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# MISSISSIPPI BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

## Forty-Fifth Annual Seminar

November 13 & 14, 2025  
The Refuge Hotel  
& Conference Center  
Flowood, Mississippi

## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

- 7:30 - 8:15 WELCOME ADDRESS**  
**Derek A. Henderson**  
President, Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference  
*Attorney at Law*  
Jackson, Mississippi
- 8:15 - 9:15 CASE LAW UPDATE: CONSUMER DEVELOPMENTS**  
**Rachel Alexandra Coxwell**  
*Coxwell Attorneys*  
Jackson, Mississippi  
**Cecily LaRue Ethridge**  
*Coxwell Attorneys*  
Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:15 - 10:15 DRIVING YOUR CASE HOME: AN EVIDENCE ROADMAP FOR BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONERS**  
**Honorable Shon Hastings**  
Chief Judge, U. S. Bankruptcy Court  
*District of North Dakota*  
Fargo, ND
- 10:15 - 10:30 BREAK**
- 10:30 - 11:30 CLERKS' UPDATE**  
**Shallanda "Che" Clay**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court Clerk*  
Northern District of Mississippi  
Aberdeen, MS  
**Danny L. Miller**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court Clerk*  
Southern District of Mississippi  
Jackson, MS
- 11:30 - 1:00 LUNCH (on your own)**
- 1:00 - 2:00 SUCCESSION PLANNING**  
**Adam Kilgore**  
*Attorney at Law*  
Jackson, MS
- 2:00 - 3:00 APPEALING OUTCOMES: INSIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT BENCH**  
**Honorable Kristi H. Johnson**  
*Judge*  
U. S. District Court  
Southern District of Mississippi  
Jackson, MS
- 3:00 - 3:15 BREAK**
- 3:15 - 5:15 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**3:15 - 4:15 COMMERCIAL BREAKOUT THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF §363 SALES**  
**Craig M. Geno**  
*Law Offices of Craig M. Geno PLLC*  
Ridgeland, MS  
**Ken Mann**  
*Managing Director*  
S C & H Capital  
Easton, MD

### 4:15 - 5:15 COMMERCIAL BREAKOUT MERCHANT CASH ADVANCES

**Honorable M. Ruthie Hagan**  
*Judge, U. S. Bankruptcy Court*  
Western District of Tennessee  
Memphis, TN  
**Honorable David W. Houston III**  
*(former Bankruptcy Judge, NDMS)*  
Mitchell McNutt & Sams  
Tupelo, MS

### 3:15 - 4:15 CONSUMER BREAKOUT - LET'S HEAR FROM THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEES

**George Adam Sanford**  
*Chapter 7 Trustee*  
Southern District of Mississippi  
Brandon, MS  
**Miranda Linton Williford**  
*Chapter 7 Trustee*  
Northern District of Mississippi  
Corinth, MS

### 4:15 - 5:15 CONSUMER BREAKOUT - WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF CHAPTER 13s

**W. Jeffrey Collier**  
*Sr. Attorney*  
Chapter 13 Trustee Locke Barkley, NDMS  
Jackson, Mississippi  
**Jessica M. Cunningham**  
*Cunningham Law Firm*  
Columbus, MS  
**Samuel J. Duncan**  
*Sr. Attorney*  
Chapter 13 Trustee David Rawlings, SDMS  
Hattiesburg, MS

### 5:15 - 6:15 OPENING RECEPTION

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

- 7:30 REGISTRATION**
- 8:00 - 9:00 CASE LAW UPDATE: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS**  
**Laura Elizabeth "Bess" Fisher**  
*Mitchell McNutt*  
Oxford, MS  
**Austin B. Alexander**  
*Thompson Hine LLP*  
Atlanta, GA
- 9:00 - 10:00 SUBCHAPTER V AFTER V YEARS: EMERGING TRENDS, SETTLED DOCTRINE, AND NEW FRONTIERS**  
**Honorable Jeffery W. Cavender**  
*Judge, U. S. Bankruptcy Court*  
Northern District of Georgia  
Atlanta, GA
- 10:00 - 11:00 PRACTICING BANKRUPTCY WITHOUT BEING ETHICALLY BANKRUPT (Ethics)**  
**Donald Campbell**  
*Owen Cooper Professor of Law*  
Mississippi College School of Law  
Jackson, MS

## PROGRAM *Cont'd*

- 11:00 - 11:15** **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Derek A. Henderson**  
*President, Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference*  
*Attorney at Law*  
*Jackson, MS*
- 11:15 - 12:15** **DAZED AND PRO SE: EVERYTHING'S JUST GONNA BE ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT**  
**Honorable Meredith S. Grabill**  
*Judge, U. S. Bankruptcy Court*  
*Eastern District of Louisiana*  
*New Orleans, LA*  
**Hilary Bonial**  
*Bonial & Associates, P.C.*  
*Dallas, TX*  
**Christopher Daniel Meyer**  
*Burr & Forman LLP*  
*Jackson, MS MS*
- 12:15 - 12:45** **LUNCH** (*box lunch provided*)
- 12:45 - 1:45** **JUDICIAL TOWN HALL**  
**Honorable Katharine M. Samson**  
*Chief U. S. Bankruptcy Judge*  
*Southern District of Mississippi*  
*Gulfport, MS*  
**Honorable Jason D. Woodard**  
*Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge*  
*Northern District of Mississippi*  
*Aberdeen, MS*  
**Honorable Selene D. Maddox**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Judge*  
*Northern District of Mississippi*  
*Aberdeen, MS*  
**Honorable Jamie Wilson**  
*U. S. Bankruptcy Judge*  
*Southern District of Mississippi*  
*Jackson, MS*  
**Daniel Tavera, Moderator**  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Mississippi College School of Law*  
*Jackson, MS*
- 1:45** **ADJOURN**

## SEMINAR LOCATION

The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center  
 2200 Refuge Blvd.  
 Flowood, Mississippi 39232

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