

*Friday April 17, 2026*

# 2026 Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference

**8:00 – 8:40 a.m. On-Site Registration and Networking**  
Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

**8:40 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**The Honorable Beth A. Buchanan, Chief Judge**  
United States Bankruptcy Court (Cincinnati)  
**Richard B. Jones**  
Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court

**9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Case Law Update**

**Austin Z. Baurichter, Esq.**  
**Daniel Anderson, Esq.**  
United States Bankruptcy Court (Columbus)  
**Neil Berman, Esq.**  
United States Bankruptcy Court (Dayton)  
**Colleen Militello, Esq.**  
United States Bankruptcy Court (Cincinnati)  
**Abby Swartz, Esq.**  
United States Bankruptcy Court (Columbus)

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break**

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THE MANY WONDERFUL PRESENTERS  
AND SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOR MAKING THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE**

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**10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Counseling Clients with Diminished Capacity**

**Jennifer Hochdoerfer-Chiles M.A., C.D.C.A.**

Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) of  
Montgomery County (Dayton)

**Andrew L. Ruben, Esq.**

Law Minnillo Law Group Co., LPA (Cincinnati)

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m. Artificial Intelligence in the Legal Profession**

**Kathleen R. Bishop, Esq.**

Lexis/Nexis (Dayton)

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon**

Complimentary Lunch Buffet

**Breakout Discussions**

**Consumer Group (Chapters 7 & 13)**

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**Chapter 13 Update**

**Moderator: Margaret A. Burks, Esq.**  
Chapter 13 Trustee (Cincinnati)

**Panelists: Edward A. Bailey, Esq.**  
Chapter 13 Trustee (Columbus)  
**Faye D. English, Esq.**  
Chapter 13 Trustee (Columbus)  
**John G. Jansing, Esq.**  
Chapter 13 Trustee (Dayton)

**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Chapter 7 Trustee Panel**

**Moderator: Christal Caudill, Esq.**  
Caudill Law Group (Columbus)

**Panelists: Donald Mallory, Esq.**  
Wood + Lamping LLP (Cincinnati)  
**Matthew T. Schaeffer, Esq.**  
Bailey Cavalieri LLC (Dayton)  
**Arthur J. Southard, Esq.**  
Southard Law Firm LLC (Cincinnati)

**Commercial Group (Chapter 11)**

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**D&O Liability Matters in Bankruptcy**

**Panelists: The Hon. Douglas L. Lutz, Esq.**  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
(Eastern District of Kentucky)  
**Dan A. Bailey, Esq.**  
Bailey Cavalieri LLC (Columbus)

**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Forum Shopping and Venue Selection**

**Moderator: Stephen Lerner, Esq.**  
Squire Patton Boggs, LLP (Cincinnati)

**Panelists: Kyle Arendsen, Esq.**  
Squire Patton Boggs, LLP (Cincinnati)  
**Patricia J. Friesinger, Esq.**  
Coolidge Wall LPA (Dayton)  
**Philip K. Stovall, Esq.**  
Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP (Columbus)

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break**

**2:45 – 4:45 p.m. Judges' Roundtable: State of the Court and Other Topics of Interest  
Regarding Civics, Education, Policies and Procedures, and Professionalism**

**The Honorable Beth A. Buchanan, Chief Judge**

United States Bankruptcy Court (Cincinnati)

**The Honorable John E. Hoffman, Jr.**

United States Bankruptcy Court (Columbus)

**The Honorable Tyson A. Crist**

United States Bankruptcy Court (Dayton)

**The Honorable Tiffany Strelow Cobb**

United States Bankruptcy Court (Columbus)

**4:45 p.m.**

***Adjourn***

**Thank you for attending the 2026 Bench-Bar Conference!  
We hope to see you again in the future.**