



Hon. Roberta Colton, Judicial Chair

Mariane Dorris, Chair

JUDICIAL LIAISON AGENDA

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 4:00 pm – 6:00 p.m.

I. Introductions and Networking - Be prepared to tell us about yourself and your practice.

II. Reports from the Chief Judges/Clerks

Middle District (Chief Judge Delano)

Northern District (Chief Judge Specie)

Southern District (Chief Judge Kimball)

III. Just One Thing

Judge Grossman will lead the discussion on AI and the practice of law – legal research, brief writing, client monitoring of attorneys etc. Please see the attached article.

IV. Discovery in Bankruptcy: From Contested Matters to Adversary Proceedings. Course No. 7945

A discussion of how discovery disputes are perceived and handled across all three districts.

Judge McEwen (MD), Chief Judge Specie (ND), Judge Mora (SD) will lead the discussion of topics such as:

What is proportionality and its application to contested matters and adversary proceedings?

What are the procedures and limitations of 2004 examinations in the MD, ND and SD?

Comments from the Judges on how each handles discovery disputes and what can be done to improve uniformity and consistency?

What should and should not be attached to a Motion to Compel?

Is Zoom an acceptable response to a deposition request?

What should be included in a privilege log?

How are *in camera* inspections handled?

How are sanctions determined?

v. New Business – Future Meetings and Topics