

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

# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

IN PERSON AT  
THE OTESAGA  
RESORT HOTEL

60 LAKE STREET  
COOPERSTOWN,  
NEW YORK 13326

NOVEMBER 3-4,  
2023

DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES  
AVAILABLE UNTIL  
OCTOBER 2, 2023



## CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I join the Capital Region and Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Associations in inviting you to this year's Annual Conference to be held November 3-4, 2023, at the beautiful Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, New York.

The name "Otesaga" has Native American origins and means "place of meeting." This will be our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, offering a nationally-renowned faculty of judges, academics, and practitioners while providing 9 CLE credits, including 1 ethics, 1 diversity, and 1 cybersecurity credit. Our "place of meeting" will afford us the opportunity to mingle in a relaxed, beautiful setting, and provide us a chance to renew friendships and to network.

Please come and join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> – we look forward to seeing you!!

Hon. Wendy A. Kinsella  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, N.D.N.Y.

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

9:00 am - 10:00 am

### Registration

10:00 am - 10:15 am

### Welcome

Hon. Wendy A. Kinsella  
*Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge (N.D.N.Y.)*

10:15 am - 11:05 am

### Supreme Court & Appellate Court Roundup

Eric Brunstad, Esq.  
*Partner, Dechert, LLP, Hartford, CT*

11:05 pm - 11:30 pm

### Coffee Break

11:30 am - 12:20 pm

### National Mortgage Issues

Michael McCormick, Esq.  
*Senior Partner, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Roswell, GA*

John M. Hauber, Esq.  
*Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, S.D. Indiana, Indianapolis Division*

12:20 pm - 1:10 pm

### Remarks of Tara Twomey, Esq.

*Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees (EOUST), Washington D.C.*

1:15 pm - 2:20 pm

### Lunch Buffet



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

2:20 pm - 3:10 pm

### Privacy Considerations in Bankruptcy Proceedings

Anna Mercado Clark, Esq.  
*Partner, Phillips Lytle, LLP*

3:10 pm - 4:00 pm

### Subchapter V Updates and Practice Tips

Hon. Lori V. Vaughan  
*United States Bankruptcy Judge Middle District Florida*

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

### Coffee Break

4:15 pm - 5:05 pm

### Understanding Implicit Bias and Ways to Mitigate it

Sidney Cherubin, Esq.  
*Director of Legal Services, Access Justice Brooklyn*

Ramona Morel, Esq.  
*Project Director, Consumer Bankruptcy Project  
Advisor for DEI Initiatives, City Bar Justice Center*

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Dinner



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

7:00 am - 9:15 am

### Breakfast Buffet

9:30 am - 10:20 am

### Chapter 13 Trustee Panel Discussion

Krista M. Preuss, Esq.  
*Chapter 13 Trustee (S.D.N.Y.)*

Julie Philippi, Esq.  
*Chapter 13 Trustee (W.D.N.Y.)*

Roberta Napolitano, Esq.  
*Chapter 13 Trustee (Connecticut)*

10:20 am - 10:40 am

### Coffee Break

10:45 am - 11:35 am

*(BREAKOUT SESSION - Choose 1)*

### Chapter 11: Cash Collateral - Not as Scary as You Think

Paul A. Levine, Esq.  
*Partner, Lemery Greisler, LLC,  
Chapter 7 and Subchapter V Trustee  
Uncovering Hidden Liens*

Julie Philippi, Esq.  
*Chapter 13 Trustee (W.D.N.Y.)*

Steven Dolson, Esq.  
*Chapter 7 Trustee*

11:35 am - 12:25 pm

### Post Pandemic Ethical Considerations

Prof. Christopher Riano, Esq.  
*Columbia University*

12:25 pm - 12:40 pm

### Closing Remarks

Hon. Wendy A. Kinsella  
*Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge (N.D.N.Y.)*

12:40 pm - 2:00 pm

### Lunch Buffet



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & COST

Please note that registration for the Conference is separate from your hotel reservation with the Otesaga. Registration can be made online. All Conference registration also includes registration for membership with the CNYBBA or CRBBA. Please be sure to indicate which bar association you wish to enroll with when registering.

### Otesaga Resort Hotel Guest:

If you have reserved a room at the Otesaga Resort Hotel, the cost of your meals for the Annual Conference are included in the cost of your room. A break down of the cost of attendance is below:

Cost of Conference :	\$325.00
<u>Membership Dues:</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total:	\$365.00

**Otesaga Resort Hotel Guest:** Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register online.

### Day Trippers:

If you have not reserved a room at the Otesaga Resort Hotel, a breakdown of the costs for the attendance is below:

Cost of Conference:	\$325.00
Cost of Meals:	\$130.00
(Lunch Friday & Saturday and Dinner Friday night)	
<u>Membership Dues:</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total:	\$495.00

**Day Trippers:** Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register online.

Please remember to provide your contact information in the online link to ensure proper registration and receive CLE credit for the online link. Note: If you need to register multiple people at once please email Amy Militi at [amiliti@cnytrustee.com](mailto:amiliti@cnytrustee.com) for a special registration link.



## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OTESAGA RESORT HOTEL

A block of rooms has been set aside for attendees of the Annual Bankruptcy Conference. To receive the special rate please reserve your room by **October 2, 2023** and follow the booking instructions below.

### Online:

- \*Go to <http://www.otesaga.com> and enter your group code **3798461**.
- \*Rooms are set aside for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \*If you need extra nights, please contact the Hotel directly.
- \*If rooms show as unavailable, please contact the Hotel directly as they may have other options available not online.
- \*Rooms are available to book online until **October 2, 2023**.

### Call the Hotel:

- \* You may also contact the Otesaga Reservation Office directly.
- \* To receive the discounted rate please mention you are attending the Annual Bankruptcy Event.
- \* You can reach the Otesaga at 866-494-0085 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. and weekends from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.



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**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 **2023 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 November.

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. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Alexandra Condon, Esq. by email to [acondon@ccf-law.com](mailto:acondon@ccf-law.com) and must be received no later than **October 20, 2023**.



*In memoriam—Nicholas S. Priore*

**PRIOR RECIPIENTS**

The Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association recognize the following prior recipients of the Nicholas S. Priore Advocacy and Professionalism Award:

- 2008 – Patrick Radel*
- 2009 – William Schiller*
- 2010 – Michael Balanoff*
- 2011 – William McCarthy*
- 2012 – Wendy Kinsella*
- 2013 – Cynthia Platt*
- 2014 – Lee Woodard*
- 2015 – Zachary Primrose, in memoriam*
- 2016 – Paula Barbaruolo*
- 2017– Mary Fangio*
- 2018 – Robert K. Weiler*
- 2019 – F. Matthew Jackson, in memoriam*
- 2021 – Marc Ehrlich*
- 2022 - Anthony Inserra*

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**FINANCIAL AID**

CRBBA and CNYBBA acknowledge that in some instances there will be attorneys and law students who wish to attend our program, but who are unable to afford the cost of attendance. In such instances, the attorneys or law students may apply for a discount or financial aid to attend the program.

A written request describing the financial hardship is required and must be received no later than October 9, 2023. The CRBBA and CNYBBA will review requests 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. If deemed appropriate, the CRBBA and CNYBBA may consider financial aid within the context on the following scale as funding permits:

Unemployed: Fee Waived

Income up to \$50,000: 75% discount

Income \$50,000 - \$75,000: 50% discount

Income above \$75,000: No discount

Please include your name, address, daytime phone 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. **To apply for a discount or scholarship, send a written request to either the sitting President of the CRBBA, Mike Boyle, Esq. at [mike@boylebankruptcy.com](mailto:mike@boylebankruptcy.com) or the sitting President of CNYBBA, Alexandra Condon, Esq. at [acondon@ccf-law.com](mailto:acondon@ccf-law.com). Requests must be received by October 9, 2023 to be considered.**

**REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY**

A full refund of the conference registration fee will be given for cancellations received before October 17, 2023. A \$50.00 cancellation penalty will be charged for cancellations received after October 17, 2023 but prior to October 27, 2023. No refunds will be given for cancellations received on or after October 28, 2023. Any requests for cancellation must be e-mailed to Anna Smith at [annasmithesq@gmail.com](mailto:annasmithesq@gmail.com) or Kathy McCullough Day at [kmcculloughday@friedmanvartolo.com](mailto:kmcculloughday@friedmanvartolo.com). Please refer to the hotel's reservation department for its cancellation policy.