

Louisiana:

- **The Hon. Meredith S. Grabill**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- **Mark A. Mintz**, Jones Walker LLP
- **The Hon. Stephen D. Wheelis**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana

Mississippi:

- **Stacey Moore Buchanan**, Jones Walker LLP
- **Chief Judge Jason D. Woodard**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Mississippi

Texas:

- **Chief Judge Craig A. Gargotta**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas
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 - **The Hon. E. Lee Morris**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
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9:30 am Welcoming Remarks

- **The Hon. Stacey G.C. Jernigan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
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9:45 am Plenary Session – Getting To Know The New Judges (60 minutes)

Moderator: **The Hon. Meredith S. Grabill**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Panelists:

- **The Hon. Michelle V. Larson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
 - **The Hon. Michael M. Parker**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas
 - **The Hon. Joshua P. Searcy**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas
 - **The Hon. Jamie A. Wilson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Mississippi
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10:45 am Break (and move into Breakout Sessions)

11:00 am First Breakout Sessions (60 minutes)

Improper Purposes/How To Show A Proper Purposes In Filing Chapter 11 (Business)

Moderator: **Chief Judge Harlin D. “Cooter” Hale**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas

Panelists:

- **The Hon. David W. Houston III**, Mitchell McNutt & Sams
- **J. Eric Lockridge**, Kean Miller LLP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Portraits Of Bankruptcy Filers (Consumer)

Moderator: **The Hon. Katharine M. Samson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Panelists: Participating Virtually

- **Prof. Pamela Foohey**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- **Prof. Robert M. Lawless**, University of Illinois College of Law
- **Prof. Deborah Thorne**, University of Idaho

12:00 pm Hosted Lunch

Announcement of the Recipients of the Michelle Mendez Award

Luncheon Presentation (30 minutes)

COVID's Effect On Businesses Along The Gulf Coast

Speakers:

- **John M. Hairston**, Hancock Whitney Corp.
- **Tiffany P. Temple**, Hancock Whitney Corp.

1:30 pm Break (and move into Breakout Sessions)

1:45 pm Second Breakout Sessions (90 minutes)

Hot/Controversial Chapter 11 Plan Provisions (Business)

Moderator: **Robin Russell**, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Panelists:

- **Douglas S. Draper**, Heller, Draper & Horn, LLC
- **Chad J. Husnick, P.C.**, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- **Prof. Lindsey D. Simon**, University of Georgia School of Law
- **Theodore E. Tsekerides**, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Subchapter V – Deconstructed (Consumer)

Moderator: **The Hon. Eduardo V. Rodriguez**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas

Panelists:

- **Areya Holder Aurzada**, Holder Law
- **Robert Alan Byrd**, Byrd & Wiser
- **Robin R. De Leo**, The De Leo Law Firm, LLC

3:15 pm Break (and move back to Plenary)

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

3:30 pm Plenary Session - Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Blockchain Technology And Other New Emerging And Lightly Understood Assets (45 minutes)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Kristin Johnson**, Emory Law School
- **Prof. Yesha Yadav**, Vanderbilt University Law School

4:15 pm Break

4:30 pm Plenary Session - Ethical Lessons From *Neiman Marcus* (Legal Ethics: 60 minutes)

Moderator: **The Hon. Christopher M. Lopez**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas

Panelists:

- **Henry G. Hobbs, Jr.**, Special Assistant to the Acting Deputy Director of Field Operations, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Chief Judge David R. Jones**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas
- **Patrick S. Layng**, U.S. Trustee – Regions 11 and 19, U.S. Department of Justice

5:30 pm Recess

5:30 - 6:30 pm Reception At The Roosevelt New Orleans – Drinks & Small Bites

7:30 - 9:30 pm Optional Party At Bourbon House – Drinks & Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres

Bring your umbrellas in case it rains on the walk!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 am Networking Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Plenary Session - Equitable Mootness & Other Post-Confirmation Issues (Including Litigation Trusts And Burdens Of Proof On Fraudulent Transfer Adversaries, Etc.) (60 minutes)

Moderator: **The Hon. Ronald B. King**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas

Panelists:

- **Andrew W. Caine**, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones
- **Benjamin W. Kadden**, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard
- **Louis M. Phillips**, Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP

10:00 am Break (and move into Breakout Sessions)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:05 am Third Breakout Sessions (75 minutes)

DIP Financing Yesterday & Today: What Is Market Anymore? (Business)

Moderator: **Chief Judge John W. Kolwe**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Louisiana

Panelists:

- **Jason S. Brookner**, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP
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- **Stewart F. Peck**, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard
- **Teri Stratton**, Investment Banker

Chapter 13 Trustee Panel (Consumer)

Moderator: **The Hon. Selene D. Maddox**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Mississippi

Panelists:

- **James L. Henley, Jr.**, Chapter 13 Trustee, Jackson, MS
- **Todd S. Johns**, Chapter 13 Trustee, Shreveport, LA
- **Deborah B. Langehennig**, Chapter 13 Trustee, Austin, TX

11:20 am Break (and move back to Plenary)

11:30 am Plenary Session - Diversity In The Courtroom (Legal Ethics: 60 minutes*)

Speaker: **The Hon. Bernice B. Donald**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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12:30 pm Concluding Remarks & Adjournment

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