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Meet us in Southern California for the 2020 Southwest Bankruptcy Conference! For the first time, this year’s event is being held at the beautiful Terranea Resort, near Los Angeles. An outstanding faculty of regional judges and practitioners will present information-packed sessions on a variety of topics, both business and consumer — ensuring that there is something for everyone.

Enjoy the luxuries and views of this amazing destination, and take advantage of the many networking activities planned. See you on the coast!

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PROGRAM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 a.m.
Optional Event
Golf Tournament: 9 Holes of Golf at The Links at Terranea

2:30 p.m.
Optional Events
Guided Biking Tour
Guided Coastal Hike

3:00-6:00 p.m.
ABI Registration Desk Open

4:30-5:30 p.m.
Optional Event
Tequila Tasting

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Opening Reception

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
ABI Registration Desk Open

7:30-8:00 a.m.
Networking Breakfast

7:50-8:00 a.m.
Welcome Remarks

8:00-9:30 a.m.
ABI Talks

John W. Lucas, Moderator
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; San Francisco

Jurisdictional Battle: Bankruptcy Courts vs. FERC in Rejection of Power Purchase Agreements
Theodore E. Tsekerides
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; New York

Ninth Circuit as Alternative to SDNY/Delaware
Tobias S. Keller
Keller Benvenutti Kim LLP; San Francisco

Current State and Near Future of Oil and Gas
Scott M. Pinsonnault
Ankura Consulting Group, LLC; Indian Hills, Colo.

Analytical Review of Reversal/Affirmance Rates Between BAPs and District Courts in BAP Circuits
Donald L. Gaffney
Snell & Wilmer LLP; Phoenix

9:30-9:45 a.m.
Coffee Break
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 [CONTINUED]

9:45-11:00 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions (3)
Complex Confirmation Issues
This panel will focus on impairment, TransWest issues, third-party releases, horizontal gifting related to Noverra and more.

   Jeffrey Bjork
       Latham & Watkins; Los Angeles
   Matt Foster
       Sonoran Capital Advisors; Mesa, Ariz
   Jordan A. Kroop
       Perkins Coie LLP; Phoenix
   Hon. Margaret M. Mann
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (S.D. Cal.); San Diego

Consumer: Consumer Cases in the Headlines

   Louis M. Bubala III
       Kaempfer Crowell; Reno, Nev.
   Philip J. Giles
       Allen Barnes & Jones, PLC; Phoenix
   Jeanette E. McPherson
       Schwartz & McPherson Law Firm; Las Vegas
   Hon. David T. Thuma
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. N.M.); Albuquerque

Chapter 11 Cases in the Headlines

   Hon. Martin R. Barash
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Woodland Hills
   Steven M. Berman
       Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP; Tampa, Fla.
   Craig S. Ganz
       Ballard Spahr LLP; Phoenix
   Lydia R. Webb
       Gray Reed & McGraw LLP; Dallas

11:00-11:15 a.m.
Coffee Break
Sponsored by Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions (3)
COVID-19: Infecting Employment Issues in Bankruptcy
This panel will discuss the WARN Act, KERPs and KEIPs, vacation/sick time and the § 507(a)(4) cap, varying state laws on severance claims that are driving the locations of filings, and more.

   Dawn M. Cica
       Carlyon Cica Chtd.; Las Vegas
   Hon. Daniel P. Collins
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix
   Ira L. Herman
       Blank Rome LLP; New York
   J.D. Ivy
       Alvarez & Marsal; Dallas

Consumer: Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy

   Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix
   Cristina Perez Hesano
       Perez Law Group, PLLC; Glendale, Ariz.
   Shelley D. Krohn
       Shelley D. Krohn, Ltd.; Las Vegas
   Randy Nussbaum
       Sacks Tierney PA.; Scottsdale, Ariz.

Proactive Planning for Distressed Real Estate Assets

   Oren B. Haker
       Stoel Rives LLP; Portland, Ore.
   Cathy L. Reese
       Fennemore Craig, P.C. ; Phoenix
   Hon. Paul Sala
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix
   Beth Jo Zeitzer
       R.O.I. Properties, LLC; Phoenix

12:30-1:30 p.m.
Networking Luncheon
Luncheon Presentation: Rembrandt van Rijn: Art, Love and Insolvency in the 17th Century

   Hon. Scott C. Clarkson
       U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Santa Ana
PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 [CONTINUED]

1:30-2:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions (3)
First Look at Small Business Reorganization Act Cases

Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Cal.); San Francisco

Grant L. Cartwright
May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C.; Phoenix

James E. Cross
Cross Law Firm P.L.C.; Phoenix

Consumer: Nondischargeability, Discharge Injunction Violations and BofA Sanctions

Scott B. Cohen
Engelman Berger, PC; Phoenix

Hon. Christopher M. Klein
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Cal.); Sacramento

Bart K. Larsen
Shea Larsen; Las Vegas

Robert S. Marticello
Smiley I Wang-Ekvall, LLP; Costa Mesa, Calif.

Eight COVID-19 Predictions for a Brave New Bankruptcy World: Hits, Misses and the Unforeseen

Sasha M. Gurvitz
KTBS Law LLP; Los Angeles

Hon. Mary Jo Heston
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Wash.); Tacoma

Thomas J. Salerno
Stinson LLP; Phoenix

Howard J. Steinberg
Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Los Angeles

2:45-3:30 p.m.
Margarita Reception

4:00 p.m.
Optional Events
Ocean Kayaking

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30-11:00 a.m.
ABI Registration Desk Open

7:30-9:00 a.m.
Networking Breakfast

8:20-8:30 a.m.
Welcome Remarks

8:30-9:45 a.m.
Crossover Ethics Topic: Strategies and Risks of Bankruptcy as a Response to State Court Litigation

Hon. Bruce A. Harwood
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. N.H.); Concord

Cody J. Jess
Moyes Sellers & Hendricks Ltd; Phoenix

Hon. Eric D. Madden (ret.)
Reid Collins & Tsai LLP; Dallas

Samuel A. Schwartz
Schwartz Law, PLLC; Las Vegas

9:45-10:00 a.m.
Break
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Judicial Round-n-Round

Lindsi M. Weber, Moderator
Polsinelli PC; Phoenix

Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix

Hon. Martin R. Barash
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Woodland Hills

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix

Hon. David T. Thuma
U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. N.M.); Albuquerque

11:00 a.m.
Adjourn
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Terranea (terra-NAY-a) Resort is poised above the Pacific on the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula. A hidden gem on the Los Angeles coast, this 102-acre luxury Southern California resort destination is surrounded by tranquil waves and offers a whole new world of relaxation and adventure that words just can’t describe.

ABI has arranged for a special conference rate of $345 per night. Reservations must be made with the resort by July 29, 2020, to secure this special rate. Reservations may be made only once you have registered with ABI. Upon payment of the conference registration fees, you will receive hotel reservation information with your conference confirmation. Rooms are held on a first-come, first-served basis. ABI cannot guarantee anyone a room after the specially rated ABI block is filled.

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Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with refreshments during breaks. We try to provide a variety of well-rounded offerings. However, if you have a specific dietary requirement, please bring it to our attention by calling 703-739-0800 or emailing adonohue@abiworld.org so that it can be accommodated.

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DISCLAIMER
Speakers are subject to change.

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This program is eligible for 8 hours of general CLE credit, including 1.25 hours of ethics/diversity, in states calculating CLE on a 60-minute hour, and 9.6 hours of general CLE credit, including 1.5 hours of ethics/diversity, in 50-minute-hour states. Credit hours are estimated, are subject to each state’s approval and credit-rounding rules and might not be approved prior to the program. California MCLE: ABI certifies that this activity has been approved for MCLE credit in the amount of 8 hours, of which 1.25 hours will apply to ethics. NY MCLE: This course or program has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of 9.5 credit hours, of which 8 credit hours can be applied toward the professional practice requirement and 1.5 credit hours can be applied toward the ethics professionalism requirement. 9.5 hours of CPE credit, including 1.5 hours of behavioral ethics, are also available.*

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP STATEMENT
ABI acknowledges that in some instances there will be persons who need to attend an educational seminar for CLE credit who are not able to pay full registration fees. ABI will handle such instances on a case-by-case basis and will work with the individual on alternative solutions. For persons who cannot meet the full registration rate, ABI will offer a reduced rate based on what the individual can reasonably afford to cover the cost of meals and materials. For persons unable to pay a reduced rate, we may allow the individual to work at our registration area for a few hours during attendee check-in, or assist in conference set-up. ABI also has reduced rates for government employees, professors, law clerks and students. Illinois Attorneys: If registration fees are more than $500, attorneys who qualify will receive a reduction of at least 50% off the registration fee. For information on tuition assistance, send an email to adonohue@abi.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY
All fees will be refunded if notice is received in writing by July 7, 2020. All fees, except a $75 handling fee, will be refunded if notice is received in writing by July 30, 2020. No refunds will be made if notice is received after July 30, although substitutions will be allowed. After July 30, upon written request, a coupon for 20% off the registration fee (not including optional events) will be issued, which can be used (by the canceling registrant only) for any ABI educational program up to one year after this conference, or for the same conference next year.
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**RATES**

**EARLY** *(by 7/17/20)*

- ABI Member: $645
- Join and Save*: $995
- ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member: $345
- New ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member*: $470

**REGULAR** *(7/18/20-8/7/20)*

- ABI Member: $695
- Join and Save*: $1,045
- ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member: $395
- New ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member*: $520

**LATE** *(AFTER 8/7/20)*

- ABI Member: $795
- Join and Save*: $1,145
- ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member: $445
- New ABI Govt./Nonprofit Member*: $570

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES**

- ABI Member: $800
- Join and Save*: $1,150

*Includes a one-year membership for first-time members only — a $375 value! You must be an ABI member to attend. Membership is individual and nonrefundable. If your ABI membership has expired, select the member rate and add in your ABI membership-renewal fee.

**OPTIONAL EVENTS**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT: 9 HOLES AT THE LINKS AT TERRANEA**

**Thursday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.**

The Links at Terranea is a dramatic 9-hole, par 3 Southern California oceanfront golf course, with stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. This is no ordinary 9-hole, par 3 course; rather, it is a collection of nine championship-caliber par 3 holes, masterfully routed and integrated with each other and the natural surroundings. **$150 per player** includes golf fee and lunch. *Please select the appropriate event in the online registration portal to play, and indicate your handicap.*

**GUIDED BIKING TOUR**

**Thursday, August 20, 2:30 p.m.**

Departing from the resort, this guided ride takes you along the Palos Verdes coastline, showcasing spectacular scenery along the way. The **$165 per person** fee includes a two-hour tour with all necessary equipment, including a CPR-certified guide. **Participants must be at least 16 years of age or older. A minimum number of participants is needed for this activity.**

**GUIDED COASTAL HIKE**

**Thursday, August 20, 2:30 p.m.**

This guided hike stops at a variety of spectacular viewing points. As you walk along the coastal trails, the naturalist will point out local flora and fauna. You may see a California gnat catcher, a blue butterfly or an Allen’s hummingbird, all native to Southern California. The cost per person is **$85.**

**TEQUILA TASTING**

**Thursday, August 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Enjoy four samplings and an education on tier-one tequila. The cost per person is **$85.** **Participants must be 21 years of age or over.**

**OCEAN KAYAKING**

**Friday, August 21, 4:00 p.m.**

Paddle through the stunning kelp beds along the Terranea coastline. This underwater forest is home to California state fish, the Garibaldi, bottlenose dolphins, seals and sea lions, and bat rays. Experience the Catalina Channel’s famous underwater reserve on one of our stable sit-on-top tandem kayaks. Highly experienced instructors offer a safe, fun and informative tour, narrating highlights as you paddle. The **$175 per person fee** includes a two-hour guided tour, water shoes and life vests. **Participants must be at least 8 years old and proficient swimmers. A minimum number of participants is needed for this activity.**

**STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING**

**Friday, August 21, 4:00 p.m.**

Paddleboarding along the Palos Verdes coast is a must! Guided by an experienced instructor, you will test your core strength while paddling through amazing kelp beds, an endless ecosystem often referred to as an underwater rainforest. Learn about the ever-changing ocean landscape. **You’ll have the best seat in the house!** The **$175-per-person fee** includes 1-1.5-hour guided tour, water shoes and life vests. **Participants must be at least 10 years old and proficient swimmers. A minimum number of participants is needed for this activity.**