



San Diego, Here We Come!!!
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The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' 100th Annual Meeting will be held October 7-10, 2026, at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina. At the time of writing this article, there are over 800 individuals registered, including more than 200 bankruptcy judges, and we expect to exceed 1,200 attendees. As a nod to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, NCBJ hopes to have 250 bankruptcy judges attend this year. United States Court statistics as of September 2026 reflect 345 authorized bankruptcy judgeships, with 63 vacancies, leaving 282 active bankruptcy judges. There were also 30 recall judges in 2025, including our own Judge Jerry A. Funk. So, the 250-judge goal would reflect 80 percent of active and recall bankruptcy judges in attendance. I am proud to report that all ten Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Judges are registered and plan to attend, and roughly 70 percent of all bankruptcy judges in the Eleventh Circuit are scheduled to attend.

This year's NCBJ Annual Meeting offers unparalleled educational and networking opportunities. Judges Jason Burgess and Tiffany Geyer are working on educational programs, including a "Back to the Future" themed plenary session (Great Scott!). The hotel is in a fantastic location right next to the San Diego Marina. There will be numerous Dine-Arounds and special events, including the opening reception at Eve on the San Diego Bayfront.

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NCBJ is proud of its great tradition of conferences featuring top notch educational programs, networking, and social events. NCBJ is also proud to have the ABI, IWIRC, the American College of Bankruptcy, and other professional organizations take part in its annual conference.

I am excited to celebrate NCBJ's 100th anniversary in such a wonderful city and look forward to connecting with everyone there.