

What's Happening at ABI

ABI, ABC Presented DREAMS Program at Howard University in November

ABI's Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and the American College of Bankruptcy (ABC) presented the Discovering Restructuring Expertise and Mentorship Symposium (DREAMS) on Nov. 9 at Howard University School of Law's Pauli Murry Suite and the Moot Court Room in Washington, D.C. One set of panels was student-focused, while the remainder of the day was for practitioners and students alike. The free program included discussions on careers and diversifying the insolvency profession. The event wrapped up with a networking session.

The student portion included an open discussion about careers and important insolvency topics for law students, in addition to panels on career opportunities and student loans. The rest of the symposium focused on such topics as engaging and empowering a more equitable insolvency profession, which featured Robert Grey, Jr., president of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, and included a dialogue on inclusion and opportunities for all, as well as other sessions on bias in bankruptcy, and turning dreams into reality through engagement and empowerment.

ABI thanks **Lynn Lewis Tavenner** and **Paula S. Beran** of Tavenner & Beran, PLC (Richmond, Va.) for their work coordinating the event on behalf of ABI and ABC. Thanks also go to the following professionals for participating as moderators and panelists: Earl J. Barnes II of Sentara Health, Michael St. Patrick Baxter of Covington & Burling LLP, Veronica Brown-Moseley of Financial Freedom

Legal, Prof. **Matthew A. Bruckner** of Howard University School of Law, Prof. **Pamela Foohey** of Cardozo School of Law, **Elizabeth Gabaud** of BakerHostetler, Bankruptcy Judge **Elizabeth L. Gunn** (D. D.C.), Bankruptcy Judge **Michelle M. Harner** (D. Md.), Bankruptcy Judge **Klinette Hunter Kindred** (E.D. Va.), Jasmine Loston of Howard University School of Law, Lauren Friend McKelvey of Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLP, Ria Melhotra of Howard University School of Law, Amir Muhammad of Howard University School of Law, **Kevyn D. Orr** of Jones Day, Darwin Perry of Howard University School of Law, **Emony M. Robertson** of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, Bankruptcy Judge **Frank J. Santoro** (E.D. Va.), **Miles A. Taylor** of White & Case, LLP, **Tara Twomey** of the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees and **Jolene E. Wee** of JW Infinity Consulting, LLC.

ABI "Party in Interest" Podcast Features Renowned Mediator Ken Feinberg



ABI Executive Director Amy Quackenboss (l) spoke with alternative dispute resolution expert Kenneth R. Feinberg during the latest episode of ABI's "Party in Interest" podcast.

The latest episode of ABI's "Party in Interest" podcast features ABI Executive Director **Amy Quackenboss** talking with Kenneth R. Feinberg, one of the nation's leading experts in alternative dispute resolution. Currently the court-appointed mediator in both the *Imerys/Cyprus* talc bankruptcy case in Delaware, and the *Honx* asbestos bankruptcy case in Texas, Mr. Feinberg's distinguished career includes previously having served as Special Master of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, the Department of Justice Victims of State-Sponsored Terrorism Fund, the Department of Justice Boeing 737 Max Crash Victim Beneficiaries Compensation Fund and many other high-profile complex disputes over the past 40 years.

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Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition and Gala to Be Held March 2-4 in New York

The Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition is widely recognized as one of the nation's preeminent moot court competitions. The competition promotes and recognizes the finest oral and written advocacy on significant issues in bankruptcy practice. Jointly sponsored by St. John's University School of Law and ABI, the competition is named in memory of former ABI Director and Chief Bankruptcy Judge **Conrad B. Duberstein**.



The Discovering Restructuring Expertise and Mentorship Symposium, presented by ABI and ABC last month at Howard University, featured discussions on hot industry topics led by a range of bankruptcy professionals.

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