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Dear Members of the Commercial Law League of America,



It is with great pride and anticipation that I welcome you to the 131st National Convention of the Commercial Law League of America. As your President, it is both an honor and a privilege to gather with so many esteemed colleagues, thought leaders, and friends as we come together to learn, connect, and shape the future of commercial law.

Chicago—our host city—is a place of rich history, architectural marvels, and a thriving legal community. It is a fitting backdrop once again for this year's convention, which promises to be both dynamic and inspiring. Our agenda is filled with timely educational sessions, engaging panels, and ample opportunities for collaboration and networking. Whether you're a longtime member or attending your first CLLA convention, I encourage you to take full advantage of the wealth of knowledge and experience that surrounds you.

This year, we will explore the evolving challenges and opportunities in commercial and bankruptcy law, and the critical role our League plays in maintaining excellence, ethics, and innovation within the profession. Together, we will continue to strengthen the foundations upon which our members—and our industry—stand.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the Committee Members, our dedicated staff, and all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. Their commitment and vision are what make gatherings like this not only possible but memorable.

As we convene in the spirit of camaraderie, professionalism, and progress, I look forward to the conversations we'll have, the ideas we'll exchange, and the partnerships we'll build. Let us make the most of this time together in Chicago and continue driving forward the mission of the Commercial Law League of America to advance commercial, bankruptcy, and business law through education, advocacy, and networking.

Welcome to the 2025 National Convention!

Warm regards,

Ted Hamilton

2024-2025 CLLA President



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Dear Colleagues,

What an honor it is to be here as the current Chair of the Midwest Region. As we all gather in the Windy City, **it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 131st CLLA National Convention.** It's an exceptional setting for reconnecting with familiar colleagues and forming new connections. We are surrounded by insightful decision-makers, influential industry leaders, and esteemed experts in

various areas of commercial collections. Simply put, there is no better group to begin the annual convention with.

During the convention, be sure to take advantage of the unique opportunities that are being held throughout. **Educational sessions** such as **Commercial Accounts Under Threat, Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Case Law,** and **Good Forwarders Go Bad Part 2,** to name a few. Plus, there will be special social events like **PaintFest, The Commercial Law Feud Game, Games Galore,** and the **Karaoke Nightcap**, which last year brought tears to everyone's eyes for one reason or another. The convention is not just about business, it's also a time to reflect on what we've achieved together and to recognize the individuals whose dedication has truly made a difference.

With that, let's begin with what promises to be a great few days of reconnecting with colleagues, deepening our professional knowledge, and partaking in valuable networking opportunities.

Cheers,

Neil C. Sander
CLLA Midwest Region Chair

Look for the Ask Me Button.

Are you new to the League?

Is this your first CLLA event?

Have a question or two, but not sure who to ask?

Look for the Ask Me Button.

This button identifies CLLA leaders of the League who are willing to help out with questions you may have.



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The 131st Annual Commercial Law League of America National Convention



Welcome back to Chicago and the Swissôtel!

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Commercial Law League of America, we are delighted to welcome you to our annual convention! We are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be an enriching and inspiring event.

This year's conference reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration, innovation, and growth within the League. Over the next few days, you will have the opportunity to engage with industry leaders, participate in informative sessions, and network with fellow professionals who share your passion and dedication.

We have created a diverse agenda featuring keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops designed to equip you with the knowledge and tools you need to navigate through the ever-changing environments of our industries. Whether you are looking to enhance your skills, discover new strategies, or simply connect with peers, there is something for everyone.

We encourage you to fully immerse yourself in the rich resources available to you at this convention. Don't hesitate to ask questions, share your insights, and make meaningful connections that could lead to future collaborations. Remember, the relationships you build here are just as important as the knowledge you gain.

As you navigate through the scheduled activities, don't forget to unwind and enjoy some fun at our social events. Back by popular demand, the **Karaoke and Dessert** event Thursday evening will be back, sponsored by the New Members' Section Executive Council. Other events include **Commercial Law Feud, Games Galore** including ping pong, foosball and cornhole. And post-conference tours are available on the **Barrel Bus** or at the **Art Institute of Chicago**. Let your hair down and enjoy lighthearted connections that can often lead to meaningful relationships and business that extend beyond the event itself.



We are also celebrating the **CLLA Commercial Collection Agency Certification Program**. For 50 years, CLLA has been certifying commercial collection agencies, setting the highest standard for excellence within the industry. Unlike other agency certifications that are automatically granted with membership, the CLLA certification is a voluntary and rigorous process that requires agencies to demonstrate exceptional financial practices and operational standards.

Thank you for being a part of the CLLA community. We look forward to an engaging and productive convention!

Phil Lattanzio
Executive Vice President
CLLA

YEAR	PRESIDENT	LOCATION
2025	Theodore J. Hamilton	Chicago, IL
2024	William H. Thrush	Chicago, IL
2023	Jim Kozelek	Chicago, IL
2022	Christopher Young	Chicago, IL
2021	Timothy Wan	Virtual
2020	Timothy Wan	Virtual
2019	Lorna Walker	Orlando, FL
2018	Marc Bressler	Chicago, IL
2017	Peter Califano	San Francisco, CA
2016	Robert S. Bernstein	Chicago, IL
2015	Barry Gammons	Las Vegas, NV
2014	Jeffrey N. Schatzman	Chicago, IL
2013	Ivan Jac Reich	Chicago, IL
2012	James "Beau" Hays	Chicago, IL
2011	Gary M. Weiner	Chicago, IL
2010	Ernest V. Thomas, III	Chicago, IL
2009	David R. Gamache	Chicago, IL
2008	Wanda Borges	Chicago, IL
2007	Sidney S. Friedman	Chicago, IL
2006	Jerry T. Myers	Asheville, NC
2005	Mary K. Whitmer	Toronto, Canada
2004	Paul I. Mendelson	Newport, RI
2003	John P. Wanderer	Isl. of Hawaii, HI
2002	William C. Sturm	Park City, UT
2001	Mark J. Sheriff	Hilton Head Island, SC
2000	Daniel J. Goldberg	Monterey, CA
1999	Louis A. LeLaurin, III	Mont Tremblant, Canada
1998	Charles R. Johanson, III	Amelia Island, FL
1997	Murray S. Lubitz	Bolton Landing, NY
1996	Robert S. Bernstein	Whistler, Canada
1995	Elliott D. Levin	Dana Point, CA
1994	Frederick M. Luper	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1993	Robert I. Morris	Southampton, Bermuda
1992	Charles S. Bernstein	Sun Valley, ID
1991	Richard G. Baumann	Grand Traverse, MI
1990	Fred J. Smith, Jr.	Hilton Head, SC
1989	John J. McLaughlin	Maui, HI
1988	Norman K. Gurstel	Palm Beach, FL
1987	Gary A. Plotkin	Asheville, NC
1986	Benson Zion	La Costa, Carlsbad, CA
1985	James A. Chatz	Hilton Head, SC
1984	Frank W. Koger	Montreal, Canada
1983	Joseph E. Friend	Colorado Springs, CO
1982	Arthur I. Ungerman	Palm Beach, FL
1981	Eugene B. Berman	Dorado Beach, PR
1980	James E. Carmel	Kauai, HI
1979	Joseph Braunstein	Sun Valley, ID
1978	Robert B. Chatz	Hot Springs, VA
1977	Murray B. DeGroot	Colorado Springs, CO
1976	Wilbur G. Silberman	Miami, FL
1975	Gerald W. Brownstein	Coronado, CA
1974	Stuart E. Hertzberg	Southampton, Bermuda
1973	Arthur M. Lewis	Sun Valley, ID
1972	Sanford A. Harris	Miami, FL
1971	Leonard M. Salter	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1970	Paul E. Berman	Kiamesha Lake, NY
1969	Bernard A. Riemer	Lake Tahoe, NV
1968	Francis H. Fairley	Grand Bahama Island
1967	Morris W. Macey	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1966	Bernard D. Craig	Mackinac Island, MI
1965	Lawrence B. Raff	Miami Beach, FL
1964	Edwin L. Brown, Jr.	Kiamesha Lake, NY
1963	Arthur T. Wasserman	Coronado, CA
1962	William R. Eddleman	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1961	W. Alex Kennedy	Saranac, NY
1960	Benjamin H. Wicksel	French Lick, IN

YEAR	PRESIDENT	LOCATION
1959	Leonard J. Brizdle	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1958	George J. Balbach	Atlantic City, NJ
1957	Max Winograd	Houston, TX
1956	William M. Silverman	Bretton Woods, NH
1955	David W. Strauss	Coronado, CA
1954	Max B. Reid	Miami Beach, FL
1953	C.J. Wagner	Mackinac Island, MI
1952	Morris Weisman	French Lick, IN
1951	Louis J. Sagner	Saranac, NY
1950	John E. Baker, Jr.	Mackinac Island, MI
1949	C. Glenn Garten	Roanoke, VA
1948	George Burns	Cleveland, OH
1947	Grover C. Thompson	Atlantic City, NJ
1946	Fred G. Stanley	Mackinac Island, MI
1945	Charles L. Cunningham	No Convention
1944	Tyree G. Newbill	No Convention
1943	Henry L. Fist	No Convention
1942	Abraham Lieberman	French Lick, IN
1941	Harold B. Doyle	New York, NY
1940	Carroll A. Teller	Chicago, IL
1939	John M. Niehaus, Jr.	Washington, DC
1938	Col. Frederick A. Lind	Mackinac Island, MI
1937	W. Leslie Miller	Cleveland, OH
1936	G. Dexter Blount	Boston, MA
1935	Frank M. Ely	Washington, DC
1934	William B. Henderson	White Sulphur Springs, WV
1933	Sol Weiss	Mackinac Island, MI
1932	Frank W. Stonecipher	Washington, DC
1931	Robert H. Sykes	Toronto, Canada
1930	Col. Frederick A. Lind	Mackinac Island, MI
1929	Raymond G. Young	Montreal, Canada
1928	J. Purdon Wright	Mackinac Island, MI
1927	Maurice P. Davidson	Atlantic City, NJ
1926	Livingston E. Osborne	San Francisco, CA
1925	Fred Blair Townsend	Mackinac Island, MI
1924	Claude D. Ritter	Montreal, Canada
1923	Thad M. Talcott, Jr.	West Baden, IN
1922	John B. Edwards	Atlantic City, NJ
1921	Edward F. Flynn	Minneapolis, MN
1920	George A. Bacon	Asbury Park, NJ
1919	William H.H. Piatt	Cincinnati, OH
1918	E.E. Donnelly	Chicago, IL
1917	E.G. McGilton	Saratoga Springs, NY
1916	Earle W. Evans	Atlantic City, NJ
1915	Edwin H. Brink	Pasadena, CA
1914	Edwin A. Krauthoff	Chicago, IL
1913	Frederic P. Vose	Cape May, NJ
1912	J. Howard Reber	Colorado Springs, CO
1911	A. V. Cannon	Atlantic City, NJ
1910	Henry Deutsch	Narragansett Pier
1909	George M. Napier	Narragansett Pier
1908	Albert N. Eastman	Mackinac Island, MI
1907	H.G. W. Dinkelspiel	Detroit, MI
1906	George W. Carr	Asheville, NC
1905	S.T. Bledsoe	Niagara Falls, NY
1904	Frederick L. Siddons	West Baden, IN
1903	Albert H. Weed	Mackinac Island, MI
1902	E.F. Ferguson	Niagara Falls, NY
1901	W.W. Watts	Put-in-Bay, OH
1900	Charles R. Miller	Milwaukee, WI
1899	Ernest T. Florance	Asbury Park, NJ
1898	John D. Green	Put-in-Bay, OH
1897	Edmund M. Bartlett	Put-in-Bay, OH
1896	William C. Sprague	Omaha, NE
1895	William C. Sprague	Detroit, MI

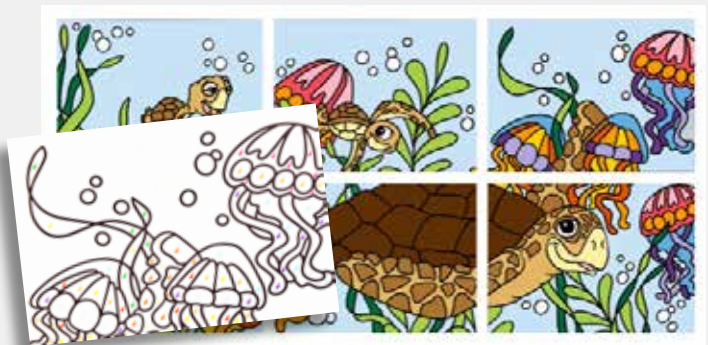
Networking Opportunities

Express Yourself and Help a Hospital!



Grab a paint brush and have some fun! A **"PaintFest" Station**, benefitting the Foundation for Hospital Art, will be set-up during the convention. Here you can work together with your peers to express your creativity in paint and help us bring warmth and joy to those facing challenging times in healthcare. No artistic experience is necessary, all you need is a heart to make beautiful things happen! Let's make a difference together!

Since 1984, the Foundation for Hospital Art has united patients, families, and volunteers globally to transform sterile hospital environments into vibrant spaces. Our colorful artwork provides comfort and joy, turning blank walls into soothing havens. Our final product will be donated to be displayed in a hospital.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025



Games Galore Nightcap
Swissôtel Chicago
10:00 p.m. - Midnight

After dinner, meet up at the hotel to unwind with a nightcap and a little competition. Join us for some exciting late-night gaming including ping pong, foosball, cornhole, and more! Compete for bragging rights while networking with fellow members.



THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025



The Commercial Law Feud Game
Swissôtel Chicago
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a fast-paced, hilarious, and competitive

game show, pitting teams of CLLA members against each other as they try to guess the answers to survey questions!



Karaoke Nightcap & Desserts
Swissôtel Chicago
10:00 p.m. - Midnight

Back by popular demand... It's Karaoke Night!

Join the New Members'

Section Executive Council and fellow colleagues to sing your hearts out all while networking!

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025



Barrel Bus
2:00 p.m.

Hop on the "Barrel Bus" on Friday afternoon for an unforgettable adventure through Chicago's breweries

and distilleries! Enjoy round-trip transportation, a behind-the-scenes brewery tour, beer tastings and a cocktail at a local distillery. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow members and share in the joy of craft beverages. See Mary McCann at the registration desk.



Art Institute of Chicago Tour
2:00 p.m.

Join your colleagues for a captivating self-guided tour of the Art Institute of Chicago

led by CLLA member and art enthusiasts David Lippman! See Mary McCann at the registration desk.



THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

Women's Empowerment & Networking Luncheon

Featuring Special Guests: Dress for Success Greater Chicago and Keli Frazier-Cox

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

ROOM: Currents (Concourse Level)

We are excited to once again collaborate with Dress for Success Greater Chicago, an extraordinary organization committed to empowering women on their journey toward economic independence. With a robust network and essential career development resources, they are making a profound impact on the lives of women in Chicago and beyond.

We are honored to welcome our keynote speaker, Keli Frazier-Cox, founder of Promote Leaders LLC, who will share her insights on "Finding Your Passion and Purpose in Giving." Keli brings a wealth of experience in aligning growth objectives with cultural nuances and personal development. Her Intentionally Balanced Leadership framework offers tailored strategies that inspire executives to lead with purpose.



Keli Frazier-Cox
Founder,
Promote Leaders



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY | MAY 14, 2025

10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

*All Attendees Welcome to
Networking Events*

unless otherwise noted

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KEY

■ NETWORKING






■ MEETINGS

■ EDUCATION

11:30 AM — 3:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting ROOM: Élevé Riverview , 42nd Floor
4:00 — 5:00 PM 	Legislative Forum ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level) PANELISTS: Daniel C. Kerrick , Hogan McDaniel, Wilmington, DE; Jeffrey N. Schatzman , Schatzman & Schatzman, PA, Miami, FL; Gilbert M. Singer , Marcadis Singer P.A., Tampa, FL
5:00 — 6:00 PM <i>First Time Attendees</i>	First Time Attendees Orientation (Invite Only-Ticketed Event) ROOM: Currents (Concourse Level)
6:00 — 7:00 PM <i>YOU ARE Invited</i>	Welcome Reception ROOM: Alpine Foyer (Lucerne Level) 
10:00 PM — Midnight <i>YOU ARE Invited</i>	 Games Galore Nightcap ROOM: Geneva (Concourse Level)

THURSDAY | MAY 15, 2025

7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

7:00 — 8:00 AM	Past President's Breakfast (By Invitation Only) Host: Jim Kozelek ROOM: Élevé Riverview , 42nd Floor
7:00 — 8:00 AM	Breakfast & Networking ROOM: Lucerne 1 & 2 (Lucerne Level)
8:00 — 8:30 AM	Welcome/Annual Business Meeting ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level)
8:30 — 8:45 AM	BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)
8:45 — 9:45 AM 	TRACK 1 Commercial Accounts Under Threat ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level) PANELISTS: Timothy Grimes , BARR Credit Services, Tucson, AZ; Regina Slowey , Barron & Newburger, PC, Troy, MI; Lorna Walker , Sweet & Walker, PC, San Francisco, CA
	TRACK 2 Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Case Law ROOM: Lucerne 3 (Lucerne Level) SPEAKER: Ronald Peterson , Of Counsel at Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago, IL
9:45 — 10:00 AM	BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)
10:00 — 11:00 AM 	TRACK 1 Collecting in a New Era: The Future Post-Chevron and the 2025 Elections ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level) PANELISTS: Stefanie H. Jackman , Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP, Atlanta, GA; Areyh D. Derman , Clark Hill, PLC, Chicago, IL
	TRACK 2 Valuation in Bankruptcy or Avoidance ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level) PANELISTS: Kirk B. Burkley , Bernstein-Burkley, PC, Pittsburgh, PA; Peter M. Gannott , Gannott Law Group, PLLC, Louisville, KY; Randall Woolley , Darcy & Devassy, PC, Chicago, IL
11:00 — 11:15 AM	BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)
11:15 — 11:45 AM	Creditors' Rights Section General Membership Meeting ROOM: Alpine (Lucerne Level)
11:30 AM — 12:00 PM	Bankruptcy Section General Membership Meeting ROOM: Lucerne 3 (Lucerne Level)
12:00 — 1:00 PM 	General Membership Lunch ROOM: Lucerne 1 (Lucerne Level) Women's Empowerment & Networking Luncheon ROOM: Currents (Concourse Level) Keynote Speaker: Keli Frazier-Cox Promote Leaders LLC 

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY | MAY 15, 2025

7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

1:00 — 2:00 PM



TRACK 1

**Drone Law: Look Up In the Sky...
It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a DRONE!**
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

SPEAKER: Robert G. Kirk, *Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP*, Washington, DC

TRACK 2



**Simmering Issues in Chapter 11:
The New Frontier**
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

PANELISTS: Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald (ret.), *Tucker Arensberg*, Pittsburgh, PA; **Candice L. Kline**, *Saul Ewing, LLP*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Bruce A. Markell**, *Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Ralph Brubaker**, *Univ. of Illinois, College of Law*, Champaign, IL

2:00 — 2:15 PM

BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)

2:15 — 3:15 PM



Good Forwarders Go Bad Part 2
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

PANELISTS: Robert Ash, *Radius Global Solutions*, Fair Lawn, NJ; **Michael Hynum**, *Hynum Law*, Harrisburg, PA; **Don B. Scott**, *Wright Holmes Law List*, Katonah, NY

3:15 — 3:30 PM

BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)

3:30 — 4:00 PM

**Agency Section General
Membership Meeting**
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

3:45 — 4:15 PM

**New Members' Section General
Membership Meeting**
ROOM: **Lucerne 3** (Lucerne Level)

4:30 — 5:30 PM



**Commercial Law
Feud Game**
ROOM: **Lucerne 2**
(Lucerne Level)

5:30 — 6:30 PM



**Thursday Evening
Social**
ROOM: **Lucerne Foyer**
(Lucerne Level)

10:00 PM — Midnight



**Karaoke Nightcap
& Desserts**
ROOM: **Geneva**
(Concourse Level)

Hosted by the New Members' Section Executive Council

FRIDAY | MAY 16, 2025

7:30 am - 12:00 pm
Registration (Lucerne Foyer)

8:00 — 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast & Networking
ROOM: **Lucerne 1** (Lucerne Level)

8:30 — 9:30 AM



**A Primer on the Rules of
Professional Conduct**
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

PANELISTS: Ben H. Farrow, *Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC*, Montgomery, AL; **Theodore J. Hamilton**, *Wetherington Hamilton*, Tampa, FL

9:30 — 9:45 AM

BREAK (Lucerne Foyer)

9:45 — 10:45 AM



**Trusting Lawyers' Trust Accounts -
Ethical Dilemmas**
ROOM: **Alpine** (Lucerne Level)

SPEAKER: June D. Coleman, *Messer Strickler Burnette, Ltd.*, Sacramento, CA

11:00 AM — 12:30 PM

**Brunch Buffet, Annual Awards,
and Farewell**
ROOM: **Lucerne 1 & 2** (Lucerne Level)

2:00 — 5:30 PM



Barrel Bus
See Mary McCann at registration.

2:00 — 5:30 PM



**Art Institute of
Chicago Tour**
See Mary McCann at registration.

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Annual Awards Program.
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The Briefing Room:

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- ➔ **Connect and Collaborate:** Build meaningful relationships with fellow commercial law professionals. Share experiences, seek advice, and collaborate on challenges within a supportive community.
- ➔ **Engage in Rich Discussions:** Participate in vibrant discussions that blend professional dialogue with personal interests. Whether you want to discuss industry trends or share your latest hobby, this is the space to do it.
- ➔ **Exclusive Access:** The Briefing Room is an exclusive benefit of CLLA membership. Create your account and you will unlock a wealth of resources designed to enhance your professional development and networking opportunities.
- ➔ **Easy-to-Use Features:** Our user-friendly platform makes it simple to jump in and start engaging. Post questions, share articles, and connect with others effortlessly.

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Activate Your Account for a Chance to Win!

Ask Brittany!
All Briefing Room accounts activated at the convention will be entered into a gift card drawing. Drawing will be during the Annual Awards Program. You must be present to win.

Save The Dates



Wednesday, May 14

Legislative Forum

CLLA panelists will provide a review of CLLA legislative and government affairs efforts during the past year, inform members about the political make-up of the current Congress and possibilities for legislation impacting the commercial law, and educate attendees about the legislative process; including drafting legislation and policy positions for consideration by members of Congress and aligned interested parties and organizations.

Panelists: **Daniel C. Kerrick**, *Hogan McDaniel*, Wilmington, DE; **Jeffrey N. Schatzman**, *Schatzman & Schatzman, PA*, Miami, FL; **Gilbert M. Singer**, *Marcadis Singer P.A.*, Tampa, FL

Thursday, May 15

Commercial Accounts Under Threat: Navigating the California Rosenthal Act and Defending the Impending Surge of Lawsuits

The panel will address the expansion of the California Rosenthal Act to include commercial claims, propose modifications to comply with the new regulations, and explore defenses to manage the expected surge in lawsuits.

Panelists: **Timothy Grimes**, *BARR Credit Services*, Tucson, AZ; **Regina Slowey**, *Barron & Newburger, PC*, Troy, MI; **Lorna Walker**, *Sweet & Walker, PC*, San Francisco, CA

Hot Topics in Bankruptcy Case Law

This session will be a summary of important bankruptcy cases decided through March 31, 2025, including recently decided U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Speaker: **Ronald Peterson**, *Of Counsel at Jenner & Block, LLP*, Chicago, IL

Collecting in a New ERA: The Future Post-Chevron and the 2024 Elections

Join us for a dynamic and forward-thinking program that delves into the future of consumer servicing and collections in 2025 after the 2024 elections, the overturning of Chevron, and other anticipated regulatory shifts. Our expert panel will offer a compelling analysis of the expected regulatory changes, enforcement trends, and legislative initiatives that offer new opportunities and challenges to the industry. Discover how these developments might spark new litigation and defense strategies to equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to stay ahead in this evolving environment.

Panelists: **Stefanie H. Jackman**, *Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP*, Atlanta, GA; **Areyh D. Derman**, *Clark Hill, PLC*, Chicago, IL

Valuation in Bankruptcy or Avoidance

Examining Valuation Methods, Evidentiary Requirements and Other Considerations for Both Debtors and Creditors in Bankruptcy

The panelists will discuss handling valuation disputes from both the debtor's and creditor's perspective and provide tips for preparing for evidentiary hearings and expert witness testimony, as well as prehearing discovery and negotiations. The panelists will also delve into the different valuation methods and relevant dates for assessment. The panel will further discuss recent case law addressing valuation disputes, including with respect to cryptocurrency and intellectual property.

Panelists: **Kirk B. Burkley**, *Bernstein-Burkley, PC*, Pittsburgh, PA; **Peter M. Gannott**, *Gannott Law Group, PLLC*, Louisville, KY; **Randall Woolley**, *Darcy & Devassy, PC*, Chicago, IL

EDUCATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Thursday, May 15

Drone Law: Look Up in the Sky... It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a DRONE!

The presentation will provide an overview of the various regulatory requirements applicable to the commercial operation of drones, including, for example, using drones for verifying collateral or finding assets to advance collections as well as delivery or even service of documents in collections litigation, as well as registration requirements, operational limitations, privacy protections. Attendees will learn how to properly incorporate drones into their business plans without running afoul of federal and state laws and regulatory requirements.

Speaker: Robert G. Kirk, *Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP*, Washington, DC

Simmering Issues in Chapter 11: The New Frontier

While the law simmers on issues of interest to every chapter 11 practitioner and judge, this panel will delve deep into the tide and emerge with differing views of what the future holds based on recent Supreme Court cases such as *Harrington v. Purdue Pharma LP*; *Truck Insurance Exchange v. Kaiser Gypsum*; and a few oldies but goodies such as *MacArthur Co. v. Johns-Manville Corp.*

Fascinating philosophical and practical questions arise from Supreme Court jurisprudence on plan provisions that have come to be expected parts of chapter 11 plans. This panel will explore how that jurisprudence will impact plan provisions that we've come to expect as a traditional path to confirmation in chapter 11s. Regarding the releases, is an opt in or opt out sufficient for consent? Can non-voting creditors be "deemed" to have consented to such a release?

The esteemed professors who study these topics and practitioners who deal with them day-to-day will offer their perspectives on the crossroads of party-in-interest standing; non-debtor third party injunctions and nonconsensual non-debtor third party releases. Come join us for a stimulating discussion and prognostication of what awaits in the ever-changing ocean of chapter 11 practice.

Panelists: Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald (ret.), *Tucker Arensberg*, Pittsburgh, PA; **Candice L. Kline**, *Saul Ewing, LLP*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Bruce A. Markell**, *Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law*, Chicago, IL; **Prof. Ralph Brubaker**, *Univ. of Illinois, College of Law*, Champaign, IL


Good Forwarders Go Bad - Part 2

Join us for a practical discussion between a panel of agencies and attorneys as we talk about how to handle cases and clients/creditors in a variety of situations, but it's what you do for a good client! We'll be discussing some dos and don'ts on handling those situations and best practices for the relationships. This session will touch on agency-creditor, attorney-agency and the liaisons between all three combined.

Panelists: Robert Ash, *Radius Global Solutions*, Fair Lawn, NJ; **Michael Hynum**, *Hynum Law*, Harrisburg, PA; **Don B. Scott**, *Wright Holmes Law List*, Katonah, NY

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Friday, May 16

A Primer on the Rules of Professional Conduct

ETHICS
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The practice of law is demanding in many ways, one of which is the need to comply with the rules of professional conduct for lawyers. The ethics rules are intended to protect the public and maintain the integrity of the legal profession. Accordingly, attorneys must be familiar with the applicable ethics rules and guide their professional conduct with them in mind. This course will cover some of the critical professional conduct rules that affect lawyers daily.

Panelists: **Ben H. Farrow**, *Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC*, Montgomery, AL; **Theodore J. Hamilton**, *Wetherington Hamilton*, Tampa, FL

Trusting Lawyers' Trust Accounts - Ethical Dilemmas

ETHICS
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There are so many ethical rules regarding trust accounts, which are complicated by client demands for immediate payment. During this session, learn about trust accounting issues that raise ethical concerns that could lead to discipline. What are the requirements for naming your trust account. Who can access your trust account. Should the account be a trust account if it is opened for an individual client? How does IOLTA work? Can state bar associations obtain your bank records on your trust account? When should an attorney tender money received from a debtor to his client? What if the debtor payment "bounces"?

Speaker: **June D. Coleman**, *Messer Strickler Burnette*, Sacramento, CA





The Nominating Council Report for the 2025 – 2026 Board of Governors Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Council has completed its review of the candidates' qualifications for the following elective positions on the Commercial Law League of America's ("CLLA") Board of Governors in accordance with the CLLA Constitution and the Nominating Council's Rules and Procedures. Accordingly, the Nominating Council certifies the following candidates to be included on the May 2025 ballot for election to the Board of Governors.

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Such additional nominations and supporting petitions for open positions must be received no later than April 4, 2025, at 5 p.m. (CST) at the CLLA headquarters. In the event additional nominations are received by petition, the election of candidates for office shall be by written ballot and a written ballot will be sent to all eligible voting members. If no petitions are received, and it remains that there is only one candidate nominated for each of the offices, then the slate presented by the Nominating Council will be confirmed by a voice vote at the business meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025 and shall take office on June 1, 2025.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The 2025-2026 Board of Governors will be installed at the National Convention on Friday, May 16, 2025.

CREDITORS' RIGHTS SECTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Matias Garcia, as Chair of the Nominating Committee reports as follows:

The following individuals are submitted for Officer and Executive Council positions.

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CHAIR: **Jeffrey Nicolet**, Wagner, Falconer & Judd, Ltd., Minneapolis, MN

CHAIR-ELECT: **T. Britt Rudman**, Law Offices of T. Britt Rudman, Beverly Hills, CA

SECRETARY: **Victor Garcia**, Garcia Legal, PA, Miami Lakes, FL

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**THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ARE THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ARE
REPORTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:**

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Brad Council, Slovin & Council, LPA, Cincinnati, OH

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Robert Sonnhalter, The General Bar, Cleveland, OH

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**THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD DURING THE CLLA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND DURING THE
CREDITORS' RIGHTS SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
AT 11:15 A.M. AT SAID CONVENTION.**

BANKRUPTCY SECTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee submits the following individuals for Officers and Executive Council positions.
The Election will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, during the CLLA 2025 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ONE YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2026:

CHAIR: Kirk Burkley, Bernstein-Burkley, PC

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SECRETARY: Joan Feeney, JAMS

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR AND SECTION REP. TO BOARD: Candice Kline, Univ. of Toledo, College of Law

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The Nominating Committee submits the following individuals for Officers and Executive Council positions. **The election will be held during the CLLA 2025 National Convention and during the New Members' Section General Membership meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2025, at 3:45 p.m.**

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The Nominating Committee submits the following individuals for Executive Council positions. **The election will be held during the CLLA 2025 National Convention and during the Agency Members' Section General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.**

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Chair Elect, Brandon James, Tucker, Albin & Associates, Inc.

Secretary, John Pucin, Caine & Weiner Co., Inc.

Members of the Executive Council for Two Year Term Beginning 2024 and Expiring 2026

Tim Grimes, BARR Credit Services Inc., Tucson, AZ (2024-2026)

Valerie Ingold, Commercial Collection Corp. of NY, Inc., Tonawanda, NY (2024-2026)

Donna Sweet, Continental Recovery and Filing Solutions, Simi Valley, CA (2024-2026)

REGIONAL NOMINATING REPORTS

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT REGIONAL MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Neil Sander, Chair of the CLLA Midwest Region, reports that the following individuals have been nominated for officer and executive council positions. **The Election will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, prior to the CLLA 2025 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.**

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING IN 2026:

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT REGIONAL MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Chad Hammons, Chair of the CLLA Southern Region, reports that the following individuals have been nominated for officer and executive council positions. **The Election will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, prior to the CLLA 2025 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.**

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING IN 2026:

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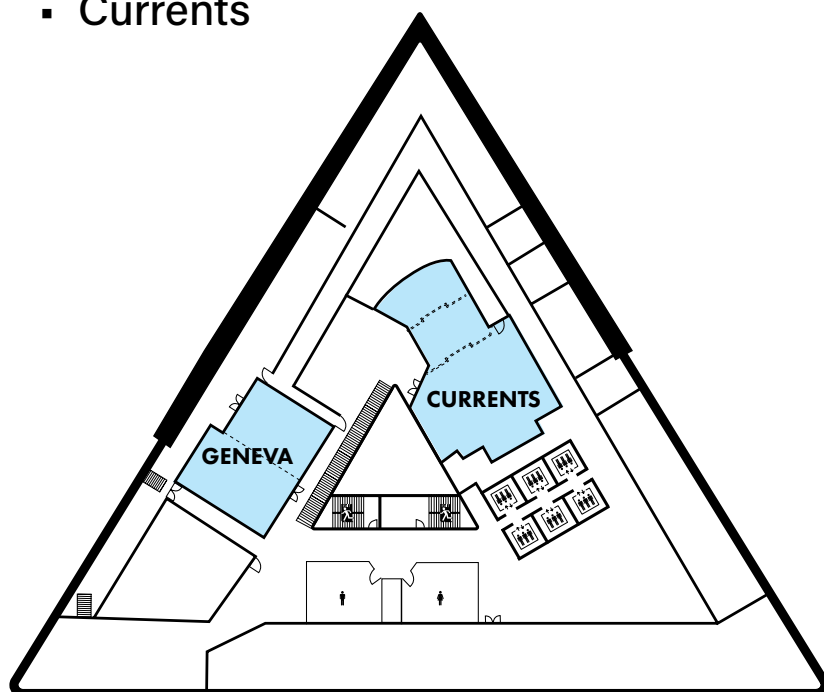
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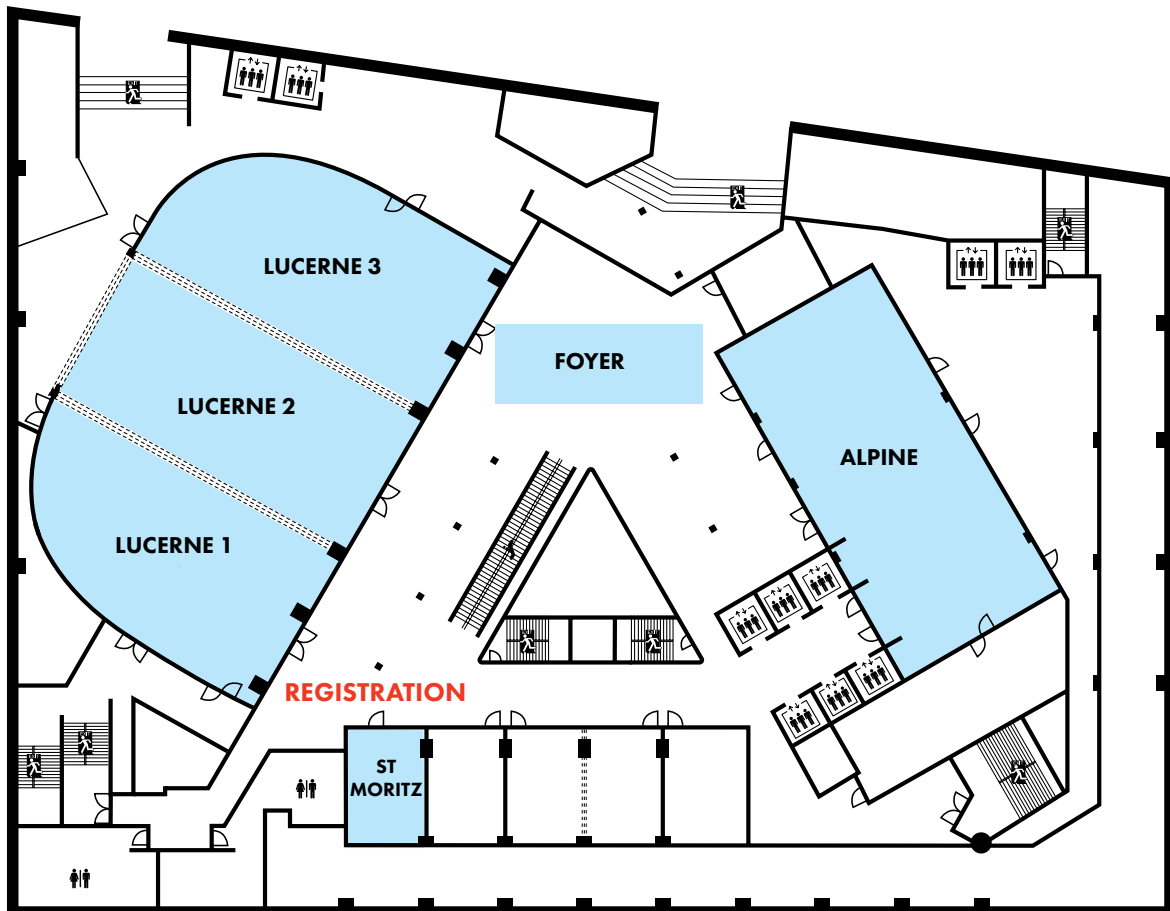
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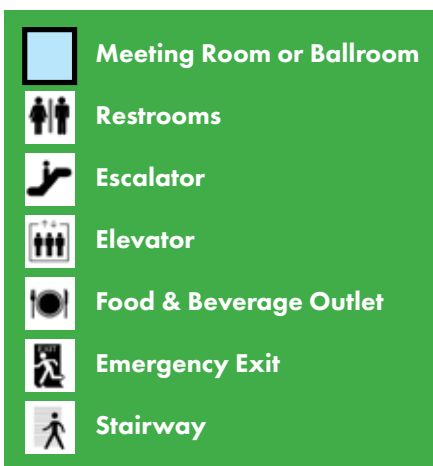


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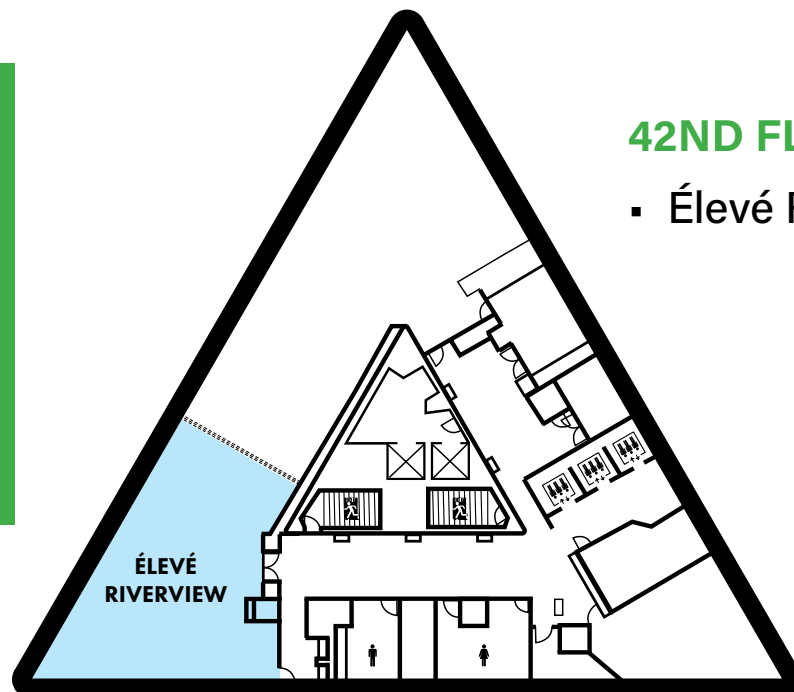


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