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ABJA Certified Bankruptcy Assistant and Professional Skills Seminars October 10-13, 2023 – Lafayette, Louisiana

The Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants ("ABJA") will present its annual Certified Bankruptcy Assistant Seminar and Exam on October 10-11, and annual Professional Skills Seminar on October 12-13, at the John M. Shaw United States Courthouse in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The Certified Bankruptcy Assistant ("CBA") program is aimed specifically toward legal assistants and paralegals in the bankruptcy field. The two-day certification program includes training workshops and two exams that cover grammar usage and writing; the Bankruptcy Code and Rules; ethics; and research and proper legal citation.

If you're already a CBA in need of continuing education credits, or a legal assistant or paralegal who is interested in enhancing your professional development, the Professional Skills Seminar is your opportunity to join judicial assistants and bankruptcy professionals in learning best practices. Some topics offered will be: Hardship Discharge and Student Loans; A Current Look at Bankruptcy from All Sides; ChatGPT, AI and the Courts; Westlaw and Lexis refreshers; Bankruptcy Fraud; and Credit Traps for the Unwary.

Speakers at both seminars include judges, experienced practitioners, trustees, and even a U.S. Marshal, so you won't want to miss these great educational opportunities!

For more information on the CBA or Professional Skills programs, please visit the ABJA's website at <u>www.abja.org</u> or contact Laura Stevenson at <u>Laura Stevenson@flmb.uscourts.gov</u>.