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**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

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**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**      **Reception** (*Spouses and guests are welcome!*)

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**Friday, May 3, 2019**

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**7:30 a.m.**      **Breakfast Buffet**

**7:55 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**      **Welcome**

*Speaker:* Christopher A. Jones, Chair, Bankruptcy Law Section  
Whiteford Taylor Preston, LLP – Falls Church, VA

**8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**  
(75 min. CLE)

**Ten (or more) Litigation Opinions You Need to Know About**

The panel will review recent decisions involving various litigation issues, with views from the bench. Topics will include motions practice, evidentiary issues, and discovery.

*Speakers:* Corey S. Booker  
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP – Richmond, VA

Hon. John A. Gibney, Jr.  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia – Richmond, VA

Donald C. Schultz  
Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC – Norfolk, VA

**9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
(75 min. CLE)

**Expert Witnesses – Prepping, Qualifying and Presenting**

The panel will provide tips on selecting, preparing, qualifying, challenging, and presenting expert witness testimony, with a particular focus on financial experts and bankruptcy related issues (e.g. solvency opinions, asset valuation, plan confirmation).

*Speakers:* Hon. Rebecca B. Connelly  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Virginia – Harrisonburg, VA

Jeffrey T. Martin, Jr.  
Henry & O'Donnell – Alexandria, VA

**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**      **Break**

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**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
(90 min. CLE)

## **Preparing, Filing, and Prosecuting Cases in Bankruptcy Court**

The panel will provide insight on the litigation process, from the pretrial preparation of a lawsuit, through service and motions practice, discovery and trial.

*Speakers:* William A. Gray  
Sands Anderson PC – Richmond, VA

Rachel A. Greenleaf  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia – Richmond, VA

Barry W. Spear  
Boleman Law Firm – Virginia Beach, VA

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch** (*Included in registration for meeting attendee; separate registration fee for spouses and guests required.*)

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
(60 min. CLE)

## **Bankruptcy Appeals**

The panel will provide an overview of the appellate process, starting with the Bankruptcy Court and finishing with the Court of Appeals. The presentation will include a discussion of applicable Bankruptcy Rules, standards of review, and other legal doctrines that govern appeals from the Bankruptcy Court.

*Speakers:* Paula S. Beran  
Tavenner & Beran PLLC – Richmond, VA

Majel Stein  
Staff Attorney, United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit – Richmond, VA

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**  
(60 min. CLE;  
60 min. Ethics)

## **Ethical Issues in Courtroom Practice**

This section of the program uses several hypotheticals to review and explore the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, the Virginia Bar's Legal Ethics Opinions, the United States Bankruptcy Code, and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as they relate to adversary proceedings and contested matters in the bankruptcy courts. The topics will include (1) dealing with untruthful witnesses, clients and non-clients; (2) client confidences and discovery; (3) the duty of candor towards the Court and Rule 9011, as they relate to pleadings; (4) Remedial measures including terminating representation; (5) diligence and communication; (6) attorney conduct at trial.

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*Speakers:* Richard I. Hutson  
Friedman, Framme & Thrush, P.A. – Owings Mill, MD

Mary Christine Maggard  
Brock & Scott – Richmond, VA

Hon. Frank J. Santoro  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia – Norfolk, VA