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May 14-16, 2025

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ATTENDEE GUIDE

Early Registration Deadline: March 7, 2025

Regular Registration Deadline: April 11, 2025

Hear Ye Hear Ye:

A Message from League President Ted Hamilton about your Association, the Commercial Law League of America

I am so excited to be the League President this year. The volunteers and staff who make the League what it is, are working hard to set up an amazing 2025. As League President, it is my pleasure to let you know about some of the excitement that is happening in your League. I also want you to know that it is my goal to see you thrive in your business and practice. It is also my goal to see you thriving in business because it's coming through your relationship with the League and its members.

I have had so many new and older members say they want to know how to get business out of the League. Well, the answer is simple, **NETWORK**. The League offers so many ways to network both in person and online via Zoom whether it be a conference, convention, committee, region, section, education, or open discussion meetings. They are all a great way to see others in the League, meet and be involved.

The **2025 National Convention** is May 14-16 in Chicago at the incredible Swissôtel. If you know me, then you know I'm a hotel snob! I must say this venue, its location and the rooms are some of the best in Chicago. You will not want to miss it. The National Convention is a great place to network. If you are a new member, we have a new member event just for you. We also have some special social events planned this year. Please take some time and read through this Attendee Guide for all meeting details.

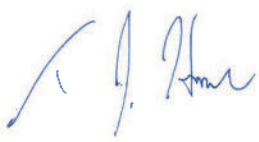
Don't miss our **Southern Regional Conference**, February 14-16 in New Orleans. If you have not yet registered visit https://clla.org/2025-clla-southern-region-conference/. This smaller conference will give you a great opportunity to meet folks that will also be in Chicago, so I encourage you to register. If you have ever wanted to visit New Orleans, this is the time. For those of you that have always wanted to see a Mardi Gras parade, at 7 p.m. on the 14th, it's the Krewe Boheme parade and at 6:30 p.m. on the 15th is the Krewe du Vieux parade... what happens in NOLA stays in NOLA!

If you've never participated in **Hill Day**, now is your chance to make a change. Hill Day is scheduled for March 2-4 in Washington, DC. Our Creditors Rights' and Bankruptcy Sections will be meeting with legislative offices to discuss issues of importance to the League. Be sure to register for this event at https://clla.org/clla-hill-day-2025/.

The League will be launching an **online community**. This community will let you interact in real time with other members of the League about shared interests, goals or challenges. It will also allow for the creation of online groups based on League committees, regions and sections of the League. This launch will occur in the first quarter of 2025.

Will all of this said, it continues to be my pleasure to serve as your League President. If I have never met you, please introduce yourself at a meeting. If you cannot make a meeting, give me a call. I personally want to ensure you are getting value out of your League membership. If you want to be more involved, I am always available to get you plugged into a committee or to help in some way. It is through your involvement that your professional practice will grow in the League. Come to meetings and network and you will see what I know: your business will expand, and you will find that some of your most lucrative matters come from League referrals.

I hope to see you soon at one of our events.



Ted Hamilton
2024-2025 CLLA President

DRESS FOR SUCCESS®
WORLDWIDE CENTRAL

You're Cordially Invited

Women's Empowerment & Networking Luncheon

Featuring Special Guests: Dress for Success Greater Chicago and Keli Frazier-Cox

Mark your calendars for an uplifting afternoon at the CLLA Women's Empowerment and Networking Luncheon on Thursday, May 15, at 12:00 PM.

We are excited to once again collaborate with Dress for Success Greater Chicago, an extraordinary organization committed to empowering women on their journey toward economic independence. With a robust network and essential career development resources, they are making a profound impact on the lives of women in Chicago and beyond.

We are honored to welcome our keynote speaker, Keli Frazier-Cox, founder of Promote Leaders LLC, who will share her insights on "Finding Your Passion and Purpose in Giving." Keli brings a wealth of experience in aligning growth objectives with cultural nuances and personal development. Her Intentionally Balanced Leadership framework offers tailored strategies that inspire executives to lead with purpose.

What to Expect:

- Enjoy a delightful lunch as we connect and collaborate.
- Take home a special swag bag filled with surprises.
- Contribute to a worthy cause with charitable donations aimed at empowering women in business.

Join us in building meaningful connections with fellow women of the League and spouses of League members. Together, we can share insights, inspire each other, and champion the success of women on their professional journeys. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something truly impactful!

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Warm regards,

Sarah Hamilton
Event Chairwoman

Keli Frazier-Cox
Founder,
Promote Leaders

Convention Events

Business Session –
a Town Hall Meeting that includes the Annual Report from the League President and the Treasurer's Report.

Nominating Debates (when necessary) –
Make informed decisions on candidates running for office.

Change of Officers –
Introduction of the newly installed officers.

President's Cup –
Recipient recognition.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Here's your chance to fulfill your CLE and CEU certification requirements by attending the educational programs throughout the event.

A Note from the CLLA Education Chair

"Our Education Committee has been diligently crafting a program that not only meets the needs of our members but also exceeds expectations. We have curated a lineup of industry-leading speakers and educational sessions that address the most pressing topics in commercial collections today. We have also integrated interactive panels and networking opportunities, allowing for meaningful discussions and the exchange of ideas. We believe that fostering connections among members is just as important as the education itself, and we are thrilled to provide a platform for collaboration."

Ben Farrow, *CLLA Education Chair*

Registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, April 11, 2025
Visit https://clla.org/national-2025/to register.

IN-PERSON Registration Fee	Register by 4/11
All CLLA & IACC Members**	$1,025
Spouse/Guest***	$429
Non-Members	$2,050

Member/Non-Member Registration Fee Includes:

- Access to all Educational Sessions
- Continuing Education: CLE/CEU
- Daily Breakfast and Breaks
- Thursday's Lunch Buffet
- Women's Empowerment & Networking Event
- Evening Receptions
- Commercial Law Feud Game
- Wednesday Games Galore Nightcap
- Thursday Evening Karaoke Nightcap & Desserts
- Friday's Annual Awards Brunch

Spouse/Guest Registration Fee Includes:

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- Thursday's Lunch Buffet
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- Evening Receptions
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**Disclaimer: CLE credit available to attendees in qualifying states who register on or before March 7. We cannot guarantee state accreditation after March 7.*

***One registration form per member.*

****Please note that business colleagues are not eligible to register under this category.*

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 PRESIDENT'S CUP AWARD

FRIDAY, MAY 16

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Join us as JOSEPH A. MARINO is presented with the distinguished CLLA President's Cup Award.

Joseph A. Marino, Esq.
Marino, Mayers & Jarrach

Joseph A. Marino is a Creditors' Rights Specialist, initially certified by the American Board of Certification 1994. Mr. Marino obtained his BS in Commerce from St. Louis University, MO in 1971 and obtained his Juris Doctor from the New England School of Law in 1976. He is admitted to practice law in the states of New Jersey and Florida as well as the District of Columbia.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and the Commercial Law League of America. He has served the CLLA as its Secretary and as the Chair of its Creditors' Rights Section. He is a frequent lecturer on creditors rights topics, including those focused upon fraud and fraudulent transfers. He contributes articles periodically to the Commercial Law World magazine of the CLLA. He is also an affiliate member of the Commercial Collection Agencies of America and the Marino, Mayers & Jarrach firm is an associate member of the International Association of Commercial Collectors.

Mr. Marino established his firm as a full-service Commercial Litigation Firm, assisting clients throughout the State of New Jersey and the United States of America, to provide comprehensive, skillful, and cost-effective services to our clients. The firm prosecutes all Creditor Rights Claims: from general collections to more Complex Commercial Litigation including Fraud and Fraudulent Transfers, Bankruptcy, Replevin and RICO. Mr. Marino is also a member of the Unico Foundation, Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs and International Honor Society of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta. In 2018, Mr. Marino received the "Robert E. Caine Award for Leadership" from the Commercial Law League of America.

Hotel Information

Swissôtel Chicago

323 East Upper Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 565-0565

Designed by renowned Chicago architect Harry Weese, Swissôtel Chicago is an award-winning luxury hotel overlooking the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, and just steps from the Magnificent Mile. The distinctive 4-diamond, all-glass hotel offers spectacular wrap-around views from Navy Pier to Millennium Park, 662 guest rooms and suites, five premier ballrooms, state-of-the-art penthouse fitness center, and spotless European-style service.

Hotel Reservations

Make your hotel reservation as early as possible to ensure you receive the discounted rate (subject to availability).

Making your reservation by phone, call the Reservations Department at 1-888-737-9477 or the Global Reservation Centre at 1-800-441-1414. Be sure to mention you are with the Commercial Law League of America-CLLA to receive the group rate.

On-line reservations can be made by visiting the link below:

https://book.passkey.com/event/50812770/owner/1461/home

Room Rate: $289/night, single/double occupancy, plus applicable taxes (currently 17.4%) (NO resort fee). **Room cut-off is Friday, April 11, 2025.** Visit the National Convention web page at https://clla.org/national-2025/ to access our special online reservation link to the hotel.

Parking

Swissôtel: Valet Parking overnight with in/out access is $78/night.

Nearby Self-Parking Garages:

- 303 East Wacker Garage (303 E. Wacker Dr.)
- Coast Parking (345 E, W. Wacker Dr.)
- The Tides at Lakeshore East (360 E. South Water St.)
- Illinois Center (111 E. Randolph)
- Park Millennium Parking Garage (221 N. Stetson Ave.)

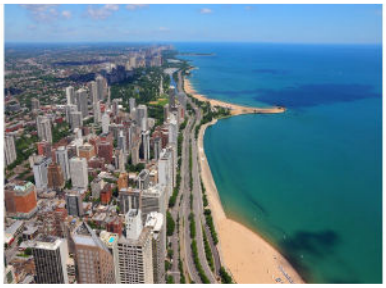
To find discounted parking near the hotel, download the SpotHero app to your mobile device and search the area.

Weather

Average Chicago temperatures for mid-May are high 70/low 50. Come prepared, it's Chicago!

Transportation

Visit the link below for driving directions: https://www.swissotel.com/hotels/chicago/explore-hotel/



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Code of Conduct

The Commercial Law League of America has zero-tolerance for discrimination and all forms of harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment. Our zero-tolerance policy means that no form of discriminatory or harassing conduct by or towards any CLLA member, exhibitor, presenter, attendee, vendor or staff member will be tolerated. The CLLA is committed to assuring compliance with its policy at all levels within the association. By registering for this event, you agree to accept the Code of Conduct Policy.

Presentation Information

Commercial Law League of America's 2025 National Convention presentation materials will be available to view/download through a link provided via email the week following the convention.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted in writing. Registration fee refunds will be granted on the following schedule.

Cancellation notice received by Monday, April 21, 2025, will receive 100% refund less $50 processing fee, between April 22-May 5 will receive a 50% refund and no refund on or after May 9, 2025.

CLE Credit

The Commercial Law League is applying for CLE with those states that require CLE credits for their licensed attorneys. All attorney attendees will receive a CLE Attendance Record form in their registration packet. At the conclusion of the Convention, please submit your form at the Registration Desk or via email by Friday, May 31, 2025.

Name Badges

The Commercial Law League of America requires all attendees to properly display their name badge at all Convention sessions and events.

Cell Phones

Please be considerate in your cell phone use. CLLA requests that electronic devices be silenced in all sessions as a courtesy to the presenters and attendees.

Dress Code

All CLLA Convention events are business casual.

Special Needs

The Commercial Law League of America is happy to assist you with any special needs or requirements you may have. Visit the Registration Desk and a staff member will be happy to assist.

REGISTER TODAY at https://clla.org/national-2025/.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY | MAY 14, 2025

10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

All Attendees Welcome to Networking Events

unless otherwise noted

KEY
- NETWORKING
- MEETINGS
- EDUCATION

12:00 PM – Board of Governors Meeting
1:00 PM
2:00 PM
3:00 PM
4:00 PM – Legislative Forum
5:00 PM – First Time Attendees Orientation (Invite Only-Ticketed Event)
6:00 PM – Welcome Reception
7:00 PM
10:00 PM – Games Galore Nightcap
Midnight

THURSDAY | MAY 15, 2025

7:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

	TRACK ONE	TRACK TWO
7:00 AM	Past Presidents' Breakfast (Invite Only)	Breakfast & Networking
8:00 AM	Welcome/Annual Business Meeting	
	BREAK – LUCERNE FOYER	
9:00 AM	Commercial Accounts Under Threat	Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Case Law
	BREAK – LUCERNE FOYER	
10:00 AM	Collecting in a New Era	Valuation in Bankruptcy or Avoidance
11:00 AM	BREAK – LUCERNE FOYER	
	Creditors' Rights Section General Membership Meeting	Bankruptcy Section General Membership Meeting
12:00 PM	Women's Empowerment & Networking Luncheon	General Membership Lunch Buffet
1:00 PM	Drone Law: Look Up In the Sky... It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a DRONE!	Simmering Issues in Chapter 11: The New Frontier
2:00 PM	BREAK – LUCERNE FOYER	
	Good Forwarders Go Bad Part 2	
3:00 PM	BREAK – LUCERNE FOYER	
	Agency Section General Membership Meeting	New Members Section General Membership Meeting
4:00 PM	Commercial Law Feud Game	
5:00 PM	Thursday Evening Social	
6:00 PM		
7:00 PM		
10:00 PM	Karaoke Nightcap and Desserts at the Swissotel - Hosted by NMS	
Midnight		

FRIDAY I MAY 16, 2025

7:30 am - 12:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

7:00 AM
7:15
7:30
7:45
8:00 AM — Continental Breakfast & Networking
8:15
8:30
8:45
9:00 AM — A Primer on the Rules of Professional Conduct
9:15
9:30
9:45 — **BREAK — LUCERNE FOYER**
10:00 AM — Trusting Lawyers' Trust Accounts – Ethical Dilemmas
10:15
10:30
10:45
11:00 AM — Brunch Buffet, Annual Awards, and Farewell
11:15
11:30
11:45
12:00 PM
12:15
12:30

NETWORKING MEETINGS EDUCATION

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Barrel Bus

Join Us for a Barrel of Fun!
Optional Activity
(Registration and payment required;
*Ticket purchase is non-refundable)

Art Institute of Chicago Tour

Join your colleagues for a captivating self-guided tour of the Art Institute of Chicago led by CLLA members and art enthusiasts T. Britt Rudman and David Lippman!

Explore one of the world's premier art collections with fellow art lovers. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.artic.edu or on-site. Reserve your spot at the convention registration desk for an unforgettable experience!

Networking Opportunities

Since 1984, the Foundation for Hospital Art has united patients, families, and volunteers globally to transform sterile hospital environments into vibrant spaces. Our colorful artwork provides comfort and joy, turning blank walls into soothing havens. Our final product will be donated to be displayed in a hospital.

A **"PaintFest" Station** will be set-up during the convention. Here you can work together with your peers to express your creativity in paint and help us bring warmth and joy to those facing challenging times in healthcare. No artistic experience is necessary, all you need is a heart to make beautiful things happen! Let's make a difference together!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

Games Galore Nightcap
Swissôtel Chicago
10:00 p.m. – Midnight

After dinner, meet up at the hotel to unwind with a nightcap and a little competition. Join us for some exciting late-night gaming including ping pong, foosball, cornhole, and more! Compete for bragging rights while networking with fellow members.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

The Commercial Law Feud Game
Swissôtel Chicago
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a fast-paced, hilarious, and competitive game show, pitting teams of CLLA members against each other as they try to guess the answers to survey questions!

Karaoke Nightcap & Desserts

Swissôtel Chicago
10:00 p.m. - Midnight

Back by popular demand... It's Karaoke Night! Join the New Members' Section Executive Council and fellow colleagues to sing your hearts out all while networking!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship will provide you with exposure to attorneys, agencies and commercial collection professionals. This is a great opportunity to showcase your company name as one of the sponsors at the 131st National Convention. Show your support and sponsor today!

BENEFITS

All sponsors will be listed on

- CLLA website
- Email promotions
- On-site Signage
- Event Program
- Social Media

EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIPS:

- Lanyards - ~~$800~~ ***SOLD***
- Program - ~~$1,000~~ ***SOLD***
- Pocket Guide - ~~$550~~ ***SOLD***
- Notepads - ~~$450~~ ***SOLD***
- Pens - ~~$450~~ ***SOLD***
- Multi Device Charging Station - $350

GENERAL SPONSORSHIPS:

- Evening Receptions - $1,000
- Thursday Luncheon - $1,000
- Daily Breakfasts - $600
- Games Galore Nightcap - $500 – ***NEW!***
- Karaoke Nightcap & Desserts - $500 – ***NEW!***
- Networking Breaks - $450
- General Convention Sponsor - $300

Wednesday, May 14

Legislative Forum BKY AGY CRS CLE CEU

CLLA panelists will provide a review of CLLA legislative and government affairs efforts during the past year, inform members about the political make-up of the current Congress and possibilities for legislation impacting the commercial law, and educate attendees about the legislative process; including drafting legislation and policy positions for consideration by members of Congress and aligned interested parties and organizations.

Panelists: Conor Kelly, *Webster Chamberlain & Bean, LLP*, Washington, DC; **Daniel C. Kerrick**, *Hogan McDaniel*, Wilmington, DE; **Jeffrey N. Schatzman**, *Schatzman & Schatzman, PA*, Miami, FL; **Gilbert M. Singer**, *Marcadis Singer P.A.*, Tampa, FL

Thursday, May 15

Commercial Accounts Under Threat: Navigating the California Rosenthal Act and Defending the Impending Surge of Lawsuits AGY CRS CLE CEU

The panel will address the expansion of the California Rosenthal Act to include commercial claims, propose modifications to comply with the new regulations, and explore defenses to manage the expected surge in lawsuits.

Panelists: Timothy Grimes, *BARR Credit Services*, Tucson, AZ; **Regina Slowey**, *Barron & Newburger, PC*, Troy, MI; **Lorna Walker,** *Sweet & Walker, PC*, San Francisco, CA

Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Case Law BKY CLE

This session will be a summary of important bankruptcy cases decided through March 31, 2025, including recently decided U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Speaker: Ronald Peterson, *Of Counsel at Jenner & Block, LLP*, Chicago, IL

Collecting in a New ERA: The Future Post-Chevron and the 2024 Elections AGY CRS CLE CEU

Join us for a dynamic and forward-thinking program that delves into the future of consumer servicing and collections in 2025 after the 2024 elections, the overturning of Chevron, and other anticipated regulatory shifts. Our expert panel will offer a compelling analysis of the expected regulatory changes, enforcement trends, and legislative initiatives that offer new opportunities and challenges to the industry. Discover how these developments might spark new litigation and defense strategies to equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to stay ahead in this evolving environment.

Panelists: Stefanie H. Jackman, *Troutman Pepper,* Atlanta, GA; **Areyh D. Derman,** *Clark Hill*, Chicago, IL

Valuation in Bankruptcy or Avoidance BKY CLE

Examining Valuation Methods, Evidentiary Requirements and Other Considerations for Both Debtors and Creditors in Bankruptcy

The panelists will discuss handling valuation disputes from both the debtor's and creditor's perspective and provide tips for preparing for evidentiary hearings and expert witness testimony, as well as prehearing discovery and negotiations. The panelists will also delve into the different valuation methods and relevant dates for assessment. The panel will further discuss recent case law addressing valuation disputes, including with respect to cryptocurrency and intellectual property.

Panelists: Kirk B. Burkley, Bernstein-Burkley, PC, Pittsburgh, PA; **Peter M. Gannott**, Gannott Law Group, PLCC, Louisville, KY; **Randall Woolley**, Darcy & Devassy, PC, Chicago, IL

Thursday, May 15

Drone Law: Look Up in the Sky... It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a DRONE! AGY CRS CLE CEU

The presentation will provide an overview of the various regulatory requirements applicable to the commercial operation of drones, including, for example, using drones for verifying collateral or finding assets to advance collections as well as delivery or even service of documents in collections litigation, as well as registration requirements, operational limitations, privacy protections. Attendees will learn how to properly incorporate drones into their business plans without running afoul of federal and state laws and regulatory requirements.

Speaker: Robert G. Kirk, *Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP*, Washington, DC

Simmering Issues in Chapter 11: The New Frontier BKY CLE

While the law simmers on issues of interest to every chapter 11 practitioner and judge, this panel will delve deep into the tide and emerge with differing views of what the future holds based on recent Supreme Court cases such as Harrington v. Purdue Pharma LP; Truck Insurance Exchange v. Kaiser Gypsum; and a few oldies but goodies such as MacArthur Co. v. Johns-Manville Corp.

Fascinating philosophical and practical questions arise from Supreme Court jurisprudence on plan provisions that have come to be expected parts of chapter 11 plans. This panel will explore how that jurisprudence will impact plan provisions that we've come to expect as a traditional path to confirmation in chapter 11s. Regarding the releases, is an opt in or opt out sufficient for consent? Can non-voting creditors be "deemed" to have consented to such a release?

The esteemed professors who study these topics and practitioners who deal with them day-to-day will offer their perspectives on the crossroads of party-in-interest standing; non-debtor third party injunctions and nonconsensual non-debtor third party releases. Come join us for a stimulating discussion and prognostication of what awaits in the ever-changing ocean of chapter 11 practice.

Panelists: Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald (ret.), *Tucker Arensberg*, Pittsburgh, PA; **Candice L. Kline**, *Saul Ewing, LLP*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Bruce A. Markell**, *Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Ralph Brubaker**, *Univ. of Illinois, College of Law*, Champaign, IL

Good Forwarders Go Bad – Part 2 AGY CRS CLE CEU

Join us for a practical discussion between a panel of agencies and attorneys as we talk about how to handle cases and clients/creditors in a variety of situations, but it's what you do for a good client! We'll be discussing some dos and don'ts on handling those situations and best practices for the relationships. This session will touch on agency-creditor, attorney-agency and the liaisons between all three combined.

Panelists: Robert Ash, *Radius Global Solutions*, Fair Lawn, NJ; **Michael Hynum**, *Hynum Law*, Harrisburg, PA; **Don B. Scott**, *Wright Holmes Law List*, Katonah, NY

Suggested Audience Key:

AGY Agency | CEU Continuing Education Unit | CRS Creditor's Rights | BKY Bankruptcy | CLE Continuing Legal Education

Friday, May 16

A Primer on the Rules of Professional Conduct BKY AGY CRS CLE CEU

ETHICS CREDIT

The practice of law is demanding in many ways, one of which is the need to comply with the rules of professional conduct for lawyers. The ethics rules are intended to protect the public and maintain the integrity of the legal profession. Accordingly, attorneys must be familiar with the applicable ethics rules and guide their professional conduct with them in mind. This course will cover some of the critical professional conduct rules that affect lawyers daily.

Panelists: Ben H. Farrow, *Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC*, Montgomery, AL; **Theodore J. Hamilton**, *Wetherington Hamilton*, Tampa, FL

Trusting Lawyers' Trust Accounts – Ethical Dilemmas BKY AGY CRS CLE CEU

ETHICS CREDIT

There are so many ethical rules regarding trust accounts, which are complicated by client demands for immediate payment. During this session, learn about trust accounting issues that raise ethical concerns that could lead to discipline. What are the requirements for naming your trust account. Who can access your trust account. Should the account be a trust account if it is opened for an individual client? How does IOLTA work? Can state bar associations obtain your bank records on your trust account? When should an attorney tender money received from a debtor to his client? What if the debtor payment "bounces"?

Speaker: June D. Coleman, *Messer Strickler Burnette*, Sacramento, CA

BARREL BUS

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
2:00 p.m.

Join Us for a Barrel of Fun!
Optional Activity
(Pre-Registration and payment required)

Hop on the "Barrel Bus" on Friday afternoon for an unforgettable adventure through Chicago's breweries and distilleries! Enjoy round-trip transportation, a behind-the-scenes brewery tour, beer tastings and a cocktail at a local distillery. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow members and share in the joy of craft beverages. Don't miss out—**spaces are limited**!

Secure your spot today and get ready for a day of exploration, tastings, and camaraderie. Cheers to good times ahead!

$175 per person includes transportation, all tastings, beverages and snacks on the Barrel Bus.

*Ticket purchase is non-refundable

REGISTER TODAY at https://clla.org/national-2025/.

PRESENTER BIOS

Robert Ash is a seasoned veteran of the collection industry; with nearly 30 years' experience in Accounts Receivable Management, Consumer and Commercial Debt Collections. His longstanding career with Allen, Maxwell & Silver, (AMS), now the Commercial Business Division of Radius Global Solutions, began in 1997, when Robert joined the collection team. After six years of delivering exceptional recovery results and service to AMS' clients, Robert was promoted to Legal Department Manager. Robert's financial expertise and strong communication skills provide a seamless transition from collections to litigation.

Robert has developed and cultivated close associations with a network of collection attorneys throughout the country, as well as clients, ensuring AMS' clients have the best representation to meet their legal needs and protect their rights as creditors.

Robert is Creditor's Rights representative on the Board of Governor's for the Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) and actively participates within the CLLA's Eastern Region.

Ralph Brubaker is the James H.M. Sprayregen Professor of Law at the University of Illinois, where he teaches courses in bankruptcy, bankruptcy procedure, corporate reorganizations, federal courts, conflict of laws (private international law), contracts, and restitution. Professor Brubaker has three degrees from the University of Illinois, including his J.D. summa cum laude and an M.B.A., and he received Bronze Tablet distinction (highest honors) and C.P.A. certification as an undergraduate. He clerked for Judge James K. Logan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and he practiced in the bankruptcy and corporate reorganization group with the law firm Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (now Squire Patton Boggs) in Cleveland, Ohio. Professor Brubaker was a member of the faculty at the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia from 1995 until 2004, when he returned to his alma mater. Professor Brubaker is the Editor-in-Chief and a contributing author for West's Bankruptcy Law Letter, he is co-author of a bankruptcy casebook, and he has written dozens of journal articles and essays. He is particularly expert in the complex jurisdictional and procedural facets of federal bankruptcy proceedings. Professor Brubaker has been an editorial advisor for the American Bankruptcy Law Journal, the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review, and the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal. He is a member of the American Law Institute, a Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, for which he has been the Scholar-in-Residence. Professor Brubaker has served on the executive committee of the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), and he was a member of the advisory committee on business enterprise sales for the ABI's 2014 Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. Professor Brubaker is the 2024 recipient of the Lawrence P. King Award from the Commercial Law League of America for career excellence in bankruptcy scholarship.

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Since 2008, Ms. Coleman has been voted by her peers as one of the top lawyers practicing in Northern California and Sacramento, earning her a spot on the Northern California Super Lawyers list; the "Best of the Bar" list by the Sacramento Business Journal, and the "Top of the Bar" list by the Sacramento Magazine. Ms. Coleman has also been recognized by Accounts Recovery as one of the leading attorneys in the collections field for her defense work. Ms. Coleman is a Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent rated attorney.

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Aryeh D. Derman supports and assists in the development and expansion of the regulatory and compliance group's growing consulting and advisory services, targeting financial institutions and technology companies (fin-techs) looking to enter into the financial services sector.

Aryeh leads and coordinates current and prospective examinations from state and federal financial regulators. He has extensive experience and knowledge of numerous consumer protection laws including but not limited to the FDCPA, FCRA, TCPA, GLBA, and HIPAA. He is a subject matter expert in compliance, risk management, and corporate governance.

Recognitions

- Named to Legal Advisory Board of Consumer Relations Consortium in April 2023
- Named KG Prime "Subject Matter Expert" of Industry Compliance in July 2017
- Named ACA International Scholar in July 2014

Ben Farrow was born in west Texas and raised in Colorado, Idaho and Louisiana attending Tulane University and the Louisiana State University for Law School. He worked as deckhand on the Mississippi River and in the Gulf of Mexico to pay for college and law school. After graduation and passing the Louisiana State Bar in 1992 he began his legal career as an Admiralty lawyer in New Orleans. He subsequently moved to Alabama and passed the Alabama Bar exam in 2000. He practiced as an insurance defense attorney for a few years and then found work at his current firm in 2002, becoming a partner in 2006. In 2015 he obtained his license to practice in Mississippi and the firm opened its Jackson office that same year.

Ben's involvement with the Commercial Law League of America started with his current firm when he was introduced to the League by some colleagues. He was astonished at how well it fit his practice. He subsequently became interested in leadership in CLLA and was appointed the Education Chair. He has held that role for the last two years.

Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald (Ret.) A long-time member of CLLA, and Retired U.S. Bankruptcy has been blessed with an exciting, challenging and intellectually stimulating career. As a Judicial Law Clerk, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Professor of Law, Practitioner at Tucker Arensberg, Arbitrator, Mediator, Author and Expert Witness, she has experienced a wide variety of legal disciplines and administrative responsibilities. Judi is a Professor in the Practice of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she teaches Bankruptcy and Advanced Bankruptcy. She is active in national and local professional organizations including the Commercial Law League of America, the American Law Institute, the American College of Bankruptcy. The American Bankruptcy institute and the American Inns of Court. Among other offices, she has served as President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as Chair of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Committee to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Judi has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Commercial Law League's Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy and the American Inns of Court Bankruptcy Alliance Distinguished Service Award. Judi consults and lectures in matters involving trial strategy, evidence, procedure, contracts, bankruptcy and professional responsibility, and participates on several committees and boards dedicated to fostering legal education and improving access to justice.

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Prior to his time at BARR Credit, Tim worked in the retail grocery industry. Since joining BARR he has twice served as the Chair of the Executive Council of the Western Region of the Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) and presently is on the CLLA Board of Governors. As part of the BARR Legal Department for the past eighteen years, he has successfully expanded the department and excelled in his career, becoming a respected expert in the industry. He enjoys sharing his knowledge through various speaking engagements and conferences.

Theodore J. Hamilton is a founding partner in the law firm of Wetherington Hamilton, P.A. He has practiced for over 30 years in the Tampa Bay Area and grew up in Tampa. His practice concentrates in the areas of estate planning and probate, corporate transactions and business sales and acquisitions, commercial and residential Real Estate transactions and litigation, commercial litigation including fraudulent transfer litigation and collections law. Mr. Hamilton is presently the President of the Commercial Law League of America. Mr. Hamilton has also been a keynote speaker at various events including the National Association of Credit Managers and the Commercial Law League of America and many others. Mr. Hamilton has handled some interesting cases during his legal career. His litigated matter cases have included matters involving fraudulent transfer litigation, breaches of fiduciary duty, corporate fraud, bankruptcy preference actions, and automatic stay litigation among others. He regularly files and prepares construction liens for filing for various types of contractors and subcontractors.

Mr. Hamilton has represented numerous financial institutions over his career. He has handled loan workouts, residential and commercial foreclosures, leasing matters, commercial and retail replevins, prejudgment replevins and executions and garnishments.

Mr. Hamilton's transactional experience includes workouts involving contested shareholder disputes, commercial lease preparation and review, corporate formation and documentation, shareholder agreements and non-compete agreements. He has also represented lenders and owners in the drafting of commercial and residential mortgage agreements.

In the real estate arena, Mr. Hamilton has completed commercial closings including golf courses, warehouses, retail centers, office buildings, vacant commercial land, daycare buildings and land development. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Tampa Chapter of the Real Estate Investment Council. He has numerous real estate contacts including contractors, brokers and appraisers.

Mr. Hamilton's clients include property owners, banks, contractors, suppliers, materialmen, shopping center companies, industrial warehouse owners, small businesses of all types and others.

He is always available for you to call. He prides himself on promptness, reliability, honesty and integrity. He is also proud of the excellent team at Wetherington Hamilton.

In his free time, Mr. Hamilton enjoys spending time with his wife and family, boating, playing piano, acting in community theater (once in a while) and reading history.

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Born in Lebanon County, Attorney Hynum attended Annville-Cleona High School. He went on to attend Penn State University and obtained his Law Degree from the Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Attorney Hynum spent approximately eleven years working in the long-term health care industry, acting as Chief Executive Officer of a company providing care and services to elderly residents of Central Pennsylvania. He is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, has served as administrator of a Personal Care Home and has experience in Adult Day Care Administration as well.

Hynum began his legal career with a Harrisburg-based Firm specializing in the representation of Long-Term Care facilities and in June 2004 founded his own Firm, Law Offices of Michael A. Hynum. In September 2006, upon hiring an additional attorney, the Firm name was changed to Hynum Law. Mike has considerable experience in both running and representing small businesses. Hynum currently focuses his practice on the representation of health care providers, as well as debt collection, administrative and governmental law, labor law, general business law, and litigation.

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A significant area of focus for Stefanie is advising clients on regulatory and compliance matters. She excels in helping clients develop and implement effective compliance management systems and risk mitigation strategies. Her expertise encompasses navigating intricate compliance issues under both federal and state laws, ensuring clients remain compliant with a broad spectrum of consumer financial laws, including UDAP/UDAAP statutes, the FDCPA, FCRA, TCPA, EFTA, SCRA, and TILA.

In addition to her compliance work, Stefanie provides robust defense to her clients in connection with CFPB enforcement matters, as well as individual and class action consumer lawsuits. Her clientele spans nearly all sectors of the financial services industry, including but not limited to banks, nonbank lenders and servicers, student loan providers, debt collectors and buyers, third-party service providers, healthcare and medical revenue cycle service providers, credit and prepaid card companies, direct and indirect auto lenders, and fintech companies.

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He attended the King Hall School of Law at the University of California, Davis, where he was editor-in-chief of the law review and recipient of the School of Law Medal. After law school, he clerked for then-judge Anthony M. Kennedy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Before taking the bench, Professor Markell practiced bankruptcy and business law in Los Angeles for ten years (where he was a partner at Sidley & Austin) and was a law professor for fourteen.

He is the author of numerous articles on bankruptcy and commercial law, and a co-author of four law school casebooks. He contributes to Collier on Bankruptcy and is a member of Collier's editorial advisory board. He has been a visiting professor at, among other schools, Peking University School of Law in Beijing, and Harvard Law School.

In addition to being a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference, he is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, a founding member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a life member of the American Law Institute. He also served as a Commissioner for the American Bankruptcy Institutes Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy, where he served as the Chair of Case Administration and the Estate Committee.

He was the 2022 recipient of the Commercial Law League of America's Lawrence King Award.

In 2016, he completed a project redrafting Kosovo's bankruptcy law. He has consulted with the International Monetary Fund on insolvency-related issues (having been part of the IMF's missions to Ireland, Bosnia, Montenegro, Serbia, Belarus, Georgia, and Greece), and worked with UNCITRAL on various model laws. From 2019 to 2021, he was the court-appointed fee examiner in the Pacific Gas & Electric Company Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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Mr. Peterson has been a member of the panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, since 1987. He is the past President of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

Mr. Peterson is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is a member of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section and the Bankruptcy Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. He is a member of the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals, and the Commercial Law League of America. In 2014, the Commercial Law League of America awarded Mr. Peterson the Lawrence P. King Award.

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He has been a member of the Commercial Law League of America since 1991 and has held numerous positions within the League including a three-year term as an attorney member of the CLLA Board of Governors and President of the CLLA from 2013 to 2014.

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He has participated in three strategic planning conferences over the last 30 years for the CLLA. He has been a featured speaker at the American Bar Association, the NACM Collectors Association Conference, as well as numerous CLLA Education Programs. He was instrumental in creating the bonding insurance program in use by members of the Association of Law List Publishers

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Gil Singer is a collection attorney and is a Senior Partner in the law firm of Marcadis Singer, P. A. The firm provides legal counsel for clients across the State of Florida and has experienced attorneys who exclusively handle Florida collection law cases in each of the 67 Florida counties.

He was born in New York, graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1979 with a JD degree, and was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1979 and is a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. He currently is Chair of the Commercial Law League of America Southern Region and a member of the International Association of Commercial Collectors. Mr. Singer has maintained an AV Rating from Martindale-Hubbell for over 20 years.

Gil was appointed to the 13th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission in 2012 and was elected as its Chair in 2018. Florida's Judicial Nominating Commissions are constitutionally created non-partisan bodies designed to interview and nominate diverse, highly qualified candidates for judgeships to the Governor for appointment when a judicial vacancy arises.

He serves as a Board Member at A Kid's Place which is a children's shelter focused on keeping abused, abandoned, and neglected children together as sibling groups. He also serves as a Board Member and volunteer attorney for Crossroads Kids Florida which serves children aging out of the foster care system.

Mr. Singer has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tampa for over 44 years. He is married and has two adult sons.

Regina Slowey is the President and CEO of Barron & Newburger, P.C., a nationally recognized law firm specializing in compliance and financial services defense in lawsuits and regulatory actions. With over 20 years of legal experience, Regina has litigated complex cases from state court through the Supreme Court and built successful, process-driven practices across multiple jurisdictions.

An advocate for innovation, Regina leads BNPC with a focus on AI integration, data privacy, and operational excellence. A Michigan native, she is a proud University of Michigan supporter who enjoys traveling, trying global cuisine, and connecting with others over a great cocktail.

Lorna Walker is an attorney with the Law Offices of Sweet & Walker, P.C.. She has practiced law in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 30 years, focusing on commercial litigation and collection matters. During her career, Ms. Walker has represented clients in the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern, Central, and Eastern Districts of California. She also has handled international arbitration cases and appellate matters in both State and Federal Courts.

Ms. Walker is a Past President and past Recording Secretary of the CLLA Board of Governors and has chaired several committees for this league. She is a frequent speaker on creditor's rights topics and has presented programs for various trade groups, including programs directed to the oil and gas industry, the agricultural industry, the wine industry, the food and beverage industry, the marijuana industry, and various finance, credit management, and legal associations.

Randall Woolley concentrates his practice in creditor-side bankruptcy litigation and commercial litigation. Mr. Woolley represents his clients nationwide, in matters ranging from claims against lessees and borrowers for breach of contract, replevin and fraud, and representing creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, including filing claims, lift stay motions, objections to discharge, objections to plans, preparing cash collateral orders and defending preference and lien avoidance actions. Mr. Woolley received his bachelor's degree from DePaul University in 1999 and his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2003. Mr. Woolley is a member of the Commercial Law League of America where he currently serves as a member of the Bankruptcy Section Executive Council and Chair of the Education Committee. Mr. Woolley is also a member of the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. Mr. Woolley is licensed to practice law in Illinois, as well as the federal courts for Illinois and Indiana, the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

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