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LABF PAYS TRIBUTE TO JUDGE NEITER AT NIGHT WITH THE JUDGES

On July 6, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (LABF) honored Judge Richard M. Neiter during the "Annual Night with the Judges" program. Over 130 members of the local bankruptcy community, including Chief Judge Sheri Bluebond, Judges Barry Russell, Thomas B. Donovan, Victoria S. Kaufman, Deborah J. Saltzman, Mark S. Wallace, Sandra R. Klein, Neil W. Bason, and Julia W. Brand, and Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell, gathered at the L.A. Hotel Downtown for the panel discussion and tribute to Judge Neiter, who will retire later this year after more than fifty years working as a bankruptcy lawyer and judge.

Chief Judge Sheri Bluebond moderated the discussion, during which Judges Russell, Kaufman, Saltzman, Wallace, Klein, Bason, and Brand each commented on a case from the previous year.



Judge Richard M. Neiter and LABF President Joel Weinberg

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COURT HOSTS CELEBRATION FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT CIVICS CONTEST WINNERS

On June 8, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California hosted an award ceremony and reception for the winners of the Central District's Civics Contest.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's Miranda v. Arizona decision, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sponsored a civics contest for high school students throughout the Western United States. The contest's theme was "50 Years After the Miranda Decision: How Federal Courts Defined the Rights of the Accused."



To compete in the Ninth Circuit Contest, students were required to enter local contests in their districts. In the Central District of California, the District and Bankruptcy Courts jointly sponsored the Central District's local contest. The first, second, and third place winners of the local contest were automatically entered to compete in the Ninth Circuit Contest.

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4th JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY



Monday, July 4—
Independence Day



Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has tweeted over 3,000 times since 2011, and its Twitter account has nearly 700 followers. The Court tweets announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information. In March 2015, 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.

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LABF PAYS TRIBUTE TO JUDGE NEITER AT NIGHT WITH THE JUDGES

The tribute to Judge Neiter commenced with Judge Wallace's remarks. He recalled working alongside Judge Neiter when both men were lawyers at Stutman Treister & Glatt and admirably described Judge Neiter's dedication to his profession. Then, Judge Neiter's law clerk, Lovee Sarenas, talked about the positive impact he has made in the bankruptcy community, both as a practitioner and a judge. The audience gave Judge Neiter a standing ovation, and LABF President Joel Weinberg presented him with a token of appreciation.

Judge Neiter spoke briefly about how much he loved being a lawyer and how valuable it is for young lawyers to have judges as mentors. He urged those who are able to mentor to do so, and expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, and colleagues.



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COURT HOSTS CELEBRATION FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT CIVICS CONTEST WINNERS

The essays that were submitted in the Central District Contest were initially reviewed and ranked by a team of lawyers. Then a team of Central District judges selected the first, second, and third place essays, as well as the essays that received an honorable mention.

Chief Bankruptcy Judge Sheri Bluebond, Bankruptcy Judges Thomas B. Donovan, Neil W. Bason, Julia W. Brand, and Sandra R. Klein, District Judges John A. Kronstadt and Manuel L. Real, Senior District Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr., and Magistrate Judges Jean P. Rosenbluth and Michael R.

Wilner participated in the ceremony. Also attending were Bankruptcy Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell, members of the Clerk's Office staff, and many proud family members and friends of the finalists.



Daniela (Dani) Mirell, First-Place Winner, and Judge Sandra R. Klein

Following introductory remarks from Chief Judge Bluebond, Judge Klein, and Judge Kronstadt, Judge Klein recognized the students whose essays received an honorable mention: Simran Chopra, Andy Escobar, Marc Flores, Camille Lin, Tayanna Torres Montelongo, Osvaldo Ramirez, Marquise Sanders, and Jennifer Biempica Villalba. Judge Klein then presented awards to the winners of the Central District Contest: Emily Ramirez, who was awarded third place and received \$500, Serena Davis, who was awarded second place and received \$750, and Daniela (Dani) Mirell who was awarded first place and received \$1,000.

In her insightful essay, which also won the Ninth Circuit Contest's first-place prize, Dani discussed how the courts safeguard "Miranda rights" and why those rights are so important to our system of justice. As the winner of the Ninth Circuit Contest, Dani will receive an additional \$2,000, two round-trip airplane tickets and two nights' accommodations to attend the Ninth Circuit Judicial Contest in Big Sky, Montana next month where she will be presented with her award. On behalf of the Central District, congratulations to Dani and all of the contest winners.

Abstract of Judgment

The Court requires the following:

1. Submit one original and two copies of the Abstract with an entered copy of the Judgment or Order attached.
2. The signature on the Abstract must be original.
3. The Abstract forms must be completely filled out and will not be issued with blank lines, alterations, or white out.
4. Filing fee is required.

Writ of Execution

The Court requires the following:

1. Submit one original and one copy of the Affidavit and Request for Issuance of Writ of Execution.
2. The Affidavit must have an original signature on the second page.
3. One original and two copies of the Writ of Execution with an entered copy of the Judgment or Order attached.
4. The Affidavit and Request for Issuance of Writ of Execution and Writ of Execution forms must be completely filled out and will not be issued with blank lines, alterations or white out.

Writ of Possession

The Court requires the following:

1. Submit one original and two copies of the Writ of Possession with an entered copy of the Judgment or Order attached.
2. Use Judicial Council of California Form EJ-130 or submit the form in pleading format.

SMARTSCAN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Since June 1, the electronic document delivery service SmartScan has been available to the public. Through SmartScan, users can receive PDF copies of documents stored in the Federal Records Centers (FRC) by email.

Requesting electronic copies of documents through SmartScan is faster, cheaper, and easier than retrieving paper documents from the FRC. For a fee of \$19.90 plus 65 cents per page, users can request a PDF of any archived court document up to a maximum of 100 pages. Requests may be submitted to the Court at the intake windows or by mail.

NEW, REVISED, AND RETIRED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES FORMS EFFECTIVE JUNE 10

Effective June 10, a new LBR form has been approved, while four existing forms have been revised and one has been retired. The new form is F 8002-1.APPEAL.FEE.WAIVER.APP, "Application for Waiver of the Appellate Fee in a Chapter 7 Case."

Minor technical changes have been made to the revised forms: F 1007-1.MOTION.DEC.EXTEND, "Debtor's Motion to Extend Time to File Case Opening Documents"; F 2090-1.2.APP.NONRES.ATTY, "Application of Non-Resident Attorney to Appear in a Specific Case"; F 2090-1.2.ORDER.NONRES.ATTY, "Order on Application of Non-Resident Attorney to Appear in a Specific Case"; and F 8004-1.1.NOTICE.TRANSCRIPT, "Notice of Transcript(s) Designated for an Appeal."

Form F 1017-1.1.NOTICE.DEBTOR.CONVERT, "Notice of Debtor's Motion to Convert Case Under 11 U.S.C. § 706(a)," has been retired.

The new and revised forms are available under the "[Forms](#)" tab on the Court's website. For more information, see [Public Notice 16-004](#).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AMENDMENTS

The Court is circulating proposed amendments to its Local Bankruptcy Rules to the bar and public for comment. [A redline](#) of the proposed amendments, which would become effective January 3, 2017, is available under the "[Rules & Procedures](#)" tab on the Court's website.

The Court will carefully consider all comments on the proposed amendments. Comments must be submitted to bkcomments@cacb.uscourts.gov and must include the name, email address, and phone number of the person submitting the comment. Please provide any comments no later than July 10.

For more information, see [Public Notice 16-005](#).

PUBLIC COUNSEL TO OFFER MCLE ON CHAPTER 13 PLANS

On Wednesday, July 27, Public Counsel will offer the four-hour MCLE program "Crafting a Chapter 13 Plan" at the Roybal Federal Building in downtown Los Angeles. Judge Neil W. Bason will join attorneys Aki Koyama, Cliff Bordeaux, and Alisa Admiral in a discussion moderated by Public Counsel Senior Staff Attorney Christian Cooper. Lunch will be provided during the program, which is co-sponsored by the Court and the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Association.

To attend, attorneys must complete two *pro bono* hours before the program. Please complete [this survey](#) to find the most convenient option for satisfying the requirement and to register for the MCLE.

Top 20 Cases of Interest*

Brake Madness, Inc.

SV-15-13766-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 11/13/15, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order on emergency motion to withdraw as counsel for Brake Madness Inc entered 4/29/16. Motion sanctions in the form of attorney's fees and expenses against the debtor, its president, Abdolfazi "Abby" Shajari, and its attorney, Eric Bensamochan, the Bensamochan Law Firm, Inc., jointly and severally, for bad faith filing of chapter 11 petition filed on 3/18/16. The hearing has been continued to 6/21/16 at 1:30 p.m.

DigitalSound Production Services, Inc.

SV-15-13952-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 11/30/15. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Motion to allow claim Full Throttle Films, LLC's administrative expense claim filed 5/23/16.

Donmetz Home LLC,

SV-16-10317-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 02/02/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status conference hearing continued to 8/25/16 at 1 p.m.

DPA Investors, LLC

SV-16-11263-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 04/27/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference continued to 10/20/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Duane Daniel Martin & Tisha Michelle Martin. Aka: Tisha Campbell-Martine

SV-16-10045-VK, Chapter 7, Filed 01/07/16. Assets \$1 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Stipulated order regarding motion to compel turnover of recorded information entered 6/9/16. Hearing regarding Trustee's motion for order disallowing debtor's claim of homestead exemption has been continued to 7/14/16 at 2 p.m.

East Coast Foods, Inc.

LA-16-13852-BB, Chapter 11, Filed 03/25/16. Assets \$0-\$50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Status conference is continued to 7/21/16 at 10 a.m.

Freedom Communications Inc. AKA: Orange County Register

SA-15-15318-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 11/01/15. Assets \$10 million and Liabilities \$10 million. Order approving joint stipulation permitting Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation to file consolidated claims under one case entered 3/15/16. Order approving stipulation regarding reduction of fees request in first interim application for allowance and payment of fees and reimbursement of expenses of GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group LLC entered 6/2/16. Order approving stipulation regarding reduction of fees request in first interim application of Alvarez & Marsal North America LLC for approval of compensation and reimbursement of expenses as financial advisor for the official committee of unsecured creditors entered 6/2/16. Order approving stipulation compensation of reimbursement of expenses of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP entered 6/6/16.

Georgina, LLC

SV-16-10140-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 01/18/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status conference hearing continued to 6/21/16 at 1:30 p.m. Hearing on motion for an order designating debtor's case a single asset real estate case under 11 USC 101 (51B), and confirming that the debtor is subject to bankruptcy code section 362(D)(3) with respect to the automatic stay of acts against the debtor's single asset real estate continued to 6/21/16 at 1:30 p.m. Evidentiary hearing regarding motion for relief from stay continued to 8/9/16 at 1:30 p.m.

Harlequins Web LLC

SV-16-10783-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 03/17/16. Assets \$500-1 million. Case management conference hearing continued to 10/20/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Henderson Holdings 1 LLC

SV-16-10685-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 03/09/16. Assets \$1- 10 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. Scheduling and case management conference hearing continued to 7/12/17 at 9:30 a.m. Order confirming debtor's second amended plan entered on 6/14/16.

Majestic Air Inc

SV-16-11538-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 05/23/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference to be held on 8/4/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Automotive Warehouse, Inc.

RS-16-10105-MJ, Chapter 11, Filed 01/06/2016. Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order setting deadline for filing proofs of administrative claims - 7/29/16 is the deadline for administrative claims pursuant to sections 503(b)(1)-(8) or 507(a)(2) entered 5/02/16; Notice of Deadline for Filing Request for allowance and payment of administrative claims other than professional fee claims filed 5/10/16; Monthly operating report #5 filed 6/15/16.

Olin Virtual Academy

SV-16-11187-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 04/20/16. Assets \$1-10 million. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 8/23/16 at 1:30 p.m.

Osher and Osher, Inc

SV-16-10069-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 01/11/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. The motion regarding US Trustee motion to dismiss or convert case with an order directing payment of quarterly fees and for judgment thereon was voluntarily dismissed on 4/21/16. Order granting motion for order (1) authorizing sale of real property, outside of the ordinary course of business under 11 USC 363(b), and free and clear of any interest under 11 USC 363(f); (2) authorizing payment of undisputed liens, costs of sale, and property taxes; (3) finding that purchaser is a good faith purchaser under 11 USC 363(m); (4) waiving 14-day stay period under FRBP 6004(h) entered 5/13/16. Order approving stipulation regarding release of funds from escrow entered 5/13/16. Order granting in part, denying in part emergency motion to alter/amend order granting motion for order (1) authorizing sale of real property, outside of the ordinary course of business under 11 USC 363(b), and free and clear of any interest under 11 USC 363(f); (2) authorizing payment of undisputed liens, costs of sale, and property taxes; (3) finding that purchaser is a good faith purchaser under 11 USC 363(m); (4) waiving 14-day stay period under FRBP 6004(h) entered 6/9/16.

Petaluma Family

SA-16-12035-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 05/03/16, Assets \$0-50 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Motion to extend time to file schedules; order granted to 6/6/16. UST motion to dismiss or convert hearing set 6/23/16 at 10:30 a.m. courtroom 5A entered 5/31/16.

Picture Car Warehouse, Inc.

SV-15-13495-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 10/20/15. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference hearing continued to 2/9/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Pollyanna Properties, LLC

SV-16-11430-MT Chapter 11, Filed 05/11/16, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference to be held on 7/28/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Real Estate Short Sale, Inc.

SV-16-11387-MT Chapter 11, Filed 05/06/16, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference to be held on 7/28/16 at 9:30 a.m. Hearing regarding US Trustee motion to dismiss or convert case with an order directing payment of quarterly fees and for judgment thereon continued to 7/28/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Stage Coach Venture, LLC

SV-15-13471-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 10/18/15. Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Status conference to hearing continued to 7/7/16 at 1 p.m.

Star Auto Parts, LLC

RS-16-10105-WJ, Chapter 11, Filed 01/06/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Jointly administered with RS-16-10096-WJ.

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