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The William J. Rochelle, Jr. Course—
The Practice of Corporate Bankruptcy Reorganization Law

The Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court is pleased to announce that it is once again sponsoring its award-winning William J. Rochelle, Jr. Chapter 11 Practice Course this winter and spring. The course is designed to introduce attorneys with less than three years of experience in practicing commercial bankruptcy law to many of the legal and practical issues arising in Chapter 11 cases. Audit participants may be included, subject to space limitations. (See below as to TMA and fees.)

The course will be taught by the Honorable H.D. "Cooter" Hale, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas and Master of the Inn and attorneys Omar Alaniz of Baker Botts, L.L.P., Michael Cooley of Reed Smith, LLP, and Rob Colwell, Clerk of Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District. In addition to these outstanding instructors, the course provides participants the opportunity to interact with other members of the local bankruptcy bench as well as seasoned commercial bankruptcy practitioners.

The course consists of twelve sessions of classroom instruction conducted once a week plus an additional session devoted to participation in a mock trial exercise. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, and will be conducted every Tuesday morning through April 28, 2020, (with the exception of March 17, 2020 when we will have a break for Spring Break, and March 31, 2020, when we will have our Mock Trial). The course will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Offices of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal, LLP, 901 Main Street, Suite 5500, in downtown Dallas. Class size will be limited to no more than 25 participants so as to maximize the opportunities for significant interaction with the instructors and active classroom discussion. As a bonus, three luncheons are scheduled with guest speakers drawn from the ranks of sitting judges, prominent lawyer practitioners, or other important members of the bankruptcy community.

This is a comprehensive course covering all significant aspects of Chapter 11 practice including issues relating to the automatic stay, cash collateral, post-petition financing, executory contracts and leases, disclosure statements, plan

drafting and confirmation, post-confirmation disputes and professional retention. Attendance at class sessions is mandatory. No more than two pre-excused absences will be allowed. More than two such absences, or any un-excused absence, may result in a student being dropped from the class. Preparation and participation by each student is required. Students should anticipate spending approximately 2-3 hours preparing for each weekly class. In addition, each student will spend approximately 6 hours working outside the classroom with a small group of fellow students on a practice problem. For example, this exercise may involve drafting and presenting a hypothetical party's position on an issue involving cash collateral and/or plan confirmation to a judge in a mock trial format. Finally, the course also includes an open book final examination requiring 3-6 hours to complete which will test the ability of students to work with the Bankruptcy Code and Rules.

A limited number of spaces in the class may be allocated to anyone seeking to audit the course. Those persons auditing the course are expected to attend all classroom sessions subject to the same limitations on excused absences applicable to regular students. Attorneys auditing the course will receive CLE credit for all classes and luncheons for which CLE accreditation is obtained. However, persons auditing the course will not participate in the practice problem exercise, will not take the final examination and will not receive a certificate of course completion from the Inn of Court.

The tuition cost for students including an electronic copy of the written materials and monthly luncheons is \$375. Attorneys employed by governmental agencies may enroll for a total tuition cost of \$250. The tuition cost for persons wishing to audit the course (including non-attorney TMA members enrolled through special agreement with the Inn) is \$250. Enrollment may be limited to no more than two attorneys from any single law firm or agency. Students that successfully complete the course will receive:

- CLE credit;
- An electronic copy workbook containing extensive written materials;
- Three luncheons with members of the Federal bench or prominent practitioners;
- Recognition at an awards banquet (including special awards for the top five students and the "Rookie of the Year" as chosen by the instructors); and
- A certificate of course completion from the Inn of Court.

Demand for this course is expected to be heavy and past sessions have been sold out. As a result, those interested in enrolling should do so without delay.

Anyone wishing to enroll must complete the registration form which accompanies this notice and send the form, a copy of their resume including a current email address and their tuition check to:

Frances A. Smith
Ross & Smith, PC
700 N. Pearl Street, Suite 1610
Dallas, Texas 75201
Email: frances.smith@judithwross.com

Registrations must be received by January 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Enrollment will be processed on a "first-come" basis and no registration form will be processed if it is not accompanied by a check for the entire applicable tuition price of the course and a copy of the applicant's resume (a copy of the applicant's CV, LinkedIn profile, or firm web bio are also acceptable). **Checks should be made payable to the *"John C. Ford American Inn of Court."***

CHAPTER 11
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The registration fee for this course is:
\$375 for attorneys engaged in private practice (no more than three years Bankruptcy Practice)
\$250.00 for attorneys and non-attorneys (TMA) auditing the course
\$250 for government attorneys.
See accompanying letter for additional information.

All Registrants are to submit a resume (a copy of the applicant's CV, LinkedIn profile, or firm web bio are also acceptable) with their registration form. Registration is limited to twenty-five (25) students on a first-come basis. Registrants who cannot be accommodated will receive a full refund. No registration form will be processed until the registration fee is paid.

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 20, 2020

NAME: _____
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