

Bankruptcy Nuts and Bolts

Friday, September 25, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Live Interactive Webinar

Application was made to the Supreme Court of Ohio for 3.5 hours of CLE credit.

This program is designed to prepare volunteer attorneys who provide critical representation to low income individuals in Chapter 7 Proceedings. The first part of the training will provide attorneys with an overview of bankruptcy practice, as well as Ohio State Legal Services Association's bankruptcy pro bono project. The second part of the training will focus on specific bankruptcy issues that arise when representing low-income clients, such as secured debt, leases, divorce and wage garnishment. This training is designed for attorneys new to practice or those who want to focus on issues low-income bankruptcy clients face in the bankruptcy process.

REGISTRATION

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6419819005989935120>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information.

This training is free to any attorney currently participating in (or committed to participate in) the LASC and SEOLS Pro Bono Program. All others should submit a \$110.00 fee. Contact Patti Brown (pbrown@oslsa.org) for more information about paying the fee for non-volunteers.

AGENDA

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| 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. | Overview of the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project
<i>Melissa Linville and Sondra Bryson</i> |
| 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. | Bankruptcy Practice Overview
<i>Laura Nesbitt</i> |
| 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. | Handling Secured Debt & Leases When Filing
<i>Michael Cox</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. | Bankruptcy & Divorce
<i>Katy Brewer</i> |
| 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. | Break |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Considerations for Representing Low-Income Bankruptcy Clients
<i>Melissa Linville, Sondra Bryson and Sedi Avevor</i> |

SPEAKER BIOS

Katy Brewer attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She went on to attend Capital University Law School, where she graduated in 2011. She has been a partner and co-founder of Wood & Brewer, LLC, since 2015, where she practices in the areas of consumer Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies. Katy is an active member of the Columbus Bar Association, where she was the chairperson for the Bankruptcy Law Substantive Committee from 2016 - 2017. She is also the past president of the Credit Education Coalition, a local organization that focuses on educating the bankruptcy committee with continuing legal education seminars.

Paul Bryson is a staff attorney on the Community Engagement team at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. Paul dedicates half of his time at LASC to representing debtors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases. Before he came to LASC, Paul maintained his own bankruptcy practice, representing both debtors and creditors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases. He is admitted to the bars of Ohio, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio.

Sondra Bryson is a staff attorney in the Columbus office of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS). She joined SEOLS in 2016 and represents clients in bankruptcy cases. Prior to joining SEOLS, Sondra operated Bryson Legal, LLC with her husband and was actively involved with the pro bono and reduced-fee bankruptcy programs at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. She received her bachelor's degree and law degree from Capital University.

Michael Cox is a partner with the firm Guerrieri Cox & Associates, where his practice focuses on bankruptcy. He graduated in 1999 from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, and in 2002 he obtained a law degree from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law. Mr. Cox is a member of the Columbus Bar Association and formerly a member of its Bankruptcy Law Institute Planning Committee, he is a board member of the Credit Education Coalition, and a former member of the Judicial Liaison committee at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Melissa Linville coordinates the Bankruptcy Pro Bono program and represents clients in-house as a member of the LASC Consumer Team. She began her current role in February of 2012. As the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Program Coordinator, she works to maintain the program by processing intake clients and recruiting and training pro bono attorneys for LASC cases. Melissa directly represents clients in filing Chapter 7 bankruptcies, foreclosure defense, debt collection defense, and other bankruptcy matters. She also coordinates the LASC "Bypass Clinic"—a clinic for elderly and disabled clients who are being threatened with collection calls.

Laura Nesbitt is the owner of The Nesbitt Law Firm, LLC where her practice focuses on representation of business and individual debtors in Chapters 7 and 13 bankruptcy relief, out-of-court workouts, and federal and state court litigation. She has previously lectured at many continuing legal education seminars regarding bankruptcy practice. She is a member of and serves on the board of trustees for the Credit Education Coalition. She is also a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, the Columbus Bar Association and Women Lawyers of Franklin County. Ms. Nesbitt earned her B.S. degree, with honors, from Xavier University in 2004 and her J.D. degree from Capital University Law School in May 2007. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio and the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.