

Agenda

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Basics Bankruptcy options for individuals and organizations Goals of Chapter 7 bankruptcy and typical outcomes Pre-bankruptcy planning and alternatives	<i>M. Kivitz</i>
Eligibility for and Objectives of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Eligibility issues in Chapter 7 Assessing the debtor's objectives in filing bankruptcy	<i>N. Martin</i>
Preparing and Filing Petition and Schedules Collecting and organizing information from the debtor Preparing and filing petition and schedules	<i>L. Vargas</i>
Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Practice Purpose and effect of the automatic stay Operation of trustee Administering the bankruptcy estate Obtaining discharge	<i>R. Crowley J.D. Krekeler</i>
Creditors' Claims Treatment of secured and unsecured claims Filing claims Attending examinations and meetings Effect of the automatic stay Preparing for plan confirmation and discharge Filing objections	<i>S. Stolte</i>
Ethical Issues in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Practice Making a full disclosure to the bankruptcy court Dealing with the secretive or dishonest client Preventing conflicts of interest Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law	<i>R. Barr</i>

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Learning Objectives

- You'll be able to:**
- Review** the goals of Chapter 7 bankruptcy and typical outcomes.
 - Identify** eligibility issues for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.
 - Collect** and organize information obtained from debtors.
 - Discuss** the automatic stay and bankruptcy estate administration.
 - Explore** treatment of secured and unsecured creditors' claims.
 - Anticipate** common ethical issues in bankruptcy practice.



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| Review Chapter 7 Bankruptcy purposes and alternatives | Prepare and file bankruptcy petitions and schedules |
| Examine debtor eligibility and understand debtor's objectives | Explore creditors' claims |
| | Handle ethical issues in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy practice |

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Nancy S. Martin is a partner with the law firm of Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs LLC. She practices in the areas of creditors’ rights, bankruptcy law, civil defense litigation, and business disputes in the states of Missouri and Illinois. She has extensive experience in bankruptcy law, having represented bankruptcy clients prior to and since the enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA). Prior to joining Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs, L.L.C., Ms. Martin headed up the bankruptcy department of a high-volume, multi-district creditors’ rights practice, representing residential mortgage creditors under Fannie/Freddie default servicing guidelines. In that capacity, she handled all aspects of bankruptcy representation, including plan analyses and objections, claim filings and defense, motion practice, and bankruptcy litigation.

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Robert D. Barr is a partner at Koehler Fitzgerald LLC. He has over 20 years of experience in commercial litigation, bankruptcy and real estate, with an emphasis on representing bankruptcy trustees in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Barr was appointed a Chapter 7 Trustee in 2017. He has been and is presently counsel for numerous creditors, creditor committees, and corporate and consumer debtors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases. Mr. Barr is an active leader and speaker in regional bar associations, having served as chair of the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and twice as co-chair of the William J. O’Neill Great Lakes Regional Bankruptcy Institute.

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