

2nd Annual Bankruptcy Pro Bono Program: From the Courtroom to the Classroom

Wednesday, May 31, 2006, CLE Program 4-6:15 PM

Reception Honoring Bankruptcy Judges and Celebrating Pro Bono Initiatives 6:20-8 PM
New York City Bar, 42 West 44th Street

This CLE Program, featuring two panel presentations, one by Bankruptcy Judges and another by attorneys, will highlight bankruptcy pro bono opportunities available to all practitioners, ranging from fast-paced motion and trial practice to advising high school students about the dangers of credit abuse. Judges from the Southern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts will offer perspectives on successful bankruptcy litigation, how it differs from litigation in other courts, and opportunities for pro bono service. The panelists will explore some of the substantive issues arising in pro bono matters, such as student loan discharge, and will discuss the effects of the 2005 Bankruptcy Code amendments on pro bono bankruptcy representations.

The Reception following the panel presentations will honor the Judges of the Southern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts and celebrate bankruptcy pro bono activities and volunteers. Information will be provided at the Reception on three separate initiatives: the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel (which provides pro bono representation in bankruptcy litigation matters referred by the bench); the Consumer Bankruptcy Project (which advises debt-burdened, low-income individuals on the restructuring of their finances); and the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) Program (which educates high school students on the thoughtful and responsible use of consumer credit).

Panelists:

HON. STUART M. BERNSTEIN, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ALLAN L. GROPPER, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ELIZABETH S. STONG, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of New York

DAVID J. DOYAGA, Doyaga & Schaefer; represents debtors under the new requirements of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005

BRYAN R. KAPLAN, Shearman & Sterling LLP; through the CARE Program, appears in high schools to advise students on the responsible use of consumer credit

PATRICIA MATZYE, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn LLP; through the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, provides pre-filing advice to *pro se* debtors and assists in petition preparation

JOHN T. McMANUS, Project Director, Consumer Bankruptcy Project; Administrator, Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel

VINCENT J. ROLDAN, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP; through the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel, represents debtor seeking student loan discharge

Moderators:

DEIRDRE A. MARTINI, Former United States Trustee, Region 2

JOSEPH M. VANN, Cohen Tauber Spievack & Wagner LLP; Chair, Pro Bono Subcommittee, NYC Bar Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization

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There is no fee for the CLE Program or Reception. CLE Program attendees are eligible to receive 2.0 CLE credits. To RSVP for the CLE Program or Reception, please contact Sara E. Chang, schang@nycbar.org or (212) 382-6648, by May 25, 2006. Program attendance is not required to attend the Reception.