

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida  
Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee (“LAC”)  
Minutes for August 2, 2024 Zoom Meeting**

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**LAC Members**

**Michael Hoffman (Chair, 2025)**  
**Laila Gonzalez (Vice Chair, 2024)**  
**Dana Kaplan (Secretary, 2023)**  
**Raychelle Tascher (Immediate Past Chair ex officio, 2024)**  
**Peter Kelly (Liaison, Pro Bono Committee, 2027)**  
**Michael Lessne (President-BBA, 2027)**  
**Jeffrey S. Fraser (2025)**  
**John Page (2025)**  
**Heidi Feinman (2024)**  
**Greg Grossman (2026)**  
**Justin Lefko (2027)**  
**Robin Weiner (Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, 2024)**  
**Jacqueline Calderin (2023)\***  
**Craig A. Pugatch (2024)**  
**Christopher Andrew Jarvinen (2025)\***

\* Absent from meeting

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from December LAC Meeting.**
  - M. Hoffman moved to approve December Meeting minutes.
  - Seconded by L. Gonzalez
  - February Meeting minutes unanimously approved.
- 3. Chair and Subcommittee Reports.**
  - a. Chapter 13. (*J. Fraser and R. Weiner*)**
    - i.** Robin Weiner provided a background concerning the new proposed Administrative Order, which would act as a first day order to be entered in all new Chapter 13 cases.
    - ii.** Discussion ensued concerning the contents.
  - b. No open subcommittees except for the Chapter 13 subcommittee**
    - voted by LAC members.
- 4. New Business: Open Floor**
  - a. BBA (*M. Lessne*)**
    - i.** Michael Lessne, BBA President attended the meeting to provide an update on various matters:

- ii. The BBA Installation Dinner will be on September 26 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts
  - iii. The BBA signed a contract with the JW Marriot Marco Island for the retreat to be held there for the next three (3) years. The 2025 retreat will be held May 29, 2025 – June 1, 2025.
  - iv. The 2025 retreat will have a new format wherein the Middle District of Florida judges will be the visiting judges. There has been commitment from seven (7) judges.
  - v. The financial literacy program is seeking volunteers to participate in events in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.
- b. University of Miami Clinic (*M. Hoffman*)
- i. The University of Miami Bankruptcy Clinic is seeking volunteer mentors. If interested, reach out to Peter Kelley.
- c. Subchapter V (*M. Hoffman*)
- i. Discussion ensued concerning inconsistency with how Subchapter V Trustee’s fees are being treated.
  - ii. In the Middle District of Florida, part of the “first day” order requires the Debtor escrow \$1,000 per month. Discussion ensued about whether an automatic order is necessary in the Southern District.
  - iii. It was determined that a subcommittee would be formed to explore this issue. Volunteers were Jon Page, Michael Hoffman, Heidi Feinman, Jacqui Calderon, Dana Kaplan and Craig Pugatch.
- d. No other new business suggested at this time.

**5. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm