



**Commercial Law League of America's Annual Breakfast at the NCBJ**

Monday, October 19, 2009  
National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges  
Las Vegas, NV

Featuring the presentation of the  
**Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy**  
and entertainment from

**Mark Shields:**

**A Witty and Wise Political Analyst with First-Hand and Up-to the Minute Insights**



A nationally known columnist and commentator, Shields has worked in Washington through the administrations of nine U.S. Presidents. He was an editorial writer for the *Washington Post* where he began writing his column in 1979. That column is now distributed nationally by Creators Syndicate.

Since 1988, Shields has provided weekly political analysis and commentary on national campaigns for PBS' award-winning *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* where he has matched wits with David Gergen, *The Wall Street Journal's* Paul Gigot and most recently with David Brooks of the *New York Times*. He is now a regular panelist on *Inside Washington*, the weekly public affairs show which is seen on both ABC and PBS.

The *Wall Street Journal* has called Mark Shields "the wittiest political analyst around and frequently the most trenchant, fair-minded and thoughtful." The *Washington Post* has called Shield's "a walking almanac of American politics."

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**The Commercial Law League of America's Honorable Frank W. Koger  
Memorial Education Program:  
The 24th Annual Current Developments in Hot & Emerging Areas in Bankruptcy  
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**"A Phoenix Rising: The Rebirth of Chapter 11"**

This panel will address whether reorganization under Chapter 11 is a viable option in the current statutory, economic and political climate.

**William Brandt, Jr.**, Development Specialists, Inc.  
**John Butler Jr.**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP  
**Hon. Jeffery P. Hopkins**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio  
**Laura Davis Jones**, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones, LLP

**"New Age Constituencies in Chapter 11"**

A discussion of the new "key players" in Chapter 11, such as mezzanine lenders, hedge funds and private equity firms. The discussion will also include the role of workers and community interests.

**Professor Douglas Baird**, University of Chicago Law School  
**Stuart Brown**, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP  
**Paul Singer**, Reed Smith, LLP  
**Gerald K. Smith**, Lewis & Roca, LLP

**"Myths and Realities of Chapter 11"**

This panel will explore Chapter 11 and provide some insightful forms of relief that might be available to parties-in-interest. In particular, the panel will discuss some of the "urban myths" and common misunderstandings of relief that might be available under Chapter 11.

**Jeffrey Bjork**, Sidley Austin LLP  
**Dean Ralph Brubaker**, University of Illinois, College of Law  
**Hon. Laurel Isicoff**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida  
**G. Christopher Meyer**, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP