

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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CHANGES IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT

The Honorable Bruce A. Markell resigned from the Bankruptcy Court effective July 10th, 2013, after serving nine years with the Court. Judge Markell will become the Jeffrey A. Stoops Professor at the Florida State University College of Law.

Joining the Bankruptcy Court is Judge Laurel E. Davis. Judge Davis was sworn into office on July 12, 2013. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Davis practiced law for 26 years in Nevada and Arizona. She represented debtors, including individuals; trustees; committees and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation, commercial litigation, mediation, arbitration, workouts and restructuring. She also served as a chapter 11 trustee. Judge Davis specialized in high net worth chapter 11 debtors as well as sensitive matters involving ethics issues, disgorgement and show cause orders issued to companies, law firms and attorneys.

Since 1993, Judge Davis has held a business bankruptcy certification from the American Board of Certification, which is accredited by the American Bar Association, and she holds an AV-Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbel. From 2005 through the present, Judge Davis is recognized by Best Lawyers of America, Bankruptcy Creditors-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law. Judge Davis was Chair of the Nevada State Bar Bankruptcy Section in 2010 and 2011. In 2012 and 2013, she was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as among the Top 250 Women in Litigation in the Nation, and as a 2012 Rising Star. Judge Davis was a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative from 2001 to 2004, and in 2004 served as co-chair of the Nevada Delegation and member of the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee.

While in practice, Judge Davis provided *pro bono* service to indigent clients through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, where she serves on the Executive Committee for the Mid Case Bankruptcy Panel. Her contributions have been recognized through several awards received from the Center, as well as an award of fees from the Nevada Supreme Court for the successful prosecution of an appeal for a pro bono client. Judge Davis also served as a Nevada Transitioning Into Practice Mentor, and served on numerous bench/bar committees for the Bankruptcy and U.S. District Courts.

A native of Utah, Judge Davis received her B.S. in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1983, and her JD, *magna cum laude*, from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1987.



The guest speaker at this event will be Jay Young, Esq., who will be presenting on evidence.

DATE: July 18, 2013

TIME: 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (Speakers will begin around 12:00 P.M.)

LOCATION: Pullman Grill at Main Street Station

PRICE: \$25 for the luncheon or \$35 for the luncheon and CLE credit if paid before 7/15/2013.
\$35 for the luncheon or \$45 for the luncheon and CLE credit if paid after 7/15/2013.

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CHAT

The Nevada Bankruptcy Court has implemented a CHAT service for the public.

The CHAT Help Desk answers questions online Monday—Friday during regular court hours. In addition, phone calls to the Help Desk at 866-232-1266 will still be answered.

Access to CHAT can be found at the court website's home page:

www.nvb.uscourts.gov

BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE HOURS

C. Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours are:

7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours are:

7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bankruptcy Court Intake Hours are:

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Excluding Weekends and Federal Holidays.

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILING IN BAP CASES

The BAP modified its Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in BAP Cases to require registration with the BAP's CM/ECF system for all attorneys appearing, participating, or wanting to receive notices in appeals before the BAP. The BAP also modified the Administrative Order to increase the maximum size for a single electronic filing, including attachments, to 50 megabytes. See Rule 1(a) and Rule 7(d) of the Administrative Order which is available on the BAP website:

www.ca9.uscourts.gov/bap under "[Electronic Case Files \(ECF\)](#)".

**NEW
E-FILERS**


PLEASE NOTE

**VOLUNTARY
PETITION**

Official Form B1, known as a "Voluntary Petition" must be filed by a debtor to begin a bankruptcy case.

**STEPS TO MANUALLY
OPEN A VOLUNTARY
PETITION**

(Note: Steps 2-6 should be done immediately after opening.)

- 1 Upload **VOLUNTARY PETITION**
- 2 Upload **MATRIX**
- 3 Docket **JUDGE/TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENT** 
- 4 Docket **STATEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
- 5 Docket **DECLARATION OF ELECTRONIC FILING**
- 6 Docket **MEANS TEST (Individuals Only)**
- 7 Docket **CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT COUNSELING (Individuals Only)**
- 8 Docket **CHAPTER 13 Plan (if Applicable)**

ALL Chapter 13 and 11 cases are opened as **ASSET** cases.

**JUDGE/TRUSTEE
ASSIGNMENT**

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP in opening a new petition.

It is a crucial part of case opening, and will ensure that you receive your 341 notice immediately.

BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS

- LAS VEGAS CLERK'S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000
- RENO CLERK'S OFFICE: (775) 326-2100
- CM/ECF HELP DESK: (866) 232-1266

Frequently called numbers, e-mail addresses, and live on-line chat is available on the court's website under Court Information:

<http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>