

# THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BANKRUPTCY COURT'S WORKSHOP FOR JUNIOR ATTORNEYS



The Court's mission statement is "to serve the most populous and diverse judicial district in the country by providing bankruptcy relief, fair and impartial justice, and a prompt and efficient resolution of disputes." One way the Court advances this mission is to sponsor, contribute to, and promote programs that are aimed at educating the bar and the public on matters of bankruptcy law and practice.

To this end, on **June 17, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, the Court will offer an in-person workshop, sponsored by its Northern and San Fernando Valley Divisions, to foster the courtroom presentation skills of junior attorneys. The workshop will be held at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division, 21041 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, California 91367.

The workshop will provide each participant the opportunity to argue a simulated motion in a bankruptcy case before one or more judges of the Court. Each participant will receive constructive feedback in real-time. This is not a competition. The workshop is being offered to provide a safe space for junior attorneys to gain experience in a courtroom setting. The workshop is open to attorneys with less than seven years of full-time equivalent work experience.


Each simulated hearing will involve two to three attorneys; one advancing the motion, and one or more opposing it. Participants will not be required to draft any papers. The preparatory materials, e.g. the motion and a background memorandum with the facts and pertinent legal standards, will be distributed to the participants no later than one week in advance of the simulated hearings. Each participating attorney should arrive at the hearing prepared, having reviewed materials provided by the Court, as well as the law related to the underlying issues presented in those materials. Each attorney will have seven (7) minutes to present their arguments to a bankruptcy judge, who will thereafter question the attorneys on their positions. At the conclusion of the exercise, the judge will provide feedback to the attorneys and answer questions as time permits. The Court will provide hearing transcript links to all participants to allow them to review the hearings and judicial feedback afterward. A reception will follow the workshop, held on the third floor of the building.


Space for this program is limited. Please [register](#) as soon as possible, and before the deadline of **June 3, 2024; only register if you know you are able to attend**. Materials and assigned courtroom information will be distributed no later than one week prior to the workshop.

Members of the bar who are not assigned to argue a motion may also attend the simulated hearings, as well as the reception afterwards.

Any questions may be submitted to  
[Skills\\_Workshops\\_SFV@cacb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Skills_Workshops_SFV@cacb.uscourts.gov)

 **Registration**

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