

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## **NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS APPOINTS NEW BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have appointed Hilary L. Barnes as the next bankruptcy judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Her 14-year term began March 31, 2023, when Chief Bankruptcy Judge August B. Landis administered her oath of office. She succeeds Bankruptcy Judge Bruce Beesley, who retired in 2021. Judge Barnes maintains chambers in Reno.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Barnes was a member of Allen Barnes & Jones, PLC, a boutique bankruptcy firm, where her practice focused on bankruptcy and she represented various parties in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases. From 2009 to 2014, she was a partner at The Cavanagh Law Firm, P.A., where her practice focused on representing creditors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and bankruptcy-related litigation.

From 2005 to 2009, Judge Barnes was an associate and then partner at Quarles & Brady LLP, where she was involved in the representation of institutional lenders, large commercial debtors, the FDIC, buyers of distressed assets, trustees and other constituents in Chapter 11 proceedings, receiverships, foreclosures and guaranty litigation.

While at Quarles & Brady, she also devoted a significant amount of time to The Arizona Justice Project as a pro bono lawyer. Judge Barnes was also an associate at Stoel Rives LLP and Squire Sanders & Dempsey, LLP (now Squire Patton Boggs).

Born in Pueblo, Colorado, Judge Barnes earned her Bachelor of Arts in art history, with honors, from the University of Chicago in 1986 and her Juris Doctor from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where she served as executive editor of the *Jurimetrics*, the *Journal of Law, Science & Technology*, in 1999.

Judge Barnes was a master of the bench in the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court and served as its president, 2018-2019; as vice president, 2017-2018; and as treasurer, 2016-2017. She was chair of the State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy Section, from 2014 to 2015, and served as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative from 2015 to 2018. In that role, Judge Barnes had the honor of serving as the co-chair for the District of Arizona from 2016 to 2017, and on the Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from 2017 to 2018. Judge Barnes is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Federal Bar Association.

## **SNABA MEETING—APRIL 20, 2023**

Anthony Liburd of the Internal Revenue Service will be speaking. He will give updates from the IRS, new procedures, and other interesting tidbits that have occurred over the last few years.

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

**Location:** ZOOM MEETING - The meeting ID and password will be provided to those who RSVP on Wednesday, April 19th.

**Cost:** \$20 per person (Checks, money orders, cashiers checks and cash are accepted. You may either drop off or send your payment to the address below. SNABA is not equipped to accept Zelle, Venmo, debit or credit cards.)

**CLE:** If you are a Nevada attorney, one general CLE credit will be automatically submitted to the CLE Board. PLEASE make sure your full name is displayed on the Zoom window after you log into the Zoom meeting.

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## **SUBCHAPTER V OF CHAPTER 11 INDIVIDUAL DISCHARGES**

[Local Rule 3022.2](#) is applicable to individuals seeking discharges in cases under subchapter V of chapter 11. All individual debtors must complete and file the local certificate of compliance form and serve a copy of the certificate of compliance on all creditors. Failure to file this form may result in the case closing without a discharge

### **COURTHOUSE HOURS**

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

### **BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS**

LAS VEGAS CLERK'S OFFICE:

(702) 527-7000

RENO CLERK'S OFFICE:

(775) 326-2100

Frequently called numbers and e-mail addresses are on the court's website under Court Information: <https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>