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THE YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE OF THE BANKRUPTCY  
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Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Committee of the  
Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas

7.5 hours CLE applied for (1.5 ethics)

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7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Coffee, Meet & Greet	11:55 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch at the Patio on Guerra – <b>“Pro Bono Representation &amp; TLRA”</b> (1.0 hours; .25 ethics) <b>Judge Rodriguez</b> <b>Pablo Almaguer (TRLA)</b> <b>Catherine Curtis</b> <b>Joan Gillham (Metroplex Veterans Legal Services)</b>
8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks <b>Judge Eduardo Rodriguez (S.D. Tex.)</b>		
8:10 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	<b>“Bankruptcy Basics”</b> (1.0 hours) (.25 ethics) <b>Judge Bill Parker (E.D. Tex.)</b> Overview of the key players, terms, rules, and the different chapters		
9:10 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.	<b>“10 Important Deadlines You Don’t Want to Miss”</b> (.5 hours) (.5 ethics) <b>Judge Rodriguez</b> <b>Vicki Skaggs</b> <b>Joel Gonzalez</b> Overview of important deadlines in all bankruptcy cases that have severe consequences if they are missed	1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	<b>“Initial Client Intake”</b> (.5 hours) <b>Judge Harlin Hale (N.D. Tex.)</b> <b>Catherine Curtis</b> <b>Jana Whitworth</b> How to do it right the first time
9:40 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	<b>“Means Test Basics”</b> (.5 hours) <b>Judge Parker</b> <b>Leigh Ann Tognetti</b> Common errors to avoid	1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	<b>“Numbers for Lawyers”</b> (.5 hours) <b>Judge Marvin Isgur (S.D. Tex.)</b> Reading financial statements and other financial documents common in bankruptcy practice
10:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Break	2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>“Objections to Claims, Including Mortgage Proofs of Claim &amp; Valuation”</b> (.5 hours) <b>Judge Hale</b> How to object to claims within the rules
10:25 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.	<b>“What’s the Plan: Chapter 13”</b> (1.0 hours) (.25 ethics) <b>Katie Mills</b> <b>Abe Limon</b> <b>Leigh Ann Tognetti</b> Chapter 13 plans and confirmation requirements	2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break
11:25 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	<b>“Chapter 11 Basics”</b> (.5 hours) <b>Carl Barto</b> <b>Omar Alaniz (Dallas)</b> Chapter 11 plans and confirmation requirements	3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Judges Roundtable</b> <b>“What You Always Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask”</b> (.5 hours; .25 ethics) <b>Judge Gargotta</b> <b>Judge Hale</b> <b>Judge Isgur</b> <b>Judge Parker</b> <b>Judge Rodriguez</b>

3:30 - "The Basics of Removal & Remand"  
 4:00 p.m. (.5 hours)  
 Judge Isgur  
 Omar Alaniz

4:00 p.m. - Discharging IRS Taxes in  
 4:30 p.m. Bankruptcy  
 (.5 hours)  
 Judge Craig Gargotta (W.D. Tex.)  
 Catherine Curtis

4:30 - Break  
 4:45

4:45 - VETERANS BANKRUPTCY CLINIC  
 7:00 pro bono opportunity to assist veterans of our armed forces in understanding what bankruptcy entails and what information they need to know in order to make an informed decision regarding their bankruptcy options

**REGISTRATION FORM**

The registration fee is \$100. Please make your check\* payable to: Bankruptcy Law Section - SBOT, and mail to Brian Cumings, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, 401 Congress Ave., Suite 2200, Austin, TX 78701 **No refunds on registration fee after October 14.**

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\*Sorry, we cannot process credit cards.

**Total Fees:**            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (enclose check with registration form)

**Please note that registration will be limited to the first 50 people who register.**

**All morning and afternoon sessions will be in the United States Courthouse, 1701 W. Business Hwy 83, McAllen, Texas 78501. Lunch will be provided at Patio on Guerra, which is approximately one block from the courthouse.**

**Questions? Please contact:  
 Brian Cumings at [bcumings@gdhm.com](mailto:bcumings@gdhm.com)**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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**Written materials will be provided via a Dropbox link. We strongly recommend that you review the materials in advance of the seminar.**

**Block room rate of \$109.00 per night is available at Renaissance Casa de Palmas Hotel (within walking distance of the courthouse) for October 20, 2016 and October 21, 2016. Attendees wishing to take advantage of this arrangement will need to make their own reservations at the following link:**

**<http://cwp.marriott.com/mfebr/metroplexveterans>**

**DEADLINE TO BOOK A ROOM UNDER THIS OFFER IS OCTOBER 6, 2016.**

**VETERANS BANKRUPTCY CLINIC:**

**Starting Out Right is teaming up with the Metroplex Veterans Legal Services to present a special bankruptcy clinic aimed at helping veterans of military service who are in financial distress determine whether bankruptcy might be an option for them. We strongly encourage all attendees of the Starting Out Right seminar to take advantage of this opportunity to provide pro bono assistance to the men and women who have served our country. This clinic will take place at the courthouse immediately after the seminar.**