



## **Orange County Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee**

By: Carina M. de la Torre, Esq., Chair

On April 10, 2020, a virtual town hall was held on COVID-19 changes to bankruptcy procedures and operation, featuring a panel including: the Hon. Karen S. Jennemann; the Hon. Lori V. Vaughan; Robert B. and Tammy Branson of BransonLaw PLLC; Lori Patton, Chapter 7 Trustee and founder of the Law Office of Lori Patton, P.A.; and Laurie K. Weatherford, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. The presenters discussed the recent changes to bankruptcy practice and procedures in the Middle District of Florida in the wake of COVID-19 and reviewed new Administrative Orders, tips on telephonic hearings and 341 meetings, the impact of the CARES Act on Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy practice, and ways to effectively maintain your bankruptcy practice while working remotely.

On May 29, 2020, Andrew von Ramin Mapp, Founder and Managing Partner of Cyber Centaurs, educated members on what an early case assessment (ECA) is from an electronic discovery point. In essence, (ECA) refers to a process of quickly discovering and investigating clients' data as it relates to eDiscovery and potential litigation. Mr. Mapp also explained how this process can be utilized to members' advantage with the objective of improving a law firm's eDiscovery process, leading to greater efficiency and cost reduction.

We are excited to announce that Professor Linda Coco will be succeeding Carina de la Torre, of The de la Torre Law Office LLC, as Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Committee for the 2020-2021 year. We look forward to Professor Coco's leadership in the coming year!