



Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Practitioners Association

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I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I know we said the same thing last year, but hopefully we will finally be getting back to close to normal in 2022. With that in mind, I want to take this opportunity to announce a couple of upcoming events that, to date, are still being held in person.

Judge Caryl E. Delano will be giving her annual “State of the District” presentation on Thursday, March 24th. The presentation will be held at noon in the Federal Courthouse at the usual spot in the 2nd Floor Juror Selection Room. March 24th is also a Chapter 7 and 13 hearing date, and hearings that day will be held both in-person and by Zoom.

The Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar will be returning to Tampa on March 29 – 31 at the Tampa Marriott Water Street. This is always one of the best and most informative events of the year, and the SWFLBPA is always well-represented at the seminar, both in terms of attendees and panelists. The seminar has traditionally been a great way to load up on CLE credits. This year is no exception, with 12.5 hours of General CLE Credit, including 1.5 hours of ethics.

We are currently back to planning our annual Alexander Paskay Dinner. I’ll be sending out a more detailed e-mail to everyone shortly, but this year we are planning on the dinner being held on March 24th at the Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers, a block away from the Federal Courthouse.

I would like to thank Karen Russell, Valerie Jackson, and Randall Childs from the Internal Revenue Service for their excellent presentation to our members in November regarding tax issues that commonly arise in bankruptcy. Many people have reached out to me directly to say they did a wonderful job.

Finally, we currently have open positions for Vice-President and Secretary. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be an officer, please let me know.

I hope to see everyone again soon.