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College Connections

American College of Bankruptcy eNewsletter

Intro to College Connections

This, the first *College Connections*, is our attempt to increase communications with our members. It is not replacing *College Columns*, which will continue to be published twice a year under the editorial command of Grant Stein. *College Connections*, instead, is intended to get news to you faster, albeit in summary fashion. We do not anticipate an established publication schedule. We hope instead to use this tool on an as-appropriate basis. It will be managed initially by Mark Bloom, the new Chair of our Communications Committee. All items that you think are noteworthy for this newsletter should be conveyed to Mark (bloomm@gtlaw.com) and Shari Bedker (college@amercol.org). Much gratitude goes to Phil Hendel for all his hard work and creativity as past Chair of the Communications Committee.

-- Dave Heiman

Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony

This year's meetings in Washington (March 14 and 15) were memorable, to say the least. We had an active schedule of educational sessions, Circuit meetings, committee meetings and the induction of 29 new Fellows. But the most memorable events were the warm tribute to our outgoing Chair, Dave Sykes, given by Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie Rendell, coupled with Dave's unforgettable response, and Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Ambro's inspirational Keynote address at the Induction Ceremony. Copies of Judge Rendell's and Judge Ambro's remarks can be found on the College website.

-- Dave Heiman

First Circuit Law Student Program

The First Circuit leads all of our Circuits in efforts to present College-sponsored local or regional educational programs. The College's Education Committee, led by Sally Neely, has sponsored and funded successful First Circuit programs for the past five years and will do so again this year on Friday, April 18. This year's program, at Boston College Law School, entitled "Anatomy of a Distressed Business" is also sponsored by the Education Committee and funded by the College. Professor Ingrid Michelsen Hillinger, who was recently honored by First Circuit Fellows, is the driving force behind these programs. Approximately 40 bankruptcy professionals will participate and over 100 law and graduate students are expected to attend. Our First Circuit Education committee will be happy to share our materials and experience with other Circuits who may wish to plan similar programs.

-- Rick Mikels

Expansion of Pro Bono Efforts

The Board of Directors has advised the Pro Bono Committee that expansion of our pro bono program is its top priority for 2008. In order to meet the challenge, we intend to involve College members in each Circuit to help establish local programs. You will be hearing much more about this during the year, but please contact the undersigned if you have interest in promoting pro bono efforts in your own city.

-- Michael Cook

Committee Assignments

Now is the time to express your interest in serving on one of our College committees. A list of active committees is attached to this Newsletter, and you can indicate your interest by emailing Shari Bedker (college@amercol.org). Subject to size limitations, we will do our best to accommodate you.

-- Dave Heiman/Paul Singer

Circuit Review and Best Practices Reports

The outstanding work of the Best Practices Committee is now published by LexisNexis in desk book form under the title "2007 Circuit Review and Best Practices Reports." The publication contains an indispensable (and periodically updated) Circuit-by-Circuit review of published court decisions in more than 45 substantive bankruptcy areas. It also includes *Best Federal Income Tax Practices in Corporate Reorganizations* and a comprehensive paper entitled *Debtor Employee Retention and Incentive Compensation Programs in Light of BAPCPA*. The publication may be purchased by College members at a very significant discount by calling 1-800-223-1940.

-- Douglas Baird

Annual Depaul Business and Commercial Law Journal Symposium

One of the College's goals is to encourage the highest standards of professionalism. From time to time, to further those objectives, we seek to coordinate with other organizations having similar objectives. We therefore wish to bring to your attention the Sixth Annual DePaul Business and Commercial Law Journal Symposium which is sponsored by the Commercial Law League and scheduled at the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel in Chicago on May 1 and May 2. The faculty for the Symposium will include several members of the College, and the programs will cover a range of important and timely bankruptcy subjects. Details on the Symposium can be found on the Commercial Law League's website (www.clla.org).

-- Ralph Mabey

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Committees

Best Practices	Chair, Douglas Baird
Communications College Columns – Chair, Grant Stein	Chair, Mark Bloom
Distinguished Service Award	Chair, Ray Shapiro
Education Programs Distinguished Law Student Program – Chair, Kaaran Thomas	Chair, Sally Neely
International Fellows Outreach	Co-Chairs, Bruce Leonard, Daniel Glosband
Finance	Co-Chairs, Dan Armel, Al Koch
History of College	Chair, Daniel Glosband
Judges' Outreach	Chair, Hon. Barbara Houser
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Meetings and Events 2009 Annual Meeting – Chair, Susan Freeman	Chair, Taft McKinstry
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Pro Bono	Chair, Michael Cook
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