

THE CAPITAL REGION BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE
CENTRAL NEW YORK BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENT THEIR

TWENTIETH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

THE OTESAGA RESORT
HOTEL
COOPERSTOWN, NY

OCTOBER 23-24, 2015

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

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REGISTER EARLY!
SPACE IS LIMITED!



Dear Colleagues:

As Chair of this year's Conference, I join the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar and Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Associations in inviting you to join us at the historic and beautiful Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, New York on October 23-24, 2015. This twentieth anniversary year promises to offer what we have come to expect—a nationally renowned faculty of judges, academics, and practitioners with plenty of opportunity for the bench and bar to mingle in a relaxed and picturesque setting. The joint committee has worked hard to develop a lively and varied program. Plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Cooperstown!

Peg Cangilos-Ruiz
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, N.D.N.Y.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Hotel Reservations:

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with The Otsego Resort Hotel utilizing the Hotel Registration Form sent with the brochure. Please ensure that you receive a confirmation directly from The Otsego once you have forwarded your registration.

* Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conference Registration:

Conference registration is made through the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association. Please note that registration for the Conference is separate from your hotel reservation with The Otsego. All checks for the Conference registration should be made payable to “CRBBA” and should be mailed to: Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association, Attn: Conference Registration, c/o William Schiller, Esq., Schiller & Knapp, LLP, 950 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

Please be sure to include:

1. Conference registration check;
2. Conference Registration Form with registration option box checked and the registrant’s name, address, phone number, and email address; and
3. Bar Association Annual Registration Form and check for annual dues.



Capital Region and Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Associations

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

2015 Annual Conference - October 23-24, 2015

OPTION A:

If you make a reservation to stay at The Otesaga you should choose Option A, as your meals are included in your hotel room rate. Choose Option B if you are not staying at The Otesaga but want meals at The Otesaga included with your registration fee.

Member Rate	\$325.00 on or before 9/25/15	\$350.00 after 9/25/15
Non-Member Rate	\$375.00 on or before 9/25/15	\$400.00 after 9/25/15

OPTION B:

Conference registration with meal choices (Not staying at The Otesaga)

Option A amount + _____(add total for meal choices below)= _____

Add to the above cost the following meals that you desire. Check meals desired (a meal card will be provided)

Lunch buffet - Friday	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dinner - Friday	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast - Saturday	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch - Saturday	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPTION C:

Sorry, I cannot attend. I am enclosing Bar Association dues ONLY (use separate form provided) \$40.00

PLEASE SEE CONFERENCE OPTIONS ABOVE

Name: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Guest's name as it should appear on name tag: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for Conference registration Option _____.

BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Membership in the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association or the Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association must be renewed annually. The prior year's membership expires on the day preceding the Annual Bankruptcy Conference. **In order to take advantage of the membership benefits, including the reduced Annual Conference rate, a membership application and separate dues check must accompany your seminar registration.**

- Membership Benefits:**
- Inclusion on mailing/email lists
 - Reduced pricing for Annual Conference and Association CLE programs and events
- Annual Dues:** \$40.00

**PLEASE RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH
YOUR CHECK FOR YOUR ANNUAL DUES.**

Name: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

- Check for \$40.00 enclosed payable to Bar Association of choice (see below)

Please apply my dues to my membership in (choose one):

_____ CRBBA - Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association

_____ CNYBBA - Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association

TWENTIETH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 2015

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Registration

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Joint CRBBA/CNYBBA Board Meeting

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Welcome

Hon. Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz
Chief Judge, Northern District of New York

10:00 am - 10:50 am

Bankruptcy News Updates

Bill Rochelle
*Bankruptcy Columnist
Bloomberg News*

10:50 am - 11:10 am

Coffee Break

11:10 am - 12:00 pm

**Leases in Business Cases,
Large and Small: Asset or Liability?**

Hon. Leif M. Clark (Ret.)
Western District of Texas

Kevin M. Newman, Esq.
Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C.

Laura Davis Jones, Esq.
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones PLLC

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Lunch Buffet

1:15 pm - 2:05 pm

Breakout Sessions (choose one):

**A. The Momentive Decision:
Intercreditor Agreements,
Make-Whole Provisions, and
Cramdown**

Hon. Robert D. Drain
Southern District of New York

Paul A. Levine, Esq.
Lemery Greisler LLC

Stephen A. Donato, Esq.
Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC

Lee E. Woodard, Esq.
Harris Beach PLLC

**B. Chapter 13 Post-Confirmation
Activities**

Hon. James L. Garrity
Southern District of New York

John Cannizzaro, Esq.
Cannizzaro, Dridges, Jillsky & Streng, LLC

Andrea E. Celli, *Chapter 13 Standing Trustee*

Mark W. Swimelar, *Chapter 13 Standing Trustee*

2:05 pm – 2:55 pm

**Auto Surrender to Third Parties
in Chapter 7: Valuable Service
or Vehicular Hostage-Taking?**

Lawrence J. Fallon, Esq.
*Ally Financial Inc.
In-house counsel*

Martin Mooney, Esq.
Schiller and Knapp, LLP

Mary Lannon Fangio, Esq.
Whitelaw & Fangio

2:55 pm - 3:15 pm

Coffee Break

3:15 - 4:05 pm

Breakout Sessions (choose one):

**A. The Fair Debt Collection Practices
Act: Trends in Consumer Claims and
Debt Collector Defenses**

Robert L. Arleo, Esq.
Law Offices of Robert L. Arleo, Esq

B. Business Valuation

Garry M. Graber, Esq.
Hodgson Russ LLP

Kelly G. Besaw, CPA, CVA
Chiampon Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP

4:05 pm - 4:55 pm

What is Property of the Estate?

Hon. Sean H. Lane
Southern District of New York

Guy A. Van Baalen, Esq.
*Assistant United States Trustee,
Northern District of New York*

Michael J. O'Connor, Esq.
O'Connor, O'Connor, Breese and First, PC

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Dinner

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2015

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 am - 9:50 am

Supreme Court Update

Hon. Barry S. Schermer
Eastern District of Missouri

Hon. James L. Garrity
Southern District of New York

9:50 am - 10:40 am

**Lies My Client Told Me: Bankruptcy
Counsel's Duty to Perform Due Diligence**

Hon. Stephen D. Gerling (Ret.)
Northern District of New York

Prof. Patrick M. Connors
Albany Law School

Lisa M. Penpraze
*Assistant United States Trustee,
Northern District of New York*

10:40 am - 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 am - 11:50 am

Ask the Judges

11:50 am - 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Hon. Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz
Chief Judge, Northern District of New York

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch Buffet



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NICHOLAS S. PRIORE ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

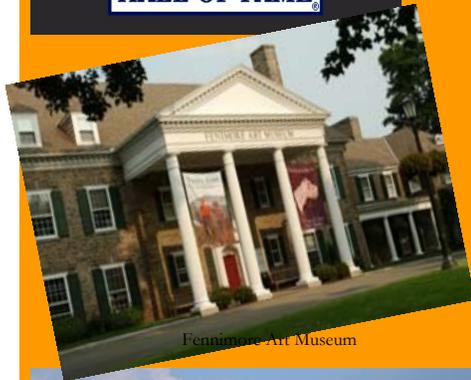
The Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association are seeking nominations for the **2015 Nicholas S. Priore Advocacy and Professionalism Award**. This award is presented to a bankruptcy attorney practicing in the Northern District of New York who demonstrates skilled advocacy on behalf of clients, while maintaining a spirit of collegiality and professionalism. The award will be presented at the Annual Conference in October.

Nominations should provide basic background information concerning the nominee, along with a brief explanation as to why the nominee should be considered for the award. The recipient will be selected by the presidents of the CNYBBA and CRBBA, in conjunction with the law firm of Getnick Livingston Atkinson and Priore, LLP. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Patrick G. Radel, Esq., 258 Genesee Street, Suite 401, Utica, New York 13502, or by email to pradel@getnicklivingston.com and must be received no later than **October 1, 2015**.



In memoriam—Nicholas S. Priore

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND SIGHTS



FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

Financial aid is available for attorneys who wish to attend CLE programs, but find it difficult due to cost considerations. A written application for financial aid is required and must be received no later than two (2) weeks prior to the CLE date. Financial aid is available as follows:

Unemployed:	Fee Waived
Income up to \$35,000:	75% discount
Income \$35,000 - \$50,000:	50% discount
Income above \$50,000:	No discount

Please forward a letter explaining the reasons for your request for financial aid to the mailing address noted below. Please include your name, address, daytime phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. A letter from your current employer confirming your anticipated current year earnings should be included with your submission. If you are currently unemployed, please include a personal statement confirming your current unemployment status with your submission.

Mailing address: Amy Militi, Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee, 250 S. Clinton Street, Suite 203, Syracuse, New York 13202

SCHOLARSHIPS

CRBBA and CNYBBA acknowledge that in some instances there will be individuals who need to attend an educational seminar for CLE credit who are unable to pay full registration fees. In such instances, the attorneys or law students may apply for a discount or scholarship to attend the program. Consideration is based on financial hardship. The CRBBA and CNYBBA will review applications on a case-by-case basis, and the discount will apply to the educational portion of the program only; meals and lodging will be the responsibility of the individual. To apply for a discount or scholarship, please send your request in writing on or before September 25, 2015 to: CRBBA-CLE Committee, c/o William Schiller, Schiller & Knapp, LLP, 950 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund will be given for cancellations received before September 24, 2015. A \$50.00 cancellation penalty will be charged for cancellations received after September 24, 2015 but prior to October 2, 2015. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after October 3, 2015. Any requests for cancellation **must be faxed to William Schiller, Esq. at (518) 786-1246**. Please refer to the hotel's Reservation Department for its cancellation policy.