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CENTRAL DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW BANKRUPTCY JUDGE MARTIN ROBB BARASH

On Thursday, March 26, Chief Judge Sheri Bluebond administered the oath of office to Judge Martin Robb Barash at the Los Angeles Division. Judge Barash's family attended the ceremony, along with colleagues and friends. Also in attendance were Judge Barry Russell and his chambers staff, Chief Deputy of Operations Ben Varela, Chief Deputy of Administration Steve Sloniker, and Officer of Planning and Personnel Management Beryl Dixon. Judge Barash fills the judgeship vacated by Judge Alan M. Ahart, who retired on January 2. Judge Barash will maintain chambers in Woodland Hills.



Judge Barash brings over 20 years of legal experience to the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Barash had been a partner at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP in Los Angeles since 2001. He first joined the firm as an associate in 1999, counseling parties in chapter 11 cases and litigating chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Earlier in his career, Judge Barash also worked as an associate of Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. in Los Angeles, and served as an adjunct professor of law at California State University, Northridge.

Born in Los Angeles, Judge Barash earned his A.B. in 1989 from Princeton University, where he graduated *magna cum laude*, and his J.D. in 1992 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as member, business manager, symposium editor, and editor of the UCLA Law Review. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Procter R. Hug, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, from 1992 to 1993.

Judge Barash is a member of the board of directors for the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He has participated as a panelist for these and other legal education organizations and as a guest lecturer at the UCLA School of Law.

Judge Barash has been involved in the local legal community as a *pro bono* attorney with the Public Counsel Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Hearing Clinic, a volunteer judge for a course on negotiating and confirming chapter 11 plans at the UCLA School of Law, and a volunteer judge with the UCLA Mock Trial Competition. He serves as president of the Junior Statesmen Foundation, a national, nonpartisan organization sponsoring civics education programs for high school students.

After taking his oath of office, Judge Barash administered the oath to his law clerks, Enid M. Colson and Ahree Song. Please join us in welcoming Judge Barash and his chambers to the bench!

COURT HOSTS CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY LITIGATION PRACTICUM MOCK HEARINGS AND RECEPTION

On Thursday, April 2, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California hosted a mock hearing and reception for the inaugural class of the Loyola Law School Consumer Bankruptcy Litigation Practicum (CBLP). The CBLP is a two-semester program during which students gain real-life experience interviewing, counseling, and assisting unrepresented individuals. The students did an impressive job during mock hearings before Judge Sandra R. Klein. After receiving feedback from Judge Klein, Professor Anne Wells, and the students' coaches, Christian Cooper and Sloan Youkstetter, the students took a tour of Judge Klein's chambers.

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COURT CLOSED Monday, May 25— Memorial Day



Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has been posting to its Twitter account since 2011, and has sent over 2,100 different tweets to more than 630 followers. The Court posts announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information. In March, the Court began tweeting judicial opinions.

You do not need a Twitter account to view the Court's tweets—just click on the Twitter logo on the home page of the Court's website (www.cacb.uscourts.gov). The postings are arranged in chronological order, making it easy to quickly catch up with what is going on at the Court. If you have a Twitter account, follow @cacbnews.

WEBSITE FEEDBACK

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California continues to enhance its website based on feedback from users. Please let us know your thoughts about what is working well and what could be improved at www.cacb.uscourts.gov/contact.

Judge Klein and the students then attended a catered reception. Approximately 50 people participated in the reception, including Chief Judge Sheri Bluebond and Judges Barry Russell, Ernest M. Robles, Neil W. Bason, Julia W. Brand, and Martin R. Barash. Clerk of Court and Executive Officer Kathleen J. Campbell and members of her staff also participated. In addition, attorneys from all over the district and law clerks showed their support by attending. A great selection of food and drink was served while the students, attorneys, and judges mingled.



From left: Daniel Pouldar, Thomas Ramirez, Alistair Gesmundo, Jamie Lopez, Judge Sandra R. Klein, Professor Anne Wells, W. Sloan Youkstetter, Christian Cooper

Judge Klein expressed her gratitude to the Clerk's Office staff for helping make the event such a success.

BANKRUPTCY COURT HOSTS LAW DAY CELEBRATION

On April 24, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California hosted a Law Day celebration for more than 90 high school students who are members of Junior State of America (JSA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization for students interested in politics, government, foreign affairs, and the law. Bankruptcy Judges Barry Russell, Sandra R. Klein, Julia W. Brand, and Martin R. Barash participated in the daylong event.



The celebration began with a jobs panel, which featured speakers from the District Court, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the offices of the United States Attorney, Federal Public Defender, and U.S. Marshals Service. The speakers discussed their background and education, how they got their jobs, and what they liked the most and the least about their work. The Deputy U.S. Marshals even brought their tactical equipment for the students to try on. Following the jobs panel, Bankruptcy Judge Sandra Klein provided a financial literacy presentation, which included video and audio clips to highlight important information such as budgeting and saving, using credit, debit, and prepaid cards, and credit reports and scores. The presentation also included a discussion of student loans and bankruptcy.

The Bankruptcy Court then hosted a Power Lunch, during which judges, lawyers and other professionals shared lunch with the students and discussed the law and the legal profession. Guest speaker Professor Laurie L. Levenson of Loyola Law School discussed high profile criminal cases and her work exonerating Obie Anthony and Kash Register for crimes they did not commit. She also discussed law and justice and impressed upon students that they are the leaders of the future. The Power Lunch concluded with a spirited game of *Legal Jeopardy!* which is played like the traditional *Jeopardy!* game, but with categories such as "Bill of Rights" and "Who's Who in the Courtroom."

The last event of the Law Day celebration was a mock trial involving a criminal "texting-while-driving" case. The students played all of the roles in the trial including the judge, prosecutors, defense counsel, courtroom deputy and jurors. District Judge John Kronstadt assisted the student who played the role of judge and provided information about trial practices and procedures.

The Bankruptcy Court's Community Outreach Committee, chaired by Bankruptcy Judge Sandra Klein, organized the district-wide Law Day celebration, which would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Clerk's Office staff, who worked behind the scenes to make the day such a success.

JUDGES JOHNSON, HOULE, AND YUN PARTICIPATE IN SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

In connection with continuing community outreach efforts in the Inland Empire, Riverside Judges Wayne Johnson, Mark D. Houle, and Scott H. Yun recently participated in one of the largest speech and debate tournaments in the country: the Inland Club Challenge held at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, from February 18 to 21. Over 400 junior high and high school homeschooled students from states throughout the country competed at the annual four-day tournament in 14 speech events and three forms of debate, including the Lincoln Douglas Value Debate, Parliamentary Debate and Team Policy Debate. The students sought to qualify for the national invitational tournament of champions that will occur later this year in South Carolina.

LEGAL SPECIALIST EXAMINATION

The 2015 Legal Specialist Examination will be held on October 27. More information about the exam is available at the State Bar of California's [registration page](#).

REASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE AHART'S CASES TO JUDGE BARASH EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2015

Effective April 7, pending bankruptcy cases and related adversary proceedings that had been assigned to Judge Alan M. Ahart were reassigned to Judge Martin R. Barash. For more information, please see [Public Notice 15-003](#).

NORTHERN DIVISION CONSUMER DEBT AND BANKRUPTCY CLINIC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara sponsors the Consumer Debt and Bankruptcy Clinic that provides free information to consumers regarding financial debt issues and bankruptcy matters. The Clinic, which serves a large geographical area that includes Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, is looking for qualified attorney volunteers to provide their expertise and knowledge in helping a wide range of clients.

For more information about volunteering at the Consumer Debt and Bankruptcy Clinic, please see "Bankruptcy Court Clinic Seeking Volunteers" in the March issue of [Santa Barbara Lawyer](#) (pp. 12-13).

CM/ECF TIPS

FILING A MOTION TO REDACT (FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS PERS. ID) (LBR FORM F9037-1.1)(FEE)(MOTION)

When filing a motion to redact:

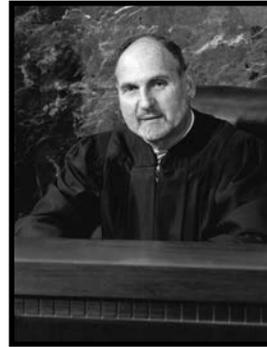
1. Access the appropriate form from the Court's website: www.cacb.uscourts.gov → Forms → Local Bankruptcy Rules Forms → Form F 9037-1.1.
2. Ensure the form is signed by both the movant and attorney.
3. File using the specific event: Bankruptcy → BK – Motion/Applications → Redact (for Protective Order to Restrict Access Pers. ID) (LBR Form F9037-1.1)(Fee)(motion).
4. Pay the required fee.

Should you have any questions, please contact the ECF Help Desk at (213) 894-2365. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

Judge Johnson spent many hours coaching local students prior to the tournament and working with the volunteer staff (parents) who sponsored the tournament. On the final day of the tournament (February 21), Judges Houle and Yun served as judges for the finals of the Lincoln Douglas debate competition. One hundred and twenty-six students competed in the Lincoln Douglas debate and, after eight preliminary and outrounds, Judges Houle and Yun served on a distinguished panel with others (including a San Bernardino Superior Court judge) that decided the ninth and final round between the top two competitors. The resolution debated in the final round was "Resolved: When in conflict, an individual's freedom of speech should be valued above a community's moral standards." The affirmative speaker (from Arizona) won that final round, but you will have to ask Judges Houle and Yun how they voted. Rumor has it that their votes cancelled each other out.

PASSING OF JUDGE ROBERT L. ORDIN

We are saddened by the loss of Judge Robert L. Ordín, who died March 24. He was 90.

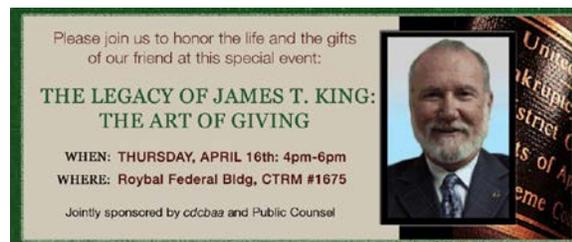


Judge Ordín served on the bankruptcy bench from 1973 to 1983. His contributions to bankruptcy jurisprudence include the groundbreaking good faith opinion in *In re Victory Construction, Inc.*, 9 B.R. 549 (C.D. Cal. 1981). He was also nationally recognized as a legal scholar, authoring the seminal work *Contesting Confirmation – A Creditor's Perspective*, first published in 1993. Retitled *Ordín on Contesting Confirmation*, the book is now in its fifth edition and has become a standard reference resource for practitioners.

His obituary in the Los Angeles Times reported that his greatest joy in life was family and friends, and that "he was fierce, funny, and for many, simply unforgettable." Judge Ordín is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Andrea; two daughters, Allison and Victoria, and a son, Richard; two grandchildren, Olivia and Helena; and extended family. A celebration of Judge Ordín's life was held at the UCLA Faculty Center on April 26.

REMEMBERING JAMES T. KING

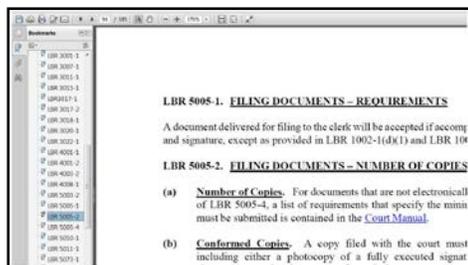
A special event to honor the life of James T. King, sponsored by cdcbaa and Public Counsel, was held on the afternoon of Thursday, April 16, in Judge Robert Kwan's courtroom at the Los Angeles Division. Mr. King's *pro bono* activities, assistance with the Court's self-help clinics, and contributions to educational programs made him a vital member of the local bankruptcy community.



Approximately 40 guests, including judges, colleagues, bankruptcy trustees, family members, friends, and Court staffers attended the memorial, sharing stories of Mr. King's career and devoted family life. As they recounted their memories of Mr. King, all of the speakers highlighted his many years of service in community and *pro bono* organizations. Public Counsel Senior Staff Attorney Maggie Bordeaux's remarks that Mr. King "gave from the heart" and "always strived to open doors to new attorneys and new people" were representative of the many memories of Mr. King's life that were shared. Judge Kwan spoke about naming the Bankruptcy Inn of Court that Mr. King first helped to organize the James T. King Bankruptcy American Inn of Court.

BOOKMARKS ADDED TO WEB VERSION OF LBRs

The Court's LBRs, available on the Court's website, were recently enhanced to include bookmarks for easy navigation. You may either download the LBRs or simply view them online to use this handy tool. The enhanced LBRs replace the prior version available on the Court's website www.cacb.uscourts.gov under the [Rules & Procedures](#) tab.



Top 20 Cases of Interest Filed in the Last 24 Months*

Allied Industrial Inc.

SV-13-11948-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 03/21/13, Assets \$13 million and Liabilities \$7 million. Order Approving Stipulation for Relief from Automatic Stay entered on 2/3/15. Order Granting Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay Action in Non-BK Forum, entered on 2/20/15. Trustee, David Seror files 12 Adversaries from 3/18/15 to 3/20/15 - 1:15-ap-01024; 1:15-ap-01025; 1:15-ap-01026; 1:15-ap-01027; 1:15-ap-01028; 1:15-ap-01029; 1:15-ap-01030; 1:15-ap-01032; 1:15-ap-01033; 1:15-ap-01034; 1:15-ap-01035; & 1:15-ap-01036.

American Spectrum Realty, Inc., a Maryland Corp. American Spectrum Realty, Inc.

SA-15-10721-SC, SA-15-11397-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 02/13/15 and 03/16/15, Assets Unknown. Involuntary case. Schedules have not been filed. Order granting appointment of Interim Chapter 11 Trustee. Case 15-11397-SC if affiliated with this case (although not consolidated). This case was transferred from Texas.

ARI-RC6, LLC (Lead), ARI-RC 12, LLC, ARI-RC 14, LLC, ARI-RC 21, LLC, ARI-RC 23, LLC

SV13-14678-AA, (LEAD); SV13-14697-AA, SV13-14692-AA. SV13-14604-AA, SV13-14695-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 07/15/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Order Granting Stipulation to Continue Status Conference to 5/6/15 @ 10:00 AM.

AWTR Liquidation Inc. fka Rhythm and Hues, Inc.

LA-13-13775-NB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/13/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Hearing set for 4/28/15 @ 2:00 p.m. for motion for relief from the automatic stay filed by Raymond Feeney.

Bethal Healthcare Inc.

SV-13-12220-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/01/13, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Official Creditor's Committee files 10 Adversaries on 3/31/15 - 1:15-ap-01041; 1:15-ap-01042; 1:15-ap-01043; 1:15-ap-01044; 1:15-ap-01045; 1:15-ap-01046; 1:15-ap-01047; 1:15-ap-01048; 1:15-ap-01049 & 1:15-ap-01060.

City of San Bernardino

RS-12-28006-MJ, Chapter 9, Filed 08/01/12. Assets and Liabilities \$1,000 million and Liabilities \$1,000 million. Status conference on Chapter 9 voluntary petition continued to 5/11/15 @ 1:30 p.m.; Two new adversary cases filed by San Bernardino City Professional Firefighters, Local 891, and 1 Adversary filed by Erste Europäische Pfandbrief-und Kommunalkreditbank AG in Luxemburg, Abrac Assurance Corp.; Orders approving third stipulations with 1) Superior Homes, 2) SBEDC Lease and 3) California I-Bank extending period within which the City must assume or reject unexpired lease extended through 12/31/15.

CLK Human Resources, LLC

RS-13-19002-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 05/21/13. Assets \$0.01- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. Order Entered 3/19/15 Granting Motion for Authority to Distribute surplus funds to creditors and for Dismissal of Chapter 11 case

Easy Life Furniture Inc.

SA-14-12713-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 05/01/14. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Case dismissed 3/23/15.

Evergreen Oil, Inc. Evergreen Environmental Holdings, Inc.

SA-13-13163-SC, SA-13-13168-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 04/09/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. 6,000 plus creditors. 78 adversary matters to be filed. Application for Order Authorizing Employment of Creim Macias Koenig & Frey LLP as Special Counsel to Post-Confirmation Oversight Committee as of March 15, 2015

Halsey M. Minor

LA-13-23787-TD, Chapter 7, Filed 05/24/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Hearing set for 4/29/15 at 10:00 a.m. for motion for relief from the automatic stay filed by Jason M. Rund, Chapter 7 trustee.

HDOS Enterprises

LA-14-12028-NB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/03/14, Assets \$10-\$50 million - \$1-\$10 million. Case was closed on 1/8/15.

KSL Media Inc. (Lead Case)

Jointly Administered with TV 10's LLC - SV13-15930-AA and Fulcrum 5, Inc. - SV 13-15931-AA, SV-13-15929-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 9/11/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Order on 8th Stipulation re: Motion for Relief From Automatic Stay, entered 2/23/15. Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay filed 3/24/15.

Modern Alloys Inc.

SA-13-11637-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/22/13, Assets \$1+ million and Liabilities \$1+ million. Joint cases: 13-11617-CB - MAFAB, Inc. 13-15309-CB - Ronald B. Grey. Hearings set for 4/29/15 at 10am; RE: Disclosure Statement, Case Management Conference and Confirmation of Plan.

Plaza Healthcare Center LLC

SA-14-11335-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 03/04/14, Assets \$1+ million and Liabilities \$1+ million. Lead case with 19 jointly administered cases. Monthly operating report #11 filed 3/23/15. Hearing set for 4/15/15 RE: Motion for an order authorizing disbursement of New Seven Leases Key Money filed by Debtor.

Point Center Financial Inc.

SA-13--11495-TA, Chapter 11, Filed 1/19/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Notice of Appeal and Statement of Election to BAP filed by Debtor. Appelle Statement of Election to proceed in U.S. District Court filed by Trustee Howard B Grobstein. USDC Case Number: SACV14-01998-ODW (RE: BAP Case No. CC-14-1574). Certificate and Transmittal of Readiness of Record on Appeal to USDC on 3/24/15. OSC set for 4/16/2015 Re: Civil contempt against Dan J. Harkey, Calcomm Capital and National Financial Lending.

S.B. Restaurant Co. dba's: Elephant Bar Restaurant, Elephant Bar Global Grill Wok Kitchen, Texas S.B. Restaurant Co. of CA, S.B. Restaurant of Missouri Co. S.B. Restaurant Co. of Kansas, LLC S.B. Restaurant Co. of Central Florida, LLC

SA-14-13778-ES, SA-14-13780-ES, SA-14-13781-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 6/16/14, Assets \$50-\$100 million and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Status Conference continued to 6/18/15 at 10:30 a.m. Updated status report to be served no later than 6/4/15.

Senor Fish

LA-14-10076-RN, Chapter 11, Filed 01/02/14, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Monthly operating report #15 for the month ending March 2015 was filed on 4/15/15.

Todd-Soundelux, LLC

LA-14-19980-SK, Chapter 11, Filed 5/21/14, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Monthly operating report #11 for the month ending 3/31/15 was filed on 4/13/15.

Walldesign Inc.

SA-12-10105-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 01/04/14, Assets \$10 + million and Liabilities \$10 + million. Hearing set for 4/29/15 at 10 a.m. RE: Final fee application of professionals retained by Debtor's estate and Continued scheduling and Case management conference/Status hearing set for 4/29/15 at 9:45 a.m.

West Covina Motors, Inc.

LA-12-52197-ER, Chapter 11, Filed 12/28/12, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order entered on 2/11/15 granting motion for relief from the automatic stay filed by City of West Covina.

*Based on a combination of asset and liability levels, number of creditors, high activity, and/or name recognition.