



**Southwest Florida**  
**Bankruptcy Professionals Association**  
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On October 9, 2024, the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association (or “SWFBPA”) held a crossover event with the Turnaround Management Association titled “Introduction to Distressed Investing: Strategies for Turning Around Troubled Businesses.” The event featured a distinguished panel that provided valuable perspectives on mitigating risk and maximizing value in distressed situations, all while covering essential topics such as identifying distressed businesses, navigating legal complexities, and strategies for successful turnarounds.

On November 20, 2024, the SWFBPA held its flagship event: the 12th Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Dinner. Consistent with tradition, Chief Judge Delano swore in the SWFBPA’s new slate of officers, and outgoing President Christian Haman presented the SWFBPA’s Alexander L. Paskay Professionalism Award to Ryan Really.



*Ryan Really (l) receives the Paskay Professionalism Award from Christian Haman (r)*

The 2025 SWFBPA Officers are:

Shannon Puopolo – President  
Jennifer Duffy – Vice President  
Luis Rivera, II – Treasurer  
Roy Moloney – Secretary



*SWFBPA Board Shannon Puopolo, Jennifer Duffy, Roy Moloney, and Luis Rivera*

And in other news, Robert E. Tardif, Jr., Chapter 7 Trustee, is stepping down from the Trustee panel and winding down his law practice. As he stated in a recent email to the SWFBPA membership: “It has been said many times by different people, but our local bankruptcy bar is truly remarkable. I agree with that. I have enjoyed my time and wish you all the best of luck.” Congratulations to Mr. Tardif on this well-deserved next chapter!