

BANKRUPTCY JUDGES' MENTORING PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS

***** SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 *****

The next session of the Bankruptcy Judges' mentoring program for lawyers new to the practice of bankruptcy law is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2011, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the bankruptcy court's training room on the 5th Floor, Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse. Guest speakers for this session include:

- **HON. MICHAEL G. WILLIAMSON**
- **HON. CATHERINE PEEK MCEWEN**

PROGRAM TITLE:

Oft-overlooked Chapter 11 Plan Confirmation Issues



TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Inclusion of § 1123(a) in § 1129(a)(1)
- Calculating Disposable Income for Individual Ch. 11 Debtors
- Impaired v. Unimpaired Classes for Vote Counting Purposes
- Cramdown under § 1129(b)(2)(A) & (B) – Notice, Secured v. Unsecured
 - New Value Exception to Absolute Priority Rule
 - Burden of Proof

BONUS: *New Forms for Chapter 11 Confirmation Orders, Including New Tool for Capturing Plan Amendments and Vote Changes Made on the Record*

Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to send questions related to the program topic to Judge McEwen's Law Clerk, Lisa Pease, at lisa_pease@fmb.uscourts.gov. This will help the guest speakers better prepare the program to include the answers and information the participants want. [More on next page.]

About the Mentoring Program

Each quarter, the Bankruptcy Judges will have a short program on the basics of lawyering in bankruptcy court. Participating lawyers will have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions concerning the topics discussed as well as raising other issues or questions of interest or concern. In this way, the Judges will be available to new lawyers to help them work through problems and offer senior lawyer guidance to help them develop professionally, ethically, and responsibly.

Although the program is generally designed and geared for lawyers within their first five years of practice or new to the practice of bankruptcy law, anyone is welcome.

Lawyers wishing to participate simply need to come. No “sign up” or registration is required. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch if they wish. Canned drinks are available from the vending machines open to the public on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse.

There is an e-mail distribution list for announcements and other communication with the participants. **If you'd like to be added to this distribution list, please e-mail Judge McEwen's Judicial Assistant, Julie Stafford, at julie_stafford@fmb.uscourts.gov.**