



## 2021 Honorable William H. Gindin Bench Bar Conference Friday, April 23, 2021

### 9:00 AM Introductory Remarks

### 9:15- 10:30 AM Plenary Session – New Jersey Federal Bench

**Hon. Michael A. Chagares**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
**Hon. Brian R. Martinotti**, U.S. District Judge, District of New Jersey  
**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
Moderator: **Michael D. Sirota**, Cole Schotz, P.C.

### 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

### 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Sessions

#### Subchapter V: Discussion of Recent Cases Filed in the Past Year, Case Statistics and Pending Legislation

Panelists:

**Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr.**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Eric S. Benderson**, Associate General Counsel for Litigation and Small Claims, Small Business Administration  
**Nicole M. Nigrelli**, Ciardi, Ciardi & Astin  
**Eamonn O’Hagan**, Senior Bankruptcy Counsel, U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of New Jersey  
Moderator: **Mitchell B. Hausman, Esq.**, Office of the United States Trustee

#### Ins and Outs of Confirming a Chapter 11 Plan: How to Confirm a Chapter 11 Plan Whether Individual, Complex, Small Business or Subchapter V

Panelists:

**Hon. John K. Sherwood**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Morris S. Bauer**, Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
**Nancy Isaacson**, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP  
**John P. Schneider**, Lowenstein Sandler LLP  
Moderator: **Warren A. Usatine**, Cole Schotz, P.C.

#### Recent Bankruptcy Case Decisions

Panelists:

**Hon. Vincent F. Papalia**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Robert J. Cooper**, Esq., Adjunct Professor of Law, Rutgers University, School of Law, Camden  
**Andrea Dobin**, McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC  
**Daniel M. Stolz**, Genova Burns, LLC  
Moderator: **Arthur J. Abramowitz**, Sherman Silverstein Attorneys at Law

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### **Mortgage Forbearance Agreements: Important Clauses and Considerations and Negotiation of Future Agreements**

Panelists:

**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Jennifer R. Gorchow**, Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Camden Vicinage  
**Andrew L. Spivack**, Brock & Scott, PLLC  
Moderator: **Jeanie D. Wiesner**, Sadek and Cooper Law Offices

**12:00 – 12:30 PM Lunch Break**

**12:30 – 1:45 PM Breakout Sessions**

### **The Changing Supreme Court – Presented by IWIRC-NJ: Changing the Philosophy of the Supreme Court; Discussion of the Influence a More Conservative Court Will Have on Bankruptcy Cases**

Panelists:

**Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Lisa S. Bonsall**, McCarter & English, LLP  
**Professor Stephen J. Lubben**, Seton Hall University School of Law  
Moderator: **Terri Jane Freedman**, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi P.C.

### **Hot Topics in Chapter 13**

Panelists:

**Hon. Christine M. Gravelle**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Isabel C. Balboa**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee  
**David G. Beslow**, Goldman & Beslow, LLC  
**Linda S. Fossi**, Gary C. Zeitz, LLC  
**Angela Pattison**, Hill Wallack LLP  
**Albert Russo**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee  
Moderator: **Marie-Ann Greenberg**, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

### **COVID-19 Defenses to Litigation: How Effective Are the Defenses of Force Majeure, Impossibility of Contract and Frustration of Contractual Purpose in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic?**

Panelists:

**Hon. Rosemary Gambardella**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Sydney J. Darling**, Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP  
**David B. Grantz**, Meyner and Landis LLP  
**Marc D. Miceli**, SM Law PC  
Moderator: **Anthony Sodono, III**, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

### **Chapter 11 – Landlord/Tenant Discussion: Recent Decisions; Business Insurance Legislation; Landlord Considerations**

Panelists:

**Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr.**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey  
**Arielle B. Adler**, Lowenstein Sandler LLP  
**Felice R. Yudkin**, Cole Schotz P.C.  
Moderator: **Mark E. Hall**, Fox Rothschild LLP

**2:00 – 2:15 PM Break**

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**2:15 – 3:30 PM Plenary Session Judges Roundtable: View From the New Jersey Bankruptcy Bench**

**Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan**  
**Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr.**  
**Hon. Kathryn C. Ferguson**  
**Hon. Rosemary Gambardella**  
**Hon. Christine M. Gravelle**  
**Hon. Stacey L. Meisel**  
**Hon. Vincent F. Papalia**  
**Hon. Jerrold N. Poslusny**  
**Hon. John K. Sherwood**

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Non-members - \$125

Public Sector Employees/Lawyers Practicing 5 years or less and Paralegals - \$50

Federal Judges, Law Clerks and Members of the Clerks Office – Free

**Coordinators: Joni L. Gray and Sari B. Placona**

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IMPORTANT MCLE INFORMATION

6.0 NJ MCLE credits have been requested toward NJ/NY including 1.0 ethics credit and 5.0 CLE credits including 1.0 ethics credit have been approved toward PA. In order to receive proper credit, each attendee is required to complete and submit the CLE Attendance Affirmation Form after the program, including filling in the codes provided during the program by each moderator. CLE certificates will be issued via email within 5-7 business days after receiving your Attendance Affirmation Form.