

2026 9th Annual Connecticut Bankruptcy Conference

Thursday, October 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saint Clements Castle and Marina
Portland

Presented by the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section

Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

Waterford Room

8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Waterford Room

Presenters:

Hon. Julie A. Manning, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, Bridgeport

John Cesaroni, Zeisler & Zeisler PC, Bridgeport

Joanna M. Kornafel, Green & Sklarz LLC, New Haven

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Opening Plenary: State of the Court (ECB261022-OP)

Waterford Room

Presenter: Chief Judge Ann M. Nevins, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, New Haven

9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Transition

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Morning Plenary: Judges' Round Table (ECB261022-MP)

Waterford Room

Presenters:

Chief Judge Elizabeth D. Katz, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts, Springfield, MA

Chief Judge Ann M. Nevins, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, New Haven

Hon. John A. Dorsey, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Rhode Island, Providence, RI

Hon. David S. Jones, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, NY

Hon. James J. Tancredi, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, Hartford

Moderator:

Hon. Julie A. Manning, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut, Bridgeport

11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Break

11:25 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Concurrent Seminars 1

Consumer Track A: Clawback Chronicles – Avoidance Action Pitfalls, Practice & Perspectives (ECB261022-1A)

Prince Edward Ballroom A

Presenters:

Robert M. Fleischer, Green & Sklarz, LLC, New Haven

Taruna Garg, Harris Beach Murtha, Stamford

Bonnie Mangan, Law Office of Bonnie C. Mangan PC, South Windsor

Commercial Track B: Bankruptcy Exceptionalism: Are These Courts of Law or Equity—or Both? (ECB261022-1B)

Prince Edward Ballroom B/C

Presenters:

Chief Judge Alan S. Trust (Ret.), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York, Central Islip, NY

Portia Baudisch, Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport

Brian Remondino, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Stamford

12:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Lunch

Waterford Room

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Luncheon Plenary: Practical Application of Artificial Intelligence for Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Lawyers (ECB261022-LP)

Waterford Room

Presenters:

Hon. Christopher J. Panos, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA

Monte E. Frank, Pullman & Comley LLC, Bridgeport

Stacey Lantagne, Suffolk University, Boston, MA

2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Break

2:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Concurrent Seminars 2

Consumer Track A: Means Analysis Test (ECB261022-2A)

Prince Edward Ballroom A

Presenters:

Gregory F. Arcaro, Advanced Bankruptcy Legal Services of Connecticut, Grafstein & Arcaro, LLC, New Britain

Denise M. Shear, Roberta Napolitano Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Hartford

Commercial Track B: Subchapter V: Perks and Pitfalls (ECB261022-2B)

Prince Edward Ballroom B/C

Presenters:

Hon. Paul W. Bonapel, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Georgia

Kara S. Rescia, Rescia Vaillancourt, P.C., Enfield

3:35 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Closing Plenary: The Bad Boys of Bankruptcy and Ethical Issues in Bankruptcy Cases (ECB261022-CP)

Waterford Room

Presenters:

Hon. Frank J. Bailey, (Ret.), Pioneer New England Legal Foundation, Boston, MA

Hon. Elizabeth A. Gunn, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Columbia, Washington, DC

5:15 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Waterford Room

5:20 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception (with hot passed *hors d'oeuvres*)

Waterford Room