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This year's Institute presenters will share their expertise on a range of business and consumer topics. In addition to Institute staples—the Ninth Circuit case law update and Judges Panel—plenary sessions will address responsible integration of AI into your bankruptcy practice; derivative claim powers; managing insolvency matters with title companies; and protecting client communication and information. Business and consumer breakout topics will examine the intersection between fraud and bankruptcy; small business disposable income, discharges, and debt limits; student loans in bankruptcy; and involuntary bankruptcies. The hosted reception on Friday afternoon is an ideal way to connect with bankruptcy colleagues and judges.

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Special rates starting at \$192 plus tax are available at the Hilton Bellevue through Thursday, March 26 or until the room block is full. Once the room block is full or the special rates expire (whichever occurs first), standard hotel rates will apply. [Click here](#) to reserve online or call 425-455-1300 and reference the NW Bankruptcy Institute.

Friday, April 17, 2026, 12:30 p.m.–5:35 p.m.

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

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**Schedule (all sessions are in Salon A&B
unless otherwise noted)**

Friday, April 17

- 11:00-12:15** Registration (*Ballroom Foyer*)
and Lunch Buffet (*included
with registration, Salon C&D*)
- 12:30** From Risk to Reward: Navigating the Uneven
Intersection Between AI and Evidence and
the Responsible Integration of AI into Your
Bankruptcy Practice
Moderator: The Honorable Peter McKittrick,
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Oregon,
Portland, OR*
The Honorable Allison Goddard, *U.S. District
Court for the District of Southern California, San
Diego, CA*
Nathan Morales, *Stoel Rives LLP, Portland, OR*
- 2:00** Transition Break
- 2:05** Using the Force and Avoiding the Dark Side:
Derivative Claim Powers in Bankruptcy
Justin Leonard, *Oregon Department of Justice,
Portland, OR*
- 3:05** Networking Break
- 3:20** **Breakout A: Consumer**
**The Intersection Between Fraud and
Bankruptcy**
Tony Leahy, *Consumer Education and Training
Services (CENTS), Seattle, WA*
Justin Leonard, *Oregon Department of Justice,
Portland, OR*
Denice Moewes, *Wood & Jones PS, Seattle,
WA*
- Breakout B: Business (Salon C&D)**
**Small Businesses in 3D: Disposable Income,
Discharges, and Debt Limits**
Tony Kullen, *Farleigh Wada Witt, Portland, OR*
Douglas Ricks, *Sussman Shank LLP, Portland,
OR*
- 4:20** Networking Break

- 4:35** Managing Insolvency Matters with Title
Companies
The Honorable Frederick Corbit, *U.S.
Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of
Washington, Spokane, WA*
Danny Newman, *Tonkon Torp LLP, Portland,
OR (appearing remotely)*
Laurie Thornton, *DBS Law, Seattle, WA*
- 5:35** Adjourn to Hosted Reception (*included with
registration, Ballroom Foyer*)

Saturday, April 18

- 7:45** Buffet Breakfast (*Salon C&D*) and Late
Registration (*Ballroom Foyer*)
- 8:30** **Breakout C: Consumer**
**Loan and Behold: Student Loans in
Bankruptcy**
Latife Neu, *Neu Law PLLC, Seattle, WA*
- Breakout D: Business (Salon C&D)**
Involuntary Bankruptcies
Bradley Cosman, *Perkins Coie, Phoenix, AZ*
Douglas Pahl, *Perkins Coie, Portland, OR*
- 9:30** Networking Break
- 9:40** Legal Ethics and Online Lawyer
Communications: Advertising, Listservs,
Blogs, and Social Media Comments
Nik Chourey, *Deputy General Counsel, Oregon
State Bar, Tigard, OR*
Jeanne Marie Clavere, *Senior Professional
Responsibility Counsel, Washington State Bar
Association, Seattle, WA*
- 10:40** Transition Break

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10:45 Judges' Panel

The Honorable David Hercher, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Oregon, Portland, OR

The Honorable Mary Jo Heston, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Western Washington, Tacoma, WA

The Honorable Whitman Holt, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Eastern Washington, Yakima, WA

The Honorable Teresa Pearson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Oregon, Portland, OR

Noon Networking Lunch (included with registration, Salon C&D)

1:00 9th Circuit Case Law Update

The Honorable Whitman Holt, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Eastern Washington, Yakima, WA

Lesley Bohleber, Bush Kornfeld, Seattle, WA
Eric Levine, Tonkon Torp LLP, Portland, OR

2:00 Adjourn

Planning Committee

The Honorable Whitman Holt, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Eastern Washington, Yakima, WA

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