

Bankruptcy/UCC Committee Minutes
January 26, 2023

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- Kenneth Murena, Legislative Vice Chair kmurena@dvllp.com
- Adina Pollan, Second Vice Chair (not present) apollan@mcglinchey.com
- Judge Mindy Mora, Judicial Chair

I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes from the Prior Meeting - Exhibit A
Mariane Dorris

Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mariane, Roy Kobert (second). Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

Attendance sheet and Resolution regarding Russ Blain's proposal to rename the View from the Bench. Read before Mr. Blain made a motion.

II. Introductions of Special Guests and Pro Bono Reminder
Mariane Dorris

Reaffirmed Section's pro bono commitment. Two different ways to participate. Veteran's Literacy Project – virtual. Also pro se virtual clinic via Middle District of Florida. Potentially an app will be launched. Judge Mora – when in private practice, pro bono was not top of mind. There is a true need that she sees in her role as judge. Volunteer meeting for charity for Dress for Success, which helps women who do not have interviewing skills, plus gives them proper attire for work settings. I work in a court where there are female debtors who need this service. How do we identify those people? Debtors' counsel, bankruptcy trustees – can institute a program that can start identifying those in need. She is in the process of creating a program to help with this. Turns out they are also looking for people who can speak on financial literacy. Even if you have no time, there are still places where your brain power can be used to better someone else's life.

III. Business Law Section Update & Welcome

Doug Bates – apologized about the room change. Thank everyone for being here. Chair of the section. Mark Stein is chair elect. Secretary Stephanie Lieb. Peter Valorie legislative chair. Manny Farach is treasurer (absent). Thanks to Financial Literacy. Let us know what we can do to help. Lunch today with Judge Robert Luck – here from the 11th Circuit. Manny discussed the Section's money. Financials – taken some steps to overhaul reporting so we can get them monthly. Better pulse to see what is going on so we can spend money on other projects, such as the scholars, etc. Gives us comfort to do as much as we can to help. EC will be at 4 pm. Manny – if you want to spend money, send Manny a request as well as the Chair, so we can rally to help you. Should be no expenditures without approval from the treasurer and the chair. Doug – if you see Tracey Eller, she deserves a thank you. She has done an amazing job with the exit of our Section Administrator in December. This is a big reason the meeting is moving as smoothly as possible. Regarding the Section Administrator, Stefanie Svisco is no longer with us, so please send requests to me. The

people at the Bar are amazing. Leroy Smith is helping to filter to the appropriate person. Calbrail is also helping out, but please do not go directly to her. She is also helping with other Sections so we cannot overwhelm her. They are working to hire a new Section Administrator. Thank you.

IV. New Business

Honoring Legacy of Honorable Michael G. Williamson

Russ Blain, Doug Bates

Mariane – Next on the agenda is Russ Blain. Anyone who was not present at Judicial Liaison who is not familiar with the resolution? Russ – there is a stack on the back table of hard copies. Think about what Judge Williamson meant to you and the insolvency world. Just an amazing man and a big part of all of our lives. His family appreciates all the help from the Section. Read that when you get the chance. Plan is to get it done. Linda knows what is going on and she is grateful. Made a motion that the committee unanimously approve the resolution and authorize it to be sent to the EC. Motion made by Russ Blain and seconded by Judge Olsen. Passed unanimously.

V. Legislation

A. Legislative Overview for 2023 Session

Peter Valori, Legislation Committee Chair

Aimee Diaz Lyon, Section Lobbyist

Mariane – Peter left without Legislative update so Kenny will report.

B. Legislative Review Subcommittee

Kenny Murena

Jodi Dubose, Andrew Layden, James Silver, Luis Rivera, Thomas Zeichman

Kenny – Aimee Diaz-Lyon has two law changes presented that we might care about. RPPTLS have proposed two bills that we thought does fit within our Section but we did not get a sense of the timing, so we did not jump on them. One of them we might want to do today or wait and see. First one – proposed expansion to the applicability of Section 697.07 Assignment of Rents and Section 702.10 (make payments during a foreclosure) – expand lender’s ability to obtain rental income from third parties but did not assume the mortgage. Changes are not that controversial. Perhaps we need to look deeper into it. Second – changes to Section 702.036 (finality of foreclosure judgments). Remove the word mortgage from the title. Make it apply to other types of liens, not just mortgage foreclosures. One of the changes would be to include community association liens and construction liens, and to provide for prevailing party attorney’s fees in post-foreclosure litigation for junior lienholders improperly trying to foreclosure. We will let everyone know what happens so we can weigh in once we know timing. Judge Mora – they are meeting next week to consider proposals, then they will make a final decision. Land title people – controversy. Big land title companies support things and smaller companies do not. Whole economic structure that impacts that legislation. Trying to move forward to get final approval and meeting with their lobbyist.

C. 2023 Legislative Items

a. *Judgment Lien Amendments*

Prof. Jeff Davis, Jodi Dubose

Mariane – judgment lien amendments. “Good to go.” House sponsor and a senate sponsor. Last time she checked, there was only one bill in the house, HB 27 – improvement in judgment liens. Submitted by Benjamin Woodson. So far, no changes to what we have approved. So just waiting to see Senate Companion Bill.

b. *ABC Glitch Bill*

Patricia Redmond, Jodi Dubose

Trish Redmond – ABC glitch bill. HB 491 filed today. We have a senate sponsor. We are almost there. Version passed there are RPPTLS have a few questions, and as Judge Mora mentioned, from the land title people. They want to know about recording, and whether the assignee after filing the assignment in states outside of Florida, they want to cut back and carve out real estate, and we agreed. I have a meeting later today to finalize it with them.

c. *Warehouse Lien Amendments (§713.585)*

Dennis LeVine

Mariane – warehouse liens. Dennis LeVine’s project. Concern there would not be any traction. Lo and behold, there were other groups who were trying to make changes, like motor vehicle liens. There seems to be some movement in the universe to get this and other related amendments passed. Does not have a home yet, but there is hope there will be some traction this year.

d. *Kearney Fix (Re: Requirements for Waivers of Exemptions)*

Jennifer Morando, John Hutton

Kearney Fix – John Hutton. RPPTLS will try to push it this year. Previously got vetoed. Not sure if that has taken off. Judge Mora – just hearing about all of this, we need to make sure we have a liaison identified with the RPPTLS. We are pushing legislation; they are going to push back. Maybe we need to have a pipeline to establish. Manny served in that role informally but he is not a member of this committee, so maybe we should identify someone to serve in that role. Mariane – is there anyone here that is involved? Kathleen DiSanto volunteered. Since you have a relationship with someone you can regularly speak with that person to find out what is next on their agenda.

e. *Motor Vehicle Exemption*

Kelly Roberts, Luis Rivera

Motor Vehicle Exemption Study Group – Kelly Roberts. Last year – Gov. DeSantis vetoed HB 265, which started as a simple increase of the exemption from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and mutated when it went through the Senate and the House. The increase would only apply to bankruptcy debtors, and the other people would not get the benefit. BLS took a position to object to the proposed legislation, and that was the basis for Gov. DeSantis vetoing. Amy said Rep. Gottlieb will try to

push through the bill as it was with just the increase. Is that best for everyone? No. But we may not have the time to produce a more in-depth proposal before he files his bill, But we are trying before June to get a proposal for comment if a Bill is not filed. If a Bill is filed, then maybe we will put a pin on it until later, with a survey on where Florida is in relation to everything else. Judge McEwen – federal exemption is tied to CPI and ours should be too. Today is the deadline for filing bills. Judge Mora – but the bill can be amended. Who is the sponsor? McEwen and Kelly – Gottlieb. Amy has been in contact with him. Judge Mora – should we be taking a vote on whether or not this is something we can recommend? Mariane – BLS does not take a position on the CPI part. Just a general approval of the increase. Is there a motion from the committee to propose that we modify our legislative position? Peter Valori – one of the things we have talked about with Amy, we do not want to muck up what is already in the works. Gottlieb was not too excited about BLS participation. Amy suggested our input and the response was a flat no. Kelly – he said, “you’ll see it when it’s filed.” Luis Rivera – you can get the approval here, and then get the discretion of whether or not to move forward. Move to adopt the proposal from last year and then add the CPI to send to EC by Mark Wolfson. Scott Shuker second. No discussion. Approved unanimously with Judges abstaining. There is now a triple motion this afternoon.

- f. ***FDUTPA Exhibit B - White Paper on Proposed Revisions to Fla. Stat. § 501.207 and incorporated proposed amendment***
R. Scott Shuker

Mariane – there is a triple motion. Exhibit B. Revisions to 501.207. White paper is attached. Scott Shuker – chaired a study group with amendments to FDUTPA. Worked on a fix based on *Pearlman* that applied an *in pari delicto* defense. Included language to the statute that means they can pursue without regard to any wrongful acts as stated in Exhibit B. That is to deal with this case. We met with the AG’s office, got their input, and produced this language. Have not heard of any objection. Proposed triple motion made here and then take to EC. Seconded by Roy Kobert. Discussion – Scott Shuker. Is this the same fix to the ABC statute? Trish can answer that. Dan Stermer – 11th circuit said this is not what it says it is. *Isaiah* case and *Pearlman* case. Even though no state court has said this. Scott Shuker – a few years ago, there was another case. We are making it even more explicit if there is an ABC. Think the ABC language is fine. Have not heard reports where assignees are getting shut down. Trish – so far not a problem. This bill should not hold it up. Judge Mora – if it ain’t broke don’t fix it. Mariane – all in favor? Passed unanimously with judicial abstentions.

D. Legislative Items to be Monitored

- a. *Foreclosure Notice Bill Exhibit D*
April Stone, Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen

Judge McEwen – foreclosure notice bill. Shopping it this year to veterans. One – Rep. Jay Cohens. The other is Danny Alvarez, former intern of hers. Danny has filed two bills, so he is going to slip this one in. If not, I will go to Darryl who sponsored in 2021.

- b. *UCRERA Glitch Bill*
Hon. Mindy A. Mora

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Judge Mora – UCRERA. Meeting next week. Florida Land Title Association, not RPPTL, is threatening to mess around with our UCRERA statute because of title companies having problems insuring title before the foreclosure judgment was entered. Disparity between big and small title companies. We just have to see how all this plays out. Our new liaison will get to have a voice in that discussion. The glitch bill has been sent to FLTA and so far, the opposition seems to have died down; we will know more soon.

- c. *Bankruptcy Venue Reform Act of 2021* (H.R. 4193/ S.2827)
John Hutton, Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen

Mariane – Bankruptcy Reform Act. New Congress. John Hutton had some thoughts on that. John – the group that is trying to push it. Same bill. One of the challenges this year is Cornyn from Texas. His enthusiasm has waned. Group is looking for a new republican senator. Grassroots efforts. Trying to get as many sponsors as possible. Law Day in early March. Tends to be very productive. Reach out and get support. Mariane – if it comes back let us know. If not, then we will remove it from the agenda. Judge Mora – it would be difficult to find a new sponsor to take this bill to the desk of the president who blocked this legislation for years and years.

- d. *Nondebtor Release Prohibition Act of 2021* (H.R. 4777/S.2497)
Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen

Mariane – Non-Debtor Release Prohibition Act (Sackler Act). Did not pass. Only one bill with bankruptcy in the title that has been passed so far. Judge McEwen – did not go very far.

E. Study Groups

- a. ***New: UCC 9-Financing Statements*** **Exhibit C**
Adina Pollan apollan@mcglinchey.com

Mariane – More new study groups. UCC 9 Financing Issue. Case law in Exhibit C. Recent decision by 11th circuit on the precision to which a debtor name must appear on a UCC 1. Issue is the search software. Adina Pollan has agreed to chair this study group. Possibly a legislative fix. Mark Wolfson – had a conversation with the private vendor. Alerted them of this issue. Reach out to Mark and Adina if interested. Sign-Up sheet will be sent around.

- b. *UCC Article 12*
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Jaime Leggett jleggett@bastamron.com

Mariane – Article 12 study group. Robert Kain – chair of the study group. Technology/IP computer lawyer. Jamie and Michael are the vice chairs. This is the most major change to the UCC in the past 50 years. Enables a lender to establish a security interest in a digital asset. Definition is broad enough to cover any advancement in technology. For example, an online store makes a deal where a percentage of income gets sent directly to the lender. If the lender wants to modify, they can

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change that controllable account to a second lender. This covers the ability to do that. I am a computer lawyer, so I rely on bankruptcy lawyers. Our task force is very dynamic. Uniform Law Commission passed Article 12 just in July last year. Been adopted by many states. Developing a white paper. The task force does have a segment on the BLS website. Look for the version date code to get the most recent copy. Jamie – White paper is about 70% done. The task force has not seen any issues. There are substantial amendments to Article 9 (Section 679). Relying on a group of scholars. Leadership of BLS has indicated that Article 12 is not on the leadership's board to go through this year legislature, but next year. Blockchain Business Organization has identified a legislator who wants to push through bill this session but so far, no sponsor. If that happens, then the task force will make sure the Florida statute follows the Uniform Law Commissions UCC article 12. My concern is there is no difference between the Florida UCC and the ULC's UCC. So far have not seen anything. If anyone wants to review the white paper, now is the time to get that in. Watching the commentary from the big law firms and articles, everything seems to be favorable. There is an ALI replay – everything you want to know about UCC Article 12. Mark Wolfson – Steve Weiss was an advisor to the committee. He spoke to our group once. He is going to assist and provide technical support. He thinks it is really important for Florida to get on board. Judge Mora – don't we have some unique Florida revisions to Article 9? Mark – they do not really affect this. 99% of the modifications do not apply to Article 12. This is like a general intangible, but to make sure it is a covered category. So secured lenders can monetize and get perfected liens. Robert – you all know that under Article 9, if you file it in a different state, the problem with digital assets is where is the proper location for them? We have this fluid digital asset without any situs. The electronic record is tied to a digital asset. This solves that problem, so lenders do not need to file in all 50 states. Judge Mora – is that the place of formation of the business entity? Robert – no. In the amendments, it should be spelled out – the controllable electronic record (CER) itself. It should be in the white paper. You have to identify where the wallet is. Judge McEwen – this should be a joint project with bankruptcy. You have to run it through this committee. Robert – half of my committee is from this committee. This is a section-level task force. Joint task force. Judge Mora – this was attractive to younger members. Want to make sure people who are familiar with Article 9 are represented on the task force. Mark Wolfson – if you read the white paper, it explains the connection of why this was being done. Robert – I know historically you have been identifying intangibles in UCC statements, but I am unfamiliar with a case which stated crypto was not within the purview of a UCC statement. But that would not surprise me. Mark Wolfson – let us not go down a rabbit hole. It is what is in a security agreement. Does it have the definition? Then it would cover all assets. Basically creating an 8th category. Mark Healy – do we need to file new UCCs? Mark Wolfson – no. Just redefine the security agreement. Judge Mora – where do we file? I am hearing a different notification structure may be contemplated in Article 12 to alert of the security interest. I want to make sure it is consistent with Florida law. Robert – if a debtor owns crypto and it is located in an electronic wallet, because of the international issues and the number of places with platforms (like Amazon), which are different platforms than where the wallet is maintained. This is a controllable electronic record. Coinbase is a wallet. In order to transfer the crypto to someone else, the lender will need the private key. Different than public key. Lender will have the private key. Mark Wolfson – the Judge's question is different. Judge Mora – where the asset is located in the ether, there is something that ties the asset to the ether, and that is permanently fixed and that is where the filing happens. Kelly – how do you search for that? Robert – that's not part of the UCC. It provides a nominal framework that the marketplace will build that. Debtor-lender transaction with digital assets the lender will have to pass the private key to the lender as the

security interest. It is a controllable electronic record – that is the key word. Mark Wolfson – think of a deposit account. It is addressed in the white paper. Robert – if there is anything you have any doubt about, on the BLS web page there is an article from The Transactional Lawyer that gives 6 examples. This is helpful and will answer all of your questions. October 2022 Transactional Lawyer on the BLS website under this task force. Question – where does the right of the bankruptcy trustee come in and how do they determine if there is a secured lender? What we are used to in the bankruptcy universe is not going to be easy to determine. Mark Wolfson – it is in the white paper. Robert – read The Transactional Lawyer article.

c. Uniform Voidable Transactions Act Task Force
John Hutton

John Hutton – UVTA. Any update? Newly appointed liaison to RPPTLs will help.

VI. Continuing Legal Education, Communications, and Publications

A. Bankruptcy/UCC Committee CLE Programs

a. Previously Held CLE Programs

i. View From the Bench

November 3 (Tampa) 4 (Miami), 2022

Stephanie Lieb, Brad Saxton

Mariane – View from the Bench – the sessions in Miami and Tampa were well attended.

b. Future Programs

i. A.B.C. (Fla. Stat. §727): The State Court Alternative to Bankruptcy Court

February 9, 2023: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Webinar.

Registration Open

Speakers: R. Scott Shuker, Mark C. Healy, & Patricia Redmond

Fee: \$50.00 Members, \$110.00 Non-Section Members

Yesterday we had a panel discussion on Subchapter V. Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you for the sponsors. If you need the course number, it is on the agenda. (Course No. 6887) If this continues it will be on Kenny. Future programs – ABC lunch & learn will be moved from February 9 as soon as we have a new date.

ii. Practices & Procedures: Bankruptcy Judges of the Jacksonville Division of the Middle District of Florida

March 30, 2023: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Webinar with In-Person Attendance in Courthouse

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Speakers: United States Bankruptcy Judges for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division, Honorable Jacob Brown, and Honorable Jason Burgess

Moderator: Adina Pollan

Fee: Free to Section members

iii. *Practices & Procedures: Bankruptcy Judges of the Orlando Division of the Middle District of Florida*

April 19, 2023: 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Webinar

Speakers: United States Bankruptcy Judges for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, Honorable Tiffany Geyer, Honorable Grace Robson, and Honorable Lori Vaughan

Moderator: Ana DeVilliers, Staff Attorney with Chapter 13 Trustee Office

Fee: Free to Section members

Two more confirmed panels – Bankruptcy Procedures for Jacksonville and Orlando. March 30 for Jacksonville. Orlando will be April 19. Both of those will be free to section members.

iv. *Litigating Confirmation Issues*

May 2023 (TBD) Webinar

v. *View From the Bench 2023* – Tampa and Miami

November 2 (Tampa), Reception (11/01/2023): New Location
USF Health CAMLS (124 S Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602)

November 3 (Miami)

Trying to do yet another CLE during my tenure here. Please reach out to me with ideas. View from the Bench will be November 2 in Tampa with a reception on November 1. New location. The program will take place at USF. Not sure about Miami location yet.

B. *Communications Committee Report & Newsletter*

Shirley Palumbo Shirley.Palumbo@gmlaw.com

Communications – Shirley Palumbo. Not here but requesting articles and blogs. Doing a Black History Month and Women's History Month newsletters. Please reach out to Shirley.

C. *CLE Committee Report & Fla. Bar Journal*

Luis Rivera Luis.Rivera@gray-robinson.com

Florida Bar Journal – Luis. BLS has a column in each issue of The Florida Bar Journal, which is an excellent opportunity to get your article published. Coordinate with me or Utibe who is the chair of that committee, and we will help you substantively edit. We missed the deadline yesterday, but I will help edit and get it published. There are slots available. CLE is working on a checklist to get approval. We can help be a liaison with the big bar to get it fast tracked. Mariane – dates are

in the agenda. So if looking to get published and you do not have an article ready, then March 1 is the next deadline. Article 12? Could be a great article.

D. Out of State Division Newsletter Submissions

Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen, Don Workman

Judge McEwen – no update for out of state. Judge Mora – if you are a younger lawyer, this is how you build gravitas. This is how you become a full-fledged member of the bar. Turn what you are working on into an article. Start getting your name out into the community. Judge McEwen – UCC would be a perfect opportunity. Mariane – I personally have written articles on cases I have read that I've disagreed with, or I watched a program on TV that inappropriately disparages bankruptcy. The CLE committee is there to help you to help with structure or editorial assistance. Wow that was fun! Made me feel better as a lawyer getting comments from other lawyers. Roy Kobert – you can always co-author with someone else. Luis – all of the information is on the CLE website.

VII. Cross-Committee Partnership and Other Liaison Reports

A. Other Liaison Reports

a. IMF Committee – Adam Gilbert

Adam Gilbert – IMF committee report. Applications are open for new fellows. Apply by April. Spread the word. Mariane – please have all existing fellows stand and introduce themselves. Lauren Stricker. Kelly Roberts. Juan Mendoza. Kayla Heckman. Adam Gilbert. Reina Shipman. Nicole McLemore. Mariane – This is the 10th anniversary of the inaugural class.

b. Financial Literacy – Carlos Sardi

Financial Literacy – Carlos. Met this morning, I have two announcements. First – the task force has pushed forward once again a declaration so that the month of April will be declared as Financial Literacy Month. Final version of the resolution is posted on our website. Already provided to legislation. Hopefully, this year it will start. Also asked to tell you that the task force has been talking about planning an event in November for Veterans. Looking at 5 cities – Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, and Pensacola. Materials. We need volunteers and coordinators to make this happen in each of these cities. If you would indulge me, there is a database that is already on our web page that allows you to sign up and become a volunteer. Hopefully, these programs will be in person. If you are interested in being a coordinator. Please contact me. Judge Isicoff is also available. She knows where you live.

c. Membership Committee – Dana Robbins, Juan Mendoza

Membership – Juan. We did a recap at our meeting to discuss the scholar's program. Looked at potential changes. Want to make sure we keep them engaged in the section. There is a new project that the committee is starting – called the Business Law Practitioners Project. Those who are not currently members, looking to get them engaged as members.

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d. *Pro Bono* – Hon. Laurel Myerson Isicoff

Judge Isicoff – pro bono. The first award will be given at our June meeting. January 31 is the deadline for nominations. Only one nominee so far. Please get nominations in. Criteria and forms are on the website. Pro bono pledge – please sign the pledge. Those who signed it re-read it. Please consider joining our committee. Lots of opportunities. Jen Morando – free legal answers with laptops. Pro bono heroes. Profiles every quarter. If people are interested in sharing their story with her, please get in touch. Tara Trevarow – Another way to get your name out there.

e. *Regional Bankruptcy Bar Liaisons*

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Christian Haman chaman@dallagolaw.com (CFBLA, JBBA, SFBPA)

Adam Gilbert – regional bankruptcy bar liaisons. Pilot scholars' program. South Florida. Southern District is having a golf invitational. Bankruptcy Bar of Southern District has many socials and events planned. Middle – TBBA has 175 members this year and growing. Pro bono. Grant for financial literacy. Opening up CLEs to other organizations. Look for CLE opportunities. Judge Glenn Memorial Golf Tournament. Judge Williamson Memorial. Northern District – annual seminar was cancelled due to unsafe conditions. Judge Specie's leadership has started a new initiative to assist pro se filers. Free volunteer reaffirmation assistance program. Annual seminar in September or October.

Mike Del Lago for Christian – SW Florida Bankruptcy Association. Shut down for a while, but plans are now under way for the 10th annual Paskay dinner in March. We would love to have you. Central Florida – continues to stay active with meetings at Akerman in Orlando. August 24 a half day summit is planned. Jacksonville – preparing for Judge Burgess' investiture. Excited to see friends and colleagues. Brown bag luncheon with Judge Brown. More brown bag lunches are coming up. Lunch & learn for emerging cash lenders (MCA). 2023 annual seminar on August 11. Thanks members for the great turnout at the cocktail party on the battleship.

f. *ABI Liaison* – Adina Pollan

February 21-22, 2023

Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar

JW Marriott Water Street, Tampa, FL

July 20-23, 2023

Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop

Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL

Mariane – additional ABI events. Adina Pollan is the liaison. February 21-22 Paskay seminar. July 20-23 Southeast seminar. If you would like to see topics, please let Adina know. John Hutton also said you can contact him.

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ABI's Diversity and Inclusion Mentoring Program (June 2022 – June 2023) seeks to build personal and professional relationships while promoting diversity and leadership within the ABI.

<https://diversity.abi.org/mentoring/apply>

Mariane – there is a diversity inclusion mentoring program. The Application is not yet open, but the link is provided. Yearlong program. Rotate between professionals. Fantastic program. Substantive programs – the last one on mental health and substance abuse. I am part of that working group. Hope we can incorporate our young members.

ABI's "40 Under 40 Program"

40 under 40. You can nominate yourself. Do not get recommendations within your own firm. Great way to stand out. There is a selection process that is very competitive. Luis – Honorees get free drinks for life at ABI events.

VIII. Future Meeting Dates & Events

Investiture Ceremony of Hon. Judge Jason A. Burgess

February 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

United States District Court

Ceremonial Courtroom, 13A

300 North Hogan Street

Jacksonville, Florida

Investiture Ceremony of Hon. Judge Tiffany Geyer

March 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

United States District Court

George C. Young Federal Annex Courthouse

Orlando, Florida

Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge?

April 3, 2023 (Tampa, Miami, Orlando)

EC Retreat – April 23-27, 2023, Sedona, AZ

Annual Meeting – June 21 – 24, 2023, The Boca Raton, Boca Raton, FL

Labor Day Retreat – August 31 – September 4, 2023, Location TBD

Future meeting dates – Judge Burgess' investiture on February 2. Judge Geyer's investiture is on St. Patrick's Day. Roadways to the Bench – April 3. Need to preregister for the event. EC Retreat in Sedona. Annual meeting in Boca this year June 21-24. Labor Day Retreat August 31-September 4, Location yet to be determined due to Hurricane Ian. Judge Mora – thanked all of the people

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who were sponsors for the Florida reception at NCBJ. Also, NCBJ will be in Austin from October 10-14. Great way to meet other bankruptcy professionals.

Motion to Adjourn by Kelly Roberts. Seconded by Luis Rivera. Passed.