

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## 2024 DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE - ANATOMY OF LITIGATION

A must-attend event for legal professionals taking place at the World Market Center Las Vegas on April 25, 2024, this in-person conference promises to be an informative and engaging experience.

Get ready to dissect the intricate anatomy of litigation as esteemed speakers and industry experts share their experiences, insights, and knowledge. From the initial stages of litigation to the final verdict, this conference will explore critical aspects of federal trial court procedure. Discover practical strategies, gain valuable tips, and learn about the latest trends shaping the legal landscape.

This year's conference speakers include U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel (Ret.), U.S. District Judge Phillip Pro (Ret.), Professor Sara Gordon, Professor Michael Green, A.J. "Bud" Hicks, Esq., Don Campbell, Esq., and David Chesnoff, Esq., covering topics such as the psychology of litigation, the reliability of forensic science, and the lessons learned from prosecuting and defending organized crime.

A roundtable discussion includes Judge Cox and Judge Barnes for the Bankruptcy Court.

The Conference also features the annual Supreme Court Update by the Hon. Jay Bybee as well as an interactive bench-bar discussion, covering practice tips and pointers.

We hope you join us in networking with like-minded professionals, exchanging ideas, and building connections that can propel your career forward and will help embody your federal-court practice.

Along the way, attend and earn CLE credits.

Plans are underway for an FBA Mixer (drinks and appetizers included) which will immediately follow the District Court Conference at the World Market Center - more details to follow.

Register Now: [2024 District Court Conference](#).

## 2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

The Poverty Guidelines for 2024 are now available. The poverty guidelines are needed by persons seeking fee waivers when filing for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Download the 2024 Poverty Guidelines [here](#).

## **UPCOMING LOCAL RULES REVIEW**

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada, will soon be starting a review of its local rules. This process includes an advisory committee (the “local rules committee”) that studies the rules, practice, and internal operating procedures of the court and makes recommendations concerning such rules and procedures.

Final approval is given by the bankruptcy court judges. More information on how to be considered for the local rules committee and instructions on submitting a comment will be available on the court’s website in the near future.

## **UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENTS**

Appointment of a Claims, Noticing and Balloting Agent (the “Claims Agent”) is required if there are 1,000 or more creditors in a case and may be required by the court in other circumstances.

Updated [Guidelines](#) are now posted. Claims Agents must follow the Guidelines exactly. This includes docketing all proofs of claim filed in the debtor’s case(s) ONLY on the court’s electronic docketing system or the court’s Electronic Proof of Claim (ePOC) system within 48 hours of receipt. At the end of a case or when a Claims Agent is terminated, documents must be sent to the court, **not** the National Archives and Record Administration.

Orders to Show Cause may be issued against the debtor for failure to monitor the claims agent if the Guidelines are not followed.

## **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/>

## **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.

