



Upcoming Events

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| December 5
5:30 p.m. | CFBLA Annual Holiday Party
<i>Ember, Orlando</i> |
| December 6
12:00 p.m. | CFBLA Appreciation Luncheon
<i>The Citrus Club, Orlando</i> |
| December 11
5:30 p.m. | JBBA Holiday Party
<i>River Club, Jacksonville</i> |
| December 12
12:00 p.m. | TBBBA CLE Luncheon
<i>University Club, Tampa</i> |
| December 13 | TBBBA Holiday Celebration |

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| January 9
12:00 p.m. | TBBBA CLE Luncheon
<i>University Club, Tampa</i> |
| January 17-18 | The Florida Bar Business Law Section Winter Meeting
<i>Gaylord Palms, Orlando</i> |
| February 6 | Judge Cynthia C. Jackson Portrait Ceremony
<i>Bryan Simpson United State Courthouse, Jacksonville</i> |

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| February 7
12:00 pm | JBBA State of the District with Chief Judge Delano
<i>Jacksonville</i> |
| February 8
12:00 pm | CFBLA State of the District with Chief Judge Delano
State of the District
<i>Citrus Club, Orlando</i> |
| February 15-16 | Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar
<i>The Westin Harbour Island, Tampa</i> |
| February 29
12:00 pm | SWFBPA State of the District with Chief Judge Delano
<i>United States Courthouse, Fort Myers</i> |
| March 12
12:00 pm | TBBBA State of the District with Chief Judge Delano
<i>University Club, Tampa</i> |



Report from the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association

So far this year we have hosted eight CLE Luncheons, a half-day Bankruptcy Summit, and most recently in August, our 29th Annual Seminar in Orlando, Florida. The Seminar was very well attended, and we were able to offer 8 hours of CLE including Ethics, Technology, and Professionalism. We have a few more CLE luncheons planned for this year along with some happy hours and our annual Holiday Party. Visit our website at www.cfbla.org to view our past CLE luncheons and Seminar, and to find out what's happening in the future.





Report from the
Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association
By: Ryan Really, President

September 2023 was a busy month for bankruptcy practitioners in the Fort Myers Division. In addition to in-person hearings on September 20 and 21, attorneys gathered for two events sponsored by the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association (SWFBPA).

On September 21, the SWFBPA presented a well-attended luncheon program featuring Chapter 7 Panel Trustee Luis E. Rivera II, along with Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association Past President (and Subchapter V Trustee) Kathleen DiSanto and current Director Matthew Hale. Luis, Kathleen, and Matt repeated their popular CLE and traveling road show, *Know When to Hold 'Em, Know When to Fold 'Em – Loans vs. Merchant Cash Advances*, in the Jury Assembly Room at the Fort Myers Courthouse. Luis and Kathleen first presented this program at a TBBBA meeting, and the materials provided included their recent American Bankruptcy Institute Journal article on merchant cash advances.



L to R: Matthew Hale, Kathleen DiSanto, Luis Rivera

SWFBPA officers Christian Haman and Shannon Puopolo coordinated the informative program and were delighted that attendance was close to the pre-COVID

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monthly “lunch CLE before court” levels. Based on a show of hands, the SWFBPA plans to recommence regular monthly lunch meetings in the near future.

Members of the bar were delighted to have the opportunity to catch up with each other and with Chief Bankruptcy Judge Caryl E. Delano, District Judge Sherri Chappell, and Magistrate Judges Nick Mizell and Kyle Dudek. In addition, Lee County Magistrate Kimberly Davis Bocelli attended and shared her experiences as an attorney appearing in bankruptcy court before Judge Paskay!

The Happy Hour was part of the Southwest Florida bar associations’ deliberate effort to support Fort Myers’ downtown businesses and workers during the crucial off season, many of which are still recovering from the devastation suffered from Hurricane Ian in 2022.



Judges and attorneys enjoy camaraderie at Downtown Social House.

November 2023 promises to be another busy month for bankruptcy attorneys. Judge Delano will preside at in-person hearings on Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17 (she will conduct hearings by Zoom on Wednesday, November 15). And on Thursday, November 16, Mike Ziegler of Ziegler Diamond Law, Clearwater, will be presenting a lunchtime CLE, *Identifying Consumer Claims In Your Bankruptcy Files*. And starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, the SWFBPA will host the Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Dinner at the ever-popular Pinchers.