

Chapter 11 Lawyers' Advisory Committee
for the United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Eastern District of New York

Minutes

Meeting Date: November 3, 2022
Location: Via Zoom
Attendees: See below

Chair Update and Approval of Minutes:

Chair Sheryl Giugliano opened the meeting. The Chair asked for comments on the minutes of last meeting, there being none, a motion was made for approval of the minutes of the last meeting – the minutes were approved.

Board of Judges Update:

Chief Judge Alan S. Trust then provided an update from the Judges for the U.S.B.C. E.D.N.Y. Chief Judge Trust advised that court operations will continue to be virtual but noted that some Judges have conducted a number of in-person or hybrid-format hearings.

Chief Judge Trust further advised that the number of filings are slowly starting to pick up.

Small and Medium Chapter 11 Case Subcommittee Update:

The Subcommittee is considering whether to hold another webinar focused on Subchapter V updates.

Large Chapter 11 Cases Subcommittee Update:

None.

Mediation Subcommittee:

Andrew M. Thaler reported that the Mediation Subcommittee held a brown bag lunch that explored in a brief vignette style, how and when disputes can be sent to mediation. The panel members discussed some of the concerns and questions that parties work through in considering mediation as a way to resolve a pending dispute. Panelists included Judge Stong, Judge Scarcella, Leslie Berkoff, Mickee Hennessy, Lori Schwartz and Andrew Thaler. The Mediation Subcommittee is considering a program in the spring.

Junior Lawyers Initiative Subcommittee:

The Committee is considering whether the sessions should be conducted in a hybrid in-person/virtual format as well as updating some of the motions used during the session.

General Discussions:

Marylou Martin and Alla Kachan led a discussion on the trends and issues presented in taxicab medallion cases. Ms. Kachan then discussed the various relief programs available to owners of taxi medallions.

Judge Mazer-Marino then discussed an upcoming program on April 3, 2023 on pathways to bench, a program by the federal judiciary that focuses on expanding the pipeline of potential bankruptcy and magistrate judges.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting Date:

Schedule TBD.

Attendees:

Alla Kachan, Esq. (guest speaker)
Andrew M. Thaler, Esq.
Bonnie Pollack, Esq.
Burton S. Weston, Esq.
Christine H. Black, Esq.
Enid Stuart, Esq.
Evan J. Zucker, Esq.
Gerard R. Luckman, Esq.
Holly R. Holecek, Esq.
Hon. Alan S. Trust
Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong
Hon. Jil Mazer-Marino
Hon. Louis Scarcella
Hon. Nancy H. Lord
Lori Schwartz, Esq.
Luke A. Barefoot, Esq.
Marty Bunin, Esq.
Marylou Martin, Esq.
Michelle McGreal, Esq.
Paul Dixon
Phillip Khezri, Esq.
Rachel Albanese, Esq.
Robert Gavin
Robert Schmidt, Esq.

Sean Greene-Delgado
Sheryl P. Giugliano, Esq.
William E. Curtin, Esq.