

## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section Board, we are excited to gather again on May 30-31 at the Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, FL. If you have not already done so, please make plans to attend by registering for the seminar and booking your hotel room. Our room block is filling up fast, so don't delay! We have an outstanding lineup of speakers this year, including many of our Alabama Bankruptcy Judges. Nancy B. Rapoport, UNLV Distinguished Professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law, and Joseph R. Tiano, co-founder of Legal Decoder, will provide our Commercial Keynote presentation on the use of artificial intelligence in bankruptcy practice. Judge Selene Maddox, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, will provide our Consumer Keynote presentation on a variety of topics. In addition, Bill Rochelle, ABI Editor-at-Large, will lead a judicial panel on issues that courts disagree about in consumer and commercial cases. As always, we are grateful to all of our judges for their continuing support of our Section and this seminar. Without them, Bankruptcy at the Beach would not be possible. We look forward to seeing everyone at the beach!

*Evan N. Parrott, Chairperson  
Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section*

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The Henderson Beach Resort & Spa  
200 Henderson Resort Way  
Destin, FL 35241  
Reservations: (855) 741-2777  
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**MAY 30<sup>th</sup> –  
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## Keynote Speakers

### Honorable Selene D. Maddox Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Mississippi

Selene D. Maddox, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Mississippi received her undergraduate and JD degrees from the University of Mississippi. She was appointed to the bench October 22, 2018. Prior to her appointment she practiced bankruptcy law in north Mississippi for 30 years and served as a Chapter 7 Trustee.

### Professor Nancy B. Rapoport

Nancy B. Rapoport is the UNLV Distinguished Professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law. She is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and the American Bar Foundation. Her specialties are bankruptcy ethics, ethics in governance, law firm behavior, and the depiction of lawyers in popular culture. Among her published works are Bernard A. Burk, Veronica J. Finkelstein & Nancy B. Rapoport, *Ethical Lawyering: A Guide for the Well-Intentioned* (Aspen Publishing 2021; 2d ed. forthcoming 2025), Nancy B. Rapoport & Joseph R. Tiano, Jr., *A Short & Happy Guide to the Ethics of Using AI and Other Legal Tech* (West Academic, forthcoming 2025)

### Joseph R. Tiano

Joseph R. Tiano is the co-founder of Legal Decoder, a company that helps law firms optimize business results using intelligent legal spend data analytic tools. Fee examiners have used Legal Decoder in, among other cases, the bankruptcy cases of Purdue Pharma, PG&E, and Toys “R” Us. Prior to starting his company, he practiced law for nearly 20 years. He co-authored *A Short & Happy Guide to the Ethics of Using AI and Other Legal Tech* with Nancy B. Rapoport.

## Agenda

### Friday, May 30, 2025

- 9:00-12:00 Registration
- 12:15-12:30 Welcome/Section Business Meeting
- 12:30-1:30 Creditors’ Rights/UCC Update (James Roberts and Hanna Lahr)
- 1:30-1:45 Break
- 1:45-2:45 Commercial Keynote (Nancy Rapoport and Joseph R. Tiano)
- 2:45-3:15 American Board Certification (Judge Oldshue and Danielle Mashburn-Myrick)
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:30 Consumer Keynote (Judge Maddox)
- 4:30-5:30 Ethics (Roman Shaul)
- 6:30-8:00 Reception

### Saturday, May 31, 2025

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30-9:30 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Update (Judges Creswell and Robinson)
- 9:30-9:40 Break
- 9:40-10:40 Big Stuff that Courts Disagree About In Consumer, Reorganization & Sub V (Bill Rochelle and Judges’ Panel)
- 10:40-10:55 Break
- 10:55-11:55 Consumer and Commercial Judges Panels (separate rooms)
- 11:55-12:25 District Roundtables (separate rooms)



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