

EDNY Bankruptcy Court Announces Junior Lawyer Workshop at the Brooklyn Courthouse on April 23, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Register Today!

The EDNY Bankruptcy Court will conduct a workshop for junior lawyers at the Brooklyn Courthouse on April 23, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The workshop will give junior and less experienced lawyers the opportunity to gain experience and training in courtroom skills by arguing motions that were filed in chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases. Generally, motions will be argued without opposition, but some opportunities to argue with opposition will be available. Please indicate when registering if you wish to argue with opposition.

All motions will be on a teaching calendar called and argued in Court with an EDNY Bankruptcy Judge presiding. Participating lawyers will each be assigned a motion in advance, will argue it and receive feedback from the Bankruptcy Judge and more experienced bankruptcy lawyers present who are members of the EDNY Chapter 11 Lawyers' Advisory Committee. Approximately ten minutes will be set aside for each participant to present argument and receive individual feedback. After the motions on the calendar have been argued, there will be time for questions and discussion.

The workshop will not be a competition or moot court exercise. It is designed to provide a "safe" environment for junior and less experienced lawyers to practice argument and improve their courtroom skills.

The workshop is offered to help implement the policy recently adopted by the Court that, "where junior lawyers are familiar with the matter under consideration, but are not experienced in arguing before a court, they should be encouraged to participate." In these circumstances, "where it creates an opportunity for a junior lawyer to argue, this Court is amenable to permitting more than one lawyer to argue for a party." The new policy is highlighted at the top of the Court's web site home page, <http://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov>.

There will be a limited number of lawyers in the workshop. The Bankruptcy Judges are volunteering their time to prepare for and preside at the workshop. Please register only if you are able to commit to participate. The deadline to register is April 5, 2019.

Junior lawyers, including first year associates who have taken the Bar exam as well as lawyers who have practiced for a number of years but have limited or no courtroom experience, may register for the workshop by following the link posted in the "News & Announcements" section of the Court's web site home page. The participants will receive detailed instructions for the workshop and their assigned motion a few weeks in advance of the workshop.

Participants will receive by April 12, 2019 the assignments of the motions they will argue and will be contacted one week before the workshop to answer any questions they may have and confirm their appearance. If you must cancel your appearance, give at least 48 hours advance notice to the EDNY Chapter 11 Lawyers' Advisory Committee by sending an e-mail to

mhennessy@westermanllp.com and mbunin@farrellfritz.com.

In addition to junior and less experienced lawyers, all members of the Bar are invited to register attend the workshop as an observer by following the link posted in the "News & Announcements" section of the Court's home page.

Use this link to register for the Brooklyn workshop:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PFK6L9B>