

An Invitation to Idaho's Bankruptcy Bar
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As a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, I wanted to remind you about an exciting upcoming event, and to personally invite you to attend.

Each year, NCBJ hosts an annual conference, not just for bankruptcy judges, but for all of America's bankruptcy law professionals. This year's annual conference will be held on **OCTOBER 8-11, 2014, at the HYATT REGENCY in CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**. Detailed information about this meeting, including the agenda, hotel accommodations, and important registration information, can be found at the website: **ncbjmeeting.org**.

Our good friend, Bankruptcy Judge Gene Wedoff, a frequent speaker at Idaho Bankruptcy Section events, is the current president of NCBJ. He suggests there are at least three reasons you should consider attending the Chicago meeting:

Reason # 1. The NCBJ's meeting is the best place each year to meet with judges, bankruptcy practitioners, and support professionals - and to get the benefit of some of the best bankruptcy educators in the country. The ABA, the American College of Bankruptcy, ABI, AIRA, CLLA, INSOL, IWIRC, and other groups will be putting on their own programs in conjunction with the NCBJ, making for a uniquely rich learning environment.

Reason # 2. The City of Chicago is special. Chicago is my hometown, and fall is its best time of year. You'll enjoy some of the country's most celebrated dining; take in the blues, jazz, an opera or symphony; go on a tour of Chicago's architecture; shop an amazing variety of retailers; or just walk along the beautiful lake shore. It's an easy plane ride from just about anywhere, and Chicagoans love visitors.

Reason #3. The special events at this year's meeting will be fantastic. Among what we've got planned is a performance by some of Second City's premier members at our final night dinner, memorable late night parties, and a reception by the local insolvency professionals at The Art Institute of Chicago, with its galleries of impressionist paintings open for our private viewing.

As you can see, attending the conference would be a valuable use of your time, and in addition, considerable fun for you and your guests. However, I want to especially commend to you the quantity and quality of the CLE programs. Each day at the conference, participants can select from a literal buffet of bankruptcy-related topics, speakers, and formats all presented by the most knowledgeable and experienced bankruptcy and other judges, academics, and lawyers in America. To support these presentations, the program materials are extensive and topnotch, containing lots of information you can use in your practice.

If you think you might be interested in attending, I urge for you to explore the extensive information on the NCBJ website, **ncbjmeeting.org**. In addition, if you want a personal recommendation, you might want to talk to one of the several Idaho bankruptcy lawyers who have regularly attended the meeting, including Ford Elsaesser, Craig Christensen, or Dan Green.

I hope you attend the NCBJ annual conference this year. If you decide to do so, please let me know, so I can plan to visit with you at the meeting, or answer any of your questions about the conference. **SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!!**