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This year marks the **28TH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SKILLS WORKSHOP** presented by the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida in conjunction with the University of Miami School of Law and Dade County Bar Put Something Back Program. A special program is in store for returning attendees and new registrants.

This year we welcome as a panelist the Honorable Mindy A. Mora, newest sitting judge in the Southern District of Florida. Judge Mora, together with Judges in the Miami, Broward and West Palm Beach divisions, will discuss emerging issues in consumer bankruptcy in their Judges' View from the Bench.

The Chapter 7 segment of the program features chapter 7 trustees with legal and/or accounting backgrounds. The Trustees will discuss "red flags" which trigger objections to a debtor's discharge and uncovering and administering of non-exempt assets.

The Chapter 13 segment of the program will up-date you on the new rules and plan form guide, creditor deadlines and how to speed up the process of getting a plan confirmed.

Clerk of Court Joe Falzone and staff from the Clerk's Office will discuss recent administrative orders and initiatives, Judges' filing and calendaring tips and other local practice requirements.

Florida Bar prosecutors and a Bar fraud examiner/auditor review compliance with the Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct.

Another new and distinctive feature of this year's program is a presentation by Scott Rodgers. Scott will guide attendees in mastering mindfulness in the stressful daily practice of an attorney.

Regardless of your level of bankruptcy experience, the Bankruptcy Skills Workshop offers useful information on local practice in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. Course materials, lunch and parking are included in the cost of registration. Please join us in the 28th Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop.

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Friday, June 8, 2018 › 8 AM – 4 PM

Presentations by Judges, Clerk of Court, U.S. Chapter 7 & 13 Trustees, and Ethics Panel

Location: Hosted at Storer Auditorium at the University of Miami School of Business
5250 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33124

Directions: Take I-95 south, which feeds onto U.S. 1; continue south on U.S. 1 (about 5 miles). Turn right on Granada Blvd. and continue straight to Pisano Avenue. Turn left on to Pisano Avenue and take the second right onto University Drive. The parking entrance will be on your left and the lot is on your right. A parking permit and your registration confirmation letter will be sent to you via e-mail and is included in your registration fee.

Cancellation: Written cancellations received by noon, May 4, 2018 (via email), will be honored and registration fees refunded, less a \$50.00 administrative fee.

Information: For information and special requirements please call 305.284.6276 or email events@law.miami.edu

Registration Fee: Includes Lunch, Parking and Workshop Materials

CLE Credit: 7.5 general CLE credits, including 1 ethics will be applied for with The Florida Bar

All proceeds from the Workshop will benefit the
Louis Phillips Scholarship Fund at the
University of Miami School of Law.

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PROGRAM

8:00 – 8:30 AM

Registration

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Practice from the Perspective of Chapter 7 Trustees and the Assistant United States Trustee

Topics include: Common errors and omissions in chapter 7 schedules; trustee's interest in property of the debtor estate; frequent areas of examination at Section 341 meetings; Section 727 objections to discharge; and grounds for referral to the U.S. Attorney.

Panel discussion featuring: Chapter 7 Panel Trustees Southern District of Florida: Maria M. Yip, CPA, CFE, CIRA, CFF, and Ross R. Hartog, - Miami Division; Robert C. Furr – West Palm Beach Division; Steven D. Schneiderman, trial counsel Office of the United States Trustee.

Moderated by: Scott N. Brown, Chapter 7 Panel Trustee, Fort Lauderdale Division

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Chapter 13 Practice from the Perspective of the Standing Trustees

Topics include: Revisions to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure which went into effect December 1, 2017. The revised Rules make chapter 13 practice more uniform across the nation. The panel will also discuss the new plan form, the impact of shortened creditor claims deadlines, and how to get a chapter 13 plan confirmed quickly.

Panel discussion featuring: Nancy K. Neidich, Standing Chapter 13 Trustees for Monroe and Miami-Dade County Division; James Schwitalla, counsel for debtors; Gerard Michael Kouri, Jr., counsel for secured lenders; Neisa I. Garcia Ramirez, creditors' rights counsel.

Moderated by: Kelly Roberts

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Bankruptcy Judges' View from the Bench

Topics include: Bankruptcy related United States Supreme Court decisions and developing case law in the Southern District of Florida.

Panel discussion featuring: United States Bankruptcy Court Judges for the Southern District of Florida: The Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff, Chief Judge; The Hon. A. Jay Cristol; The Hon. Robert A. Mark; The Hon. John K. Olsen; The Hon. Raymond B. Ray; and The Hon. Mindy A. Mora.

Moderated by: Patricia A. Redmond, Stearns Weaver Miller

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 PM

Practice in the Southern District of Florida from the Perspective of Bankruptcy Clerk of Court

Topics include: An update of court operations, recent administrative orders, CM/ECF, and clerk's office initiatives. A separate courtroom deputy panel will also review Judges' filing and calendaring tips, submission of orders, and other local practice requirements.

Panel discussion featuring: Joe Falzone, Clerk of Court; Nora Blanco, Operations Manager; Susan Gutierrez, Courtroom Deputy and other Deputies.

1:45 – 2:00 PM

Coffee Break

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Mindfulness as a Skills Training

Topics include: Mindfulness after the dust settles; mindfulness practices to develop greater focus and resilience; tips for practice in everyday life.

Featuring: Scott Rogers, Director of the University of Miami School of Law's Mindfulness in Law Program.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Ethical Practice in the Bankruptcy Court – Perspective of The Florida Bar

Topics include: Recent Florida Supreme Court rulings governing ethical practice in state and federal courts; trust accounting violations and conduct which prompts an investigation and prosecution.

Panel discussion featuring: Arlene K. Sankel, prosecutor and managing attorney of the Miami branch of The Florida Bar; Jennifer Falcone, investigator and prosecutor; Thomas Duarte, CPA, Certified Fraud Examiner.

Moderated by: Barbara L. Phillips, Barbara L. Phillips, P.A.

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