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For Better or Worse: Chapter 11 in the Post-BAPCPA Downturn

BAPCPA, the 2005 Bankruptcy Code overhaul, brought some significant changes to corporate reorganization, leading some to dub Chapter 11 as the “National Foreclosure Act.” This panel will examine the myths and realities behind this description by focusing on the more sweeping BAPCPA amendments: time restrictions on assumption or rejection of commercial leases, the limited plan exclusivity period, 20-day administrative expense claims and the attempted reigning in of executive compensation.

Speakers: [Jo Ann J. Brighton](#), K&L Gates, Charlotte, North Carolina; [Judge Joy Flowers Conti](#), United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; [Richard E. Mikels](#), Mintz Levin, Boston, Massachusetts

Luncheon: The Desperate Hours, *Pro Bono Publico*

Speaker: [Peter Ashmore](#), Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
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A Fistful of Dollars: Hedge Funds, Private Equity and Bankruptcy

The presence of hedge funds and private equity in bankruptcy has become more prevalent in recent years, altering, sometimes dramatically, the outcome of troubled companies' reorganization efforts. In addition to exploring the impact of these non-traditional bankruptcy players, our experts will also discuss the latest twist—what happens when these entities themselves are threatened with insolvency.

Speakers: [Martí Kopacz](#), Grant Thornton LLP, New York, New York; [Jeff J. Marwil](#), Proskauer Rose, Chicago, Illinois; [Sandra E. Mayerson](#), Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, New York, New York; [Bradley D. Sharp](#), Development Specialists, Inc., Los Angeles, California

The Importance of Being Earnest: Bankruptcy's Disclosure Rules

Bankruptcy is a transparent process and the transparency begins with the disclosure requirements of Bankruptcy Rules 2014, 2016 and 2019. These rules require that certain professionals working in the bankruptcy system disclose their connections with a variety of entities, including their past or present engagements, their fee arrangements with their client in the case, the identity of clients if more than one is represented and more. This panel will discuss pertinent provisions of these important bankruptcy rules, highlighting what must be disclosed and the sometimes dire consequences that follow a failure to comply.

Speakers: [Judge John H. Squires](#), United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois; [Steven B. Towbin](#), Shaw Gussis Fishman Glantz Wolfson & Towbin LLC, Chicago, Illinois; [Daniel Zazove](#), Perkins Coie, Chicago, Illinois

Tickets are \$85.00 on or before March 16, 2009 and \$100.00 after that date. Written Symposium materials will be distributed via e-mail prior to April 16; printed materials are available the day of the Symposium for \$12. Judges and students are free. CLE credit offered. For more information, contact Megan Bosau or Chalet Braziel at (312) 362-6178 or depaul.bclj@gmail.com.

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