

18th Biennial
Consumer Bankruptcy Law Conference Agenda

Thursday & Friday, August 6 & 7, 2026
The Campbell House Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

Thursday, August 6, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Table Opens / Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Announcements**
- 8:30 a.m. Dude Where's My Car?: Secured Claims Top 10 Tips for Bankruptcy Practitioners (60 min.)**
Benjamin A. Dennison, Keith D. Weiner & Associates Co., L.P.A.
Matt Owen, Whitford & Owen PLLC
Lori A. Schlarman, Bankruptcy Panel Trustee
- 9:30 a.m. Economic Trends for Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (60 min.)**
James R. Irving, Dentons
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Break (15 min.)**
- 10:45 a.m. EDKY vs. WDKY: Practical Tips for Navigating the Differences Between the Districts (60 min.)**
Chuck Sydenstricker, Chapter 13 Trustee's Office (W.D. Ky.)
Cheryl James, Chapter 13 Trustee's Office (E.D. Ky.)
Elizabeth H. Parks, United States Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Ky.)
Nathan Lee, United States Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Ky.)
Stephen Barnes, Walther, Gay & Mack, PLC
- 11:45 p.m. Lunch Break (60 min.)**
- 12:45 p.m. Practice Management Tips for Bankruptcy Attorneys [Ethics] (60 min.)**
Casey Price, O'Bryan Law Offices
Jesse D. Peace, Peace Law
- 1:45 p.m. Conversions Between Chapter 7 & 13 (60 min.)**
Richard A. Schwartz, Schwartz Bankruptcy Law Center
Second Speaker TBD
- 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break (15 min.)**
- 3:00 p.m. Case Law Update for the Consumer Bankruptcy Practitioner (60 min.)**
Hon. Mary Elisabeth Naumann, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Ky.)
Hon. Charles R. Merrill, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Ky.)

4:00 p.m. Judges' Roundtable : Practice & Procedural Issues (60 min.)
Hon. Chief Judge Douglas L. Lutz, United States Bankruptcy Court
Hon. Gregory Schaaf, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Ky.)
Hon. Charles R. Merrill, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Ky.)
Hon. Mary Elisabeth Naumann, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Ky.)

5:00 p.m. Recess Conference

Friday, August 7, 2026

7:45 a.m. Registration Table Opens / Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. The Who, What, Where, Why & When of Notice & Service (60 min.)
Beverly M. Burden, Chapter 13 Trustee (E.D. Ky.)
David J. Treacy, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Ky.)
Ally Holt, Thornhill & Holt, PLLC

9:30 a.m. Rule 3002.1 Update: Chapter 13 Mortgage Claims (60 min.)
Molly Simons, MDK Legal
Hilary Bonial, Bonial & Associates, P.C.
Michael B. Baker, The Baker Firm, PLLC
John Hauber, Chapter 13 Trustee (S.D. Ind.)

10:30 a.m. Morning Break (15 min.)

10:45 a.m. The Ethical and Effective Use of Artificial Intelligence in Bankruptcy Practice [ETHICS] (60 min.)
Prof. Michael D. Murray, University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law

11:45 p.m. Adjourn Conference