



Bankruptcy Basics & Beyond Seminar

Hampton Inn – Richland

486 Bradley Blvd.

Richland, Washington

October 7, 2011

Program Schedule

- 8:00 a.m.** LATE REGISTRATION AND COURSE MATERIALS AVAILABLE
- 8:25 a.m.** “WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS”
Program Chair, William L. Hames
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** CLERK’S PERSPECTIVE
Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Beverly A. Benka, and staff, Eastern District of Washington
- The Clerk of the Court and staff will provide information on the latest electronic filing software features, procedural and practice issues, frequently asked questions, and tips on setting hearings.*
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** CHAPTER 13 PANEL
Rebecca LeVon, (Law office of Kenneth D. Colvin). Yakima
Lisa McBride, (Law Office of Lisa McBride). Spokane
Mike Todd, (Chapter 13 Trustee). Spokane
- How to successfully file: 1. Traffic ticket cases; 2. Form B22 c; 3. Student loan cases; and 4. Unique plan provisions.*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** WASHINGTON EXEMPTIONS (INCLUDING THE REVISED EXEMPTIONS)
William L. Hames, (Hames, Anderson & Whitlow). Kennewick
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** AG LIENS: PACA, Procedures, Lenders, Landlords – Who’s on First?
Donald A. Boyd, (Carlson & Boyd). Yakima
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** CHAPTER 7 MEANS TESTING
James Perkins, (Attorney for the U.S. Trustee). Spokane
- Nuts and bolts of how to complete the means test including dealing with issues that practioners may not see on a routine basis.*

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONALISM: They Are Not Mutually Exclusive Subjects**
 Nancy Isserlis, (*Winston Cashatt*). *Spokane*
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** **MARATHON REDUX: The Meaning and Implications of Stern vs. Marshall**
 Hon. Frank L. Kurtz, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Washington*
 Hon. John Rossmeissl, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Washington*
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** **CHAPTER 7 PANEL**
 Jan Armstrong, *Chapter 7 Trustee (Armstrong Klym Waite Atwood & Jameson)*. *Richland*
 John O’Leary, (*Hames, Anderson & Whitlow*). *Kennewick*
 Robert Reynolds, (*Law Office of Robert Reynolds*). *Yakima*

Basic Chapter 7 issues, mistakes, filing reaffirmations after the case is closed, dealing with creditors that violate the discharge injunction, initial client interviews, information to be obtained from client.

CLE CREDITS

6.75 hours of CLE has been applied for which includes one hour of Ethics credit.

**Bankruptcy Basics & Beyond Seminar
 Registration Form**

Please mail your registration to Bankruptcy Bar Association, c/o William L. Hames, together with your check made payable to the “Bankruptcy Bar Association.”

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Seminar Fee: \$75 Member / \$115 Non-Member \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

JAN R. ARMSTRONG

Jan R. Armstrong is a shareholder in the firm of Armstrong, Klym, Waite, Atwood & Jameson, P.S., in Richland Washington. Mr. Armstrong's practice emphasizes debtor/creditor law. Mr. Armstrong represents debtors in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy cases. Mr. Armstrong represents creditors in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 bankruptcy cases. Mr. Armstrong is a Chapter 7 Trustee. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Eastern District of Washington and has served as a board member and President of the association in the past. Mr. Armstrong has also served on the Standing Advisory Rules Committee from 2001-2004 and again from 2007-2008.

BEVERLY A. BENKA

Beverly A. Benka was appointed Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Washington in February, 2008. Ms. Benka previously served as a staff attorney to the Chapter 13 Trustee for the Eastern District of Washington, and as a law clerk to the Honorable John M. Klobucher, United States Bankruptcy Judge. Ms. Benka previously practiced in Washington and Idaho with Trunkenbolz & Carlson, P.S.

DONALD A. BOYD

Donald A. Boyd *Carlson, & Boyd PLLC, Yakima, Washington.* Mr. Boyd's practice emphasizes business and agricultural bankruptcy cases; real estate transactions; creditor/debtor workout matters; commercial agricultural transactions; secured transactions; and Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act matters. He is a member of WSBA Creditor/Debtor Section (Past Executive Committee member, 2000 – 2004); Eastern District of Washington Bankruptcy Bar Association (Past President, 2000 – 2001). He is the author of Washington Real Desk Book, Chapter 9, Crops.

WILLIAM L. HAMES

William L. Hames is a shareholder in the firm Hames, Anderson & Whitlow. Mr. Hames' practice emphasizes debtor/creditor law. He represents both debtors and creditors in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 bankruptcies. Mr. Hames has spoken at various CLE seminars on debtor/creditor issues. Mr. Hames is the past President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Eastern District of Washington. He has been the Chairman of the Legal Assistants Committee for the Washington State Bar Association and is currently a board member of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Eastern District of Washington and is a past Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Debtor/Creditor Section of the Washington State Bar.

NANCY ISSERLIS

Nancy Isserlis received her B.A. from Linfield College in 1975 and her J.D. from Gonzaga University Law School in 1980. Prior to joining Winston & Cashatt as a Principal in 2004, Ms. Isserlis was the Regional Directing Attorney for Columbia Legal Services and was in private practice prior to that since 1981. She is a recipient of the Smithmoore P. Myers Professionalism Award from the Spokane County Bar Association in March of 2004, received the Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award in 1995, and is President of the Legal Foundation of Washington, which administers IOLTA funds for Washington State.

HONORABLE FRANK L. KURTZ

Bankruptcy Judge Frank L. Kurtz received his A.B. from Creighton University in 1968 and his J.D. from Gonzaga University in 1974. For many years he practiced law in Yakima, Washington with the law firm Kurtz, Hurley, Lara and Adams. His practice emphasized business insolvency and commercial litigation. He was certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification. He is a past Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Creditor/Debtor Section and the past Chair of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Eastern District of Washington. In 1996, he was appointed to Division Three of the Washington State Court of Appeals, and became a Bankruptcy Court Judge in October 2005. He holds Court in Yakima, Washington.

REBECCA STEWART-LEVON

Rebecca Stewart-LeVon works for solo practitioner K. Denny Colvin in Yakima. She has worked with Denny for the past 14 years. Their practice focuses solely on consumer bankruptcy. Rebecca graduated from Western Washington University. She has served on the Yakima Special Olympics Board and working committees for the Selah School District and the Yakima Tennis Club. She currently is the Board President for Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health, Board of Directors.

ELIZABETH M. "LISA" MCBRIDE

Lisa McBride is a solo practitioner under the firm name Elizabeth M. McBride, P.S. Corp. She graduated from Gonzaga University in 1982 and Gonzaga Law School in 1985. Her practice focuses on Bankruptcy in Spokane.

JOHN W. O'LEARY

John W. O'Leary received his B.S. from the University of California, at Berkeley in 1995 and his J.D. from the Northwestern School of Law, at Lewis and Clark College in 2001. He is a partner at the law firm of Hames, Anderson & Whitlow, P.S. where he has practiced since 2002. Mr. O'Leary represents debtors and creditors in business and consumer bankruptcies in Washington and Oregon.

JAMES D. PERKINS

James Perkins has been practicing law in Spokane since his graduation from the University of Washington Law School in 1982. He spent his 10 plus years in practice as a commercial litigator at a large Spokane law firm, followed by 10 plus years as in-house counsel for a technology firm in the Spokane area. He is currently employed as a Trial Attorney for the United States Trustee Program, the component of the US Department of Justice responsible for overseeing the administration of bankruptcy cases and private bankruptcy trustees. He is also an adjunct professor at Whitworth University.

ROBERT REYNOLDS

Robert Reynolds graduated from Brigham Young University in 1971 and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1974. He is a principal at Robert J. Reynolds, P.S. He has served as a Chapter 7 panel trustee and his focus is on Chapter 7 and 13 debtor representation including consumer protection issues relating to violations of the automatic stay (§362) and violations of the discharge injunction (§524). His firm also handles Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in Federal District Court and Consumer Protection Claims in State Courts.

HONORABLE JOHN A. ROSSMEISSL

Bankruptcy Judge John A. Rossmeissl was born in 1940 in Colfax, Washington. He graduated from Washington State University in 1962 and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1965. Judge Rossmeissl was appointed to the bench of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington in December, 1987. He is now on recall status; his duty station is in Yakima, but he also occasionally holds court in Spokane. Prior to his appointment, Judge Rossmeissl practiced law in Yakima, Washington, specializing in Creditor/Debtor Law. He is a past Chair of the Creditor/Debtor Section of the Washington State Bar. He is a frequent speaker at bankruptcy seminars and judges panels.

MIKE TODD

Mike Todd was born and raised in the small farming community of Walla Walla. He attended Pacific Lutheran University and earned a Bachelor degree in history. He later attended Gonzaga University School of Law and earned his J.D. Prior to, and during, law school, he was employed with US West Communications. Mr. Todd has worked for the Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee since 2000. In his free time, he enjoys golf, playing bass guitar, and restoring antique automobiles.