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Join ABI in beautiful Palm Springs, California, for the **26th Annual Winter Leadership Conference!** This year, the Conference returns to the La Quinta Resort & Club near Palm Springs and features topics designed for consumer and business practitioners, as well as financial advisors. It also includes an ethics session that focuses on social media. Nine joint ABI committee sessions provided by ABI's 18 committees are in the lineup, along with a Great Debates plenary session and 13 topical sessions, providing up to 12.5/15 hours of CLE/CPE credit and 2.75/3 hours of ethics! The luncheon speaker this year will be **Theresa Payton**, an expert on identity theft and cybersecurity, and the Final Night Dinner will deliver a special performance by **Fran Cosmo**, former lead singer of the rock group Boston. As always, the Winter Conference will also provide numerous social and fun events to network and renew friendships with your colleagues from around the nation, all in a unique and comfortable setting. We look forward to seeing you at the beautiful and sunny La Quinta Resort in December!



**Brian L. Shaw**  
**ABI President**

*Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin LLC; Chicago*

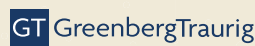
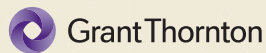
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# Thursday, December 4

**8:00 a.m.**  
**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
**AMERICAN BOARD OF  
CERTIFICATION EXAMS**

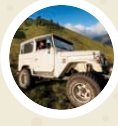
**11:00 a.m.**  
**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**ABI GOLF TOUR AT GREG NORMAN  
PGA WEST**  
*Sponsored by Great American Group*

**12:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**

**1:00 p.m.**  
**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**TENNIS TOURNAMENT**  
*Sponsored by Snell & Wilmer, LLP*



**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**FAULT LINE JEEP TOUR**



**4:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**EXHIBIT HALL OPEN**  
*Sponsored by Sherwood Partners, LLC/agencyIP*

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**TEQUILA TASTING**  
*Sponsored by Munsch Hardt Kopf  
& Harr, PC*



**5:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**EMERGING LEADERS & JUDGES'  
ROUNDTABLE** (*invite only*)  
*Sponsored by Polsinelli PC*

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**OPENING RECEPTION**  
*Sponsored by FTI Consulting, Inc., Mesirov Financial  
Consulting, LLC and SSG Capital Advisors, LLC*

# Friday, December 5

**7:30 a.m.**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
*Sponsored by AlixPartners LLP*

**8:00-9:30 a.m.**  
**PLENARY SESSION**  
*Great Debates*  
*Audience Polling Sponsored by BMC Group*

**Jeffrey N. Pomerantz, Moderator**  
*Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; Los Angeles*

**RESOLVED:**  
*The absolute priority rule should be eliminated  
in multi-debtor cases.*  
**PRO: Hon. James M. Peck (ret.)**  
*Morrison & Foerster LLP; New York*  
**CON: Hon. Mary F. Walrath**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Del.); Wilmington*

**RESOLVED:**  
*The provisions in 11 U.S.C. § 363 prime and take  
precedence over the rights that 11 U.S.C. § 365(h)  
grants to lessees, so accordingly trustees/debtors in  
possession can sell real estate free and clear of any lease  
rights a tenant might have in the sold real estate.*  
**PRO: Carren B. Shulman**  
*Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; New York*  
**CON: Paul S. Singerman**  
*Berger Singerman, LLP; Miami*

**RESOLVED:**  
*Creating mandatory claim mediation in mega-cases for  
all creditors should not be permitted as it creates an  
unnecessary and inappropriate cost for smaller creditors.*  
**PRO: Brian L. Shaw**  
*Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin LLC; Chicago*  
**CON: Jay M. Goffman**  
*Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; New York*

**9:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4)**  
*A Survey of Current Developments*  
This panel will discuss the Supreme Court's  
decision in *Bellingham* and the coming  
decision in *Wellness*, as well as other topical  
issues of interest.  
**Mark T. Power, Moderator**  
*Hahn & Hessen LLP; New York*  
**Nathan Cook**  
*AlixPartners LLP; Los Angeles*  
**Lisa Epps Dade**  
*Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP; Kansas City, Mo.*  
**Evan D. Smiley**  
*Weiland, Golden, Smiley, Wang Ekvall & Strok, LLP  
Costa Mesa, Calif.*

*How to Make It Rain:  
Tips from Seasoned Business Developers*  
A panel of proven rainmakers will share their tips  
on how restructuring professionals in any market  
can learn to bring in new business.

**Daniel F. Dooley, Moderator**  
*MorrisAnderson; Chicago*  
**Jeffrey M. Reisner**  
*Irell & Manella LLP; Newport Beach, Calif.*  
**Sheila T. Smith**  
*Deloitte CRG; Boston*  
**Raymond J. Urbanik**  
*Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC; Dallas*



*Independent Directors, Beware! Corporate Governance  
Issues in Restructurings, Chapter 11 Cases and Liquidations*  
Independent board directors play a vital and  
increasingly important role in restructurings.  
Acting as an independent director has great  
rewards, but it also has risks in today's restructuring  
environment. This panel will analyze and discuss a  
variety of issues related to corporate governance  
in restructurings and liquidations, including (a)  
the recruitment, appointment, role and duties  
of independent directors, (b) how to establish  
an independent board of directors, (c) the role  
of lawyers and financial professionals in advising  
a board of directors and independent directors,  
and (d) D&O claims, insurance and potential risks  
to independent directors.

**Douglas E. Deutsch, Moderator**  
*Chadbourne & Parke LLP; New York*  
**Howard Brod Brownstein**  
*Brownstein Corp.; Conshohocken, Pa.*  
**Hon. Robert E. Gerber**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (S.D.N.Y.); New York*  
**Steven A. Seiden**  
*Seiden Krieger Associates Inc.; New York*  
**Bettina M. Whyte**  
*Alvarez & Marsal; Jackson, Wyo.*

*Crossing the T's and Dotting the Y's:  
Documenting the Settlement Agreement*  
This panel will explore ways to draft pre-petition  
settlement agreements so that they are  
"bankruptcy- and preference-proof." Post-petition  
settlement agreements will be addressed, with  
a focus on a discussion of releases, further  
assurance clauses, indemnification issues, and  
the settlement of various types of contested  
matters and adversary proceedings such as  
claims objections and avoidance actions.

**Damian S. Schaible, Moderator**  
*Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP; New York*  
**Joseph D. Frank**  
*FrankGecker LLP; Chicago*  
**Adam G. Landis**  
*Landis Rath & Cobb LLP; Wilmington, Del.*  
**Kimberly A. Posin**  
*Latham & Watkins LLP; Los Angeles*

**11:00-11:15 a.m.**  
**REFRESHMENT BREAK**  
*Sponsored by Loeb & Loeb LLP*

**11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL  
SESSIONS (3)**  
*Asset Sales/Secured Credit*  
*The Future of Asset Sales: To Surcharge or Not to Surcharge*  
This panel will debate the controversial proposal  
being considered by the ABI Commission to  
Study the Reform of Chapter 11 to assess a  
charge or hold-back on secured lenders for a  
§ 363 asset sale, including the pros and cons,  
mechanics, application in various circumstances,  
consequences and policy issues.

**Mark X. Mullin, Moderator**  
*Haynes and Boone, LLP; Dallas*  
**Gregory A. Bray**  
*Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP; Los Angeles*  
**Kathryn Coleman**  
*Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP; New York*  
**James D. Decker**  
*Guggenheim Securities, LLC; Atlanta*  
**Prof. Melissa B. Jacoby**  
*University of North Carolina; Chapel Hill, N.C.*

*Health Care/Young & New Members*  
*Health Care 101: What You Need to Know About  
Restructuring in the Health Care Industry*  
Health care is a key area in which restructuring  
work is likely to grow significantly in the coming  
years. This panel will focus on the basics that  
professionals should know when it comes to  
handling bankruptcies and restructurings in the  
health care industry. The panel will also address  
tips and strategies as to how professionals can  
develop health care-related work.

**Daniel Waxman, Moderator**  
*Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP; Lexington, Ky.*  
**Suzanne Koenig**  
*SAK Management Services, LLC; Northfield, Ill.*  
**Michael R. Lane**  
*H7C; Chicago*  
**Mary H. Rose**  
*Buchalter Nemer, PC; Los Angeles*  
**Chad J. Shandler**  
*CohnReznick LLP; New York*

*Labor & Employment/Financial Advisors  
& Investment Banking/Legislation*  
*Public Pensions in Bankruptcy: Where Are We Now?  
Where Are We Headed?*

This panel will address public pension law,  
including pensions' financial magnitude, and  
will focus on a number of timely current issues  
ranging from constitutional matters to state  
authorization, § 903 and 904 concerns, and  
relevant legislation. The panelists will draw  
upon their recent experiences, particularly from  
municipal bankruptcy cases, to highlight key  
themes and provide relevant insights.

**Prof. Kenneth N. Klee, Moderator**  
*University of California at Los Angeles School of Law  
Los Angeles*  
**Hon. Frank J. Bailey**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Mass.); Boston*  
**Babette A. Ceccotti**  
*Cohen, Weiss & Simon LLP; New York*  
**Michael J. Gearin**  
*K&L Gates LLP; Seattle*  
**Eric Mendelsohn**  
*Greenhill & Co., Inc.; New York*

**12:30-2:15 p.m.**  
**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**  
*Sponsored by Freeborn & Peters LLP*

*"Privacy in the Age of Big Data"*  
**Featuring**  
**Theresa Payton**  
*President and CEO of Fortalice LLC  
Former White House CIO,  
Cybersecurity Authority,  
and Expert on Identity  
Theft and the Internet*



**1:00 p.m.**  
**OPTIONAL EVENT:**  
**CANYON HIKE**  
*Sponsored by EisnerAmper LLP*



**2:15-3:45 p.m.**  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4)**  
*Conflict and Controversy over Injunctions, Releases and Related Protective Relief*

The extent to which bankruptcy courts may properly shelter reorganized debtors, purchasers of assets, and other third parties from personal injury, product liability and other liabilities is a question that continues to generate a substantial amount of litigation and judicial decision-making. This panel will explore the very latest controversies and developments in the law regarding injunctions, third-party releases, exculpations, free-and-clear relief, and the intersection of bankruptcy law and successor liability – arising both in the asset sale and plan context.

- John D. Penn, Moderator**  
*Perkins Coie LLP; Dallas*
- Corinne Ball**  
*Jones Day; New York*
- Robert N. Michaelson**  
*Rich Michaelson Magaliff Moser LLP; New York*
- Hon. Robert E. Nugent**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Kan.); Wichita*

*A Primer to the Unwary on How to Avoid the Traps Associated with Different Types of Intellectual Property in a Bankruptcy Case*

This panel will present an in-depth discussion as to what rights and obligations a licensor and/or licensee has in a bankruptcy case. Section 365(c)(1), (g) and (n) will be highlighted, as well as the impact that the Sunbeam decision will have on the courts.

- Douglas L. Lutz, Moderator**  
*Frost Brown Todd LLC; Cincinnati*
- Hon. Dennis R. Dow**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Mo.); Kansas City*
- Evan M. Jones**  
*O'Melveny & Myers LLP; Los Angeles*
- Lynn Lewis Tavenner**  
*Tavenner & Beran, PLC; Richmond, Va.*

*Best Practices in Oral and Written Advocacy from the Perspective of Newer Judges*

We are in the midst of a transformation of the bankruptcy bench; more than 100 judges have been sworn in over the last few years. This panel of some of the newer members of the judiciary will present their advice to practitioners appearing in their courtrooms.

- James Patrick Shea, Moderator**  
*Armstrong Teasdale LLP; Las Vegas*
- Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Cal.); San Francisco*
- Hon. Julia W. Brand**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Los Angeles*
- Hon. Daniel P. Collins**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix*
- Hon. August B. Landis**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Nev.); Las Vegas*

*Consumer All Stars: Hot Topics and Hotter Opinions*

This is not your run-of-the-mill current developments session. The all-star members of this panel will explore recent consumer topics, case law and rules, and proposed rules and forms, and will offer their varying opinions and arguments in a lively debate-filled format that is sure to enlighten and entertain.

- Hon. C. Ray Mullins, Moderator**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Ga.); Atlanta*
- Hon. William H. Brown (ret.)**  
*Carbondale, Colo.*

**Prof. Margaret Howard**  
*Washington & Lee Law School; Lexington, Va.*

**Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Ill.); Chicago*

**3:45-4:15 p.m.**  
**MARGARITA RECEPTION**

Sponsored by *Development Specialists, Inc., Grant Thornton LLP, McGladrey LLP and Proskauer*

**4:15-5:30 p.m.**  
**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (3)**

**Business Reorganization/Bankruptcy Litigation**  
*Criminal Intent: White-Collar Criminal and Securities Law Issues in Bankruptcy Cases*  
This panel will discuss the current trends in white-collar criminal and securities law issues by examining such past cases as *Drexel, Adelphia* and *GSC*.

- Lawrence G. McMichael, Moderator**  
*Dilworth Paxson LLP; Philadelphia*
- Hon. Janet S. Baer**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Ill.); Chicago*
- Sheila M. Gowan**  
*Sadowski Fischer PLLC; New York*

**Bankruptcy Taxation/Consumer Bankruptcy**  
*Resolving Tax Issues in Bankruptcy Court*

The Bankruptcy Code provides enhanced and often unique opportunities to resolve tax issues faced by distressed businesses and individuals. Our program will provide a primer on how to address tax issues before and after filing for bankruptcy relief, followed by a discussion on significant tax problems faced by business and consumer debtors.

- Rafael X. Zahraiddin-Aravena, Moderator**  
*Elliott Greenleaf; Wilmington, Del.*
- Susan A. Berson**  
*Banking & Tax Law Group LLP; Shawnee Mission, Kan.*
- Gerald M. Gordon**  
*Gordon Silver; Las Vegas*
- Hon. Robert N. Kwan**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Los Angeles*

**Ethics & Professional Compensation/Real Estate**  
*Ethical Implications in SARE Cases*

This panel will explore various ethical issues that often arise in a single-asset real estate bankruptcy case from the perspectives of the debtor, secured creditor and bankruptcy judge — via an entertaining and interactive fictional case study.

- Richard P. Carmody, Moderator**  
*Adams and Reese LLP; Birmingham, Ala.*
- Steven N. Berger**  
*Engelman Berger, PC; Phoenix*
- Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Cal.); San Francisco*
- C.R. "Chip" Bowles, Jr.**  
*Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP; Louisville, Ky.*
- Janet L. Chubb**  
*Kaempfer Crowell; Reno, Nev.*

**6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**WOMEN'S RECEPTION**

Sponsored by the *International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)*

**6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**AMERICAN BOARD OF CERTIFICATION WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION** (invite only)

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**7:00-10:00 p.m.**  
**FINAL NIGHT DINNER GALA FEATURING FRAN COSMO, FORMER LEAD VOCALIST OF BOSTON**



Dinner Sponsored by *GavinSolmonese LLC*

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**10:00 p.m.**  
**ENDOWMENT RECEPTION** (invite only)  
Sponsored by *Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tummell LLP and Rust Omni*

## Saturday, December 6

**7:30-8:00 a.m.**  
**BREAKFAST**  
Sponsored by *McGuireWoods LLP*

**8:00-9:30 a.m.**  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)**  
*Are Your Bankruptcy Rights Worth Less When You Buy at a Discount?*

This panel will discuss how a number of recent bankruptcy decisions have curtailed the rights of the "new" investor, including hedge funds, to obtain the typical benefits that a buyer would otherwise be entitled to in a bankruptcy case. The focus will include a review of rulings in which a secured creditor's rights to credit-bid in connection with a § 363 asset sale were limited and in which a hedge fund's vote was not counted. Is this fair? Should your claim be worth less if you buy at a discount?

- Marcia L. Goldstein, Moderator**  
*Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; New York*
- David M. Dunn**  
*Arrowgrass Capital Partners LLP; New York*
- Hon. Kevin R. Huennekens**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Va.); Richmond*
- Mark P. Kronfeld**  
*BlueMountain Capital Management LLC; New York*

*Report from the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11*

Commission members will report on the Commission's progress and its final recommendations to Congress.

- Robert J. Keach, Moderator**  
*Bernstein Shur; Portland, Maine*
- Prof. Michelle M. Harner**  
*University of Maryland School of Law; Baltimore*
- Albert J. Togut**  
*Togut, Segal & Segal LLP; New York*

*Individual Chapter 11 Confirmation Mock Hearing*

This panel will conduct a mock confirmation hearing on an individual chapter 11 case. Issues unique to individuals who file for chapter 11, such as the applicability of the absolute priority rule and best efforts under § 1129(a)(15), will be explored during the course of the mock hearing.

- LITIGANTS:**
- Henry Carl Kevane**  
*Pachtulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; San Francisco*
- Patricia A. Redmond**  
*Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, PA; Miami*

- BENCH:**
- Hon. Laurel M. Isicoff**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (S.D. Fla.); Miami*
- Hon. Maureen A. Tighe**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (C.D. Cal.); Woodland Hills*

**9:30-10:45 a.m.**  
**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (3)**

**Commercial Fraud/Mediation**  
*Alfred Peacock v. The Squab Company: Can Mediation Save the Golden Goose?*

This mock mediation of commercial fraud litigation will utilize the talents of several of the leading mediation experts in the country. The program will demonstrate best practices in representing parties in mediation, as well as highlight key practice pointers for all involved in an effective mediation process.

- Lawrence R. Ahern, III**  
*Brown & Ahern; Brentwood, Tenn.*
- Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr.**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (D. Ariz.); Phoenix*
- Leslie Ann Berkoff**  
*Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP; New York*
- Francis A. Monaco, Jr.**  
*Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP; Wilmington, Del.*
- Ronald R. Peterson**  
*Jenner & Block LLP; Chicago*
- Kathy Bazoian Phelps**  
*Diamond McCarthy LLP; Los Angeles*

**Technology & Intellectual Property/Unsecured Trade Creditors**  
*Maximizing the Value of IP Rights for the Benefit of Unsecured Creditors*

This panel will provide an overview of the different types of intellectual property and licenses that might exist in a debtor's estate. The panel will focus specifically on the importance of IP as a hidden asset in bankruptcy cases, and the substantial value that can be created for unsecured creditors by properly identifying and leveraging such assets.

- Douglas M. Foley**  
*McGuireWoods LLP; Washington, D.C.*
- Hon. Susan V. Kelley**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Wis.); Milwaukee*
- Martin Pichinson**  
*Sherwood Partners, LLC; Mountain View, Calif.*

**International  
Committee Business Session with Leadership**  
An informational session with various topics.

**10:45-11:00 a.m.  
REFRESHMENT BREAK**  
Sponsored by Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc.

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2)**  
*Till 10 Years Later*  
The *Till v. SCS* decision was handed down in May 2004, making 2014 the 10-year anniversary of one of the most important bankruptcy decisions of all time. This panel, which features one of the lawyers who argued the matter before the Supreme Court (Eric Brunstad), as well as others who have argued significant post-*Till* interest rate cases, will discuss the evolution of *Till* and where we are today.

**Franklind Davis Lea, Moderator**  
*Tactical Financial Consulting, LLC; Alpharetta, Ga.*

**G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.**  
*Dechert LLP; Hartford, Conn.*

**Judith Elkin**  
*Haynes and Boone, LLP; New York*

**Hon. Barbara J. Houser**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Tex.); Dallas*

**James Maddox**  
*Kibel Green Inc.; Los Angeles*

**Ethics and Social Media**  
This panel will explore cutting-edge issues dealing with the ethical implications of social media and advancing technology on the practice of law. Issues to be discussed include professional responsibility requirements for attorneys using social media for advertising and other purposes, best practices for crafting social media policies, and a review of recent case law and state rules and opinions.

**Prof. Lois R. Lupica, Moderator**  
*ABI Resident Scholar; Alexandria, Va.  
University of Maine School of Law; Portland, Maine*

**Michael K. Jablonski**  
*Law Office of Michael Jablonski; Atlanta*

**Jack Pringle**  
*Adams and Reese LLP; Birmingham, Ala.*

**Stephen W. Sather**  
*Barron & Newburger, P.C.; Austin, Texas*

**Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D.N.Y.); Brooklyn*

**12:30 p.m.  
ADJOURN**



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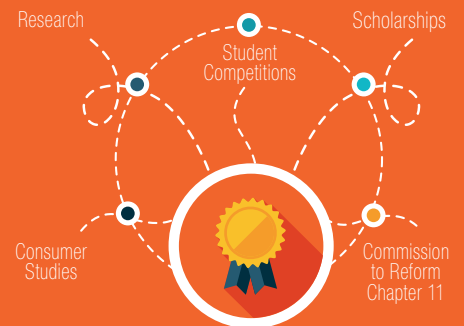
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# Optional Events

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, December 4, 8:00 a.m.**

Out of the flat desert landscape, Pete Dye sculpted a thrilling test of golf known as the La Quinta Dunes Course, and it includes one of the 18 toughest holes in the country, as ranked by the PGA of America. **\$200 per player** includes breakfast, cart rental, prizes and tournament fee. *Please mark the appropriate box on the registration form, and indicate your handicap.*

## ABI GOLF TOUR AT GREG NORMAN PGA WEST

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**Thursday, December 4, 11:00 a.m.**

This is Palm Springs desert golf with a Down Under perspective! It's only fitting that the Shark's contribution to the Palm Springs golf experience should be carved from the floor of an ancient ocean. Greg Norman captured the essence of desert golf with an "Outback" flair in this challenging but fair design that features an abundance of sand, sage, colorful pockets of wildflowers, nine lakes and spectacular panoramic vistas that are unmatched anywhere in the Coachella Valley. This Norman gem also recently became Audubon Certified. **\$200 per player** includes boxed lunch, cart rental, prizes and tournament fee. *Please mark the ABI Golf Tour box on the registration form, and indicate your handicap. This is the ninth and final stop leading to the Great American Cup. For more information, visit [golf.abi.org](http://golf.abi.org).*

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*Sponsored by Snell & Wilmer, LLP*

**Thursday, December 4, 1:00 p.m.**

La Quinta Resort & Club's world-class tennis club is consistently rated in the "Top 20" by *Tennis Magazine*. Guests can play on hard, grass and clay surfaces. A fully stocked Pro Shop, sunken court and Olympic-sized pool and spa surround the historic clubhouse, which was once a gracious estate. Round-robin format. **\$75 per player** includes lunch, prizes and tournament fee. *Please check the appropriate box on the registration form.*

## FAULT LINE JEEP TOUR

**Thursday, December 4, 1:00 p.m.**

This awe-inspiring journey in classic off-road jeeps takes guests deep into the heart of the San Andreas Fault. Participants will get to witness the tremendous forces of nature that have created amazing steep-walled canyons and some of the most twisted and tormented landscapes on earth. The **\$200-per-person** fee includes round-trip transportation, guide and snacks. *Please check the appropriate box on the registration form.*

## TEQUILA TASTING

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**Thursday, December 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

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## CANYON HIKE

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**Friday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.**

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# CLE/CPE Checklist

## Friday, December 5

**8:00-9:30 a.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION: GREAT DEBATES**

**9:30-11:00 a.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4)**

- A Survey of Current Developments*
- How to Make It Rain: Tips from Seasoned Business Developers*
- Independent Directors, Beware! Corporate Governance Issues in Restructurings, Chapter 11 Cases and Liquidations*
- Crossing the T's and Dotting the I's: Documenting the Settlement Agreement*

**11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (3)**

- Asset Sales/Secured Credit: The Future of Asset Sales: To Surcharge or Not to Surcharge*
- Health Care/Young & New Members: Health Care 101: What You Need to Know About Restructuring in the Health Care Industry*
- Labor & Employment/Financial Advisors & Investment Banking/Legislation: Public Pensions in Bankruptcy: Where Are We Now? Where Are We Headed?*

**2:15-3:45 p.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4)**

- Conflict and Controversy over Injunctions, Releases and Related Protective Relief*
- A Primer to the Unwary on How to Avoid the Traps Associated with Different Types of Intellectual Property in a Bankruptcy Case*
- Best Practices in Oral and Written Advocacy from the Perspective of Newer Judges*
- Consumer All Stars: Hot Topics and Hotter Opinions*

**4:15-5:30 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (3)**

- Business Reorganization/Bankruptcy Litigation: Criminal Intent: White-Collar Criminal and Securities Law Issues in Bankruptcy Cases*
- Bankruptcy Taxation/Consumer Bankruptcy: Resolving Tax Issues in Bankruptcy Court*
- Ethics & Professional Compensation/Real Estate: Ethical Implications in SARE Cases*

## Saturday, December 6

**8:00-9:30 a.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)**

- Are Your Bankruptcy Rights Worth Less When You Buy at a Discount?*
- Report from the ABI Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11*
- Individual Chapter 11 Confirmation Mock Hearing*

**9:30-10:45 a.m.**

**COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (3)**

- Commercial Fraud/Mediation: Alfred Peacock v. The Squab Family: Can Mediation Save the Golden Goose?*
- Technology & Intellectual Property/Unsecured Trade Creditors: Maximizing the Value of IP Rights for the Benefit of Unsecured Creditors*
- International: Committee Business Session with Leadership*

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2)**

- Till 10 Years Later*
- Ethics and Social Media*

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A. Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

B. Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

C. Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Tennis Tournament	\$75	_____	\$ _____
Fault Line Jeep Tour	\$200	_____	\$ _____
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Opening Reception ( <b>Attendee</b> )	Free	_____	\$ _____
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Friday Lunch ( <b>Guest</b> )	\$100	_____	\$ _____
Canyon Hike	\$157	_____	\$ _____
Margarita Reception ( <b>Attendee</b> )	Free	_____	\$ _____
Margarita Reception ( <b>Guest</b> )	\$40	_____	\$ _____
Women's Reception	\$50	_____	\$ _____
Friday Night Dinner Gala Featuring Fran Cosmo ( <b>Attendee</b> )	\$100	_____	\$ _____
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# Optional Event Checklist

- Thursday, Dec. 4, 8:00 a.m.**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**
- Thursday, Dec. 4, 11:00 a.m.**  
**ABI GOLF TOUR AT GREG NORMAN PGA WEST**
- Thursday, Dec. 4, 1:00 p.m.**  
**TENNIS TOURNAMENT**
- Thursday, Dec. 4, 1:00 p.m.**  
**FAULT LINE JEEP TOUR**
- Thursday, Dec. 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**TEQUILA TASTING**
- Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**OPENING RECEPTION**
- Friday, Dec. 5, 12:30-2:15 p.m.**  
**FRIDAY LUNCHEON**
- Friday, Dec. 5, 1:00 p.m.**  
**CANYON HIKE**
- Friday, Dec. 5, 3:45-4:15 p.m.**  
**MARGARITA RECEPTION**
- Friday, Dec. 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**WOMEN'S RECEPTION**
- Friday, Dec. 5, 7:00-10:00 p.m.**  
**FINAL NIGHT DINNER GALA FEATURING FRAN COSMO**

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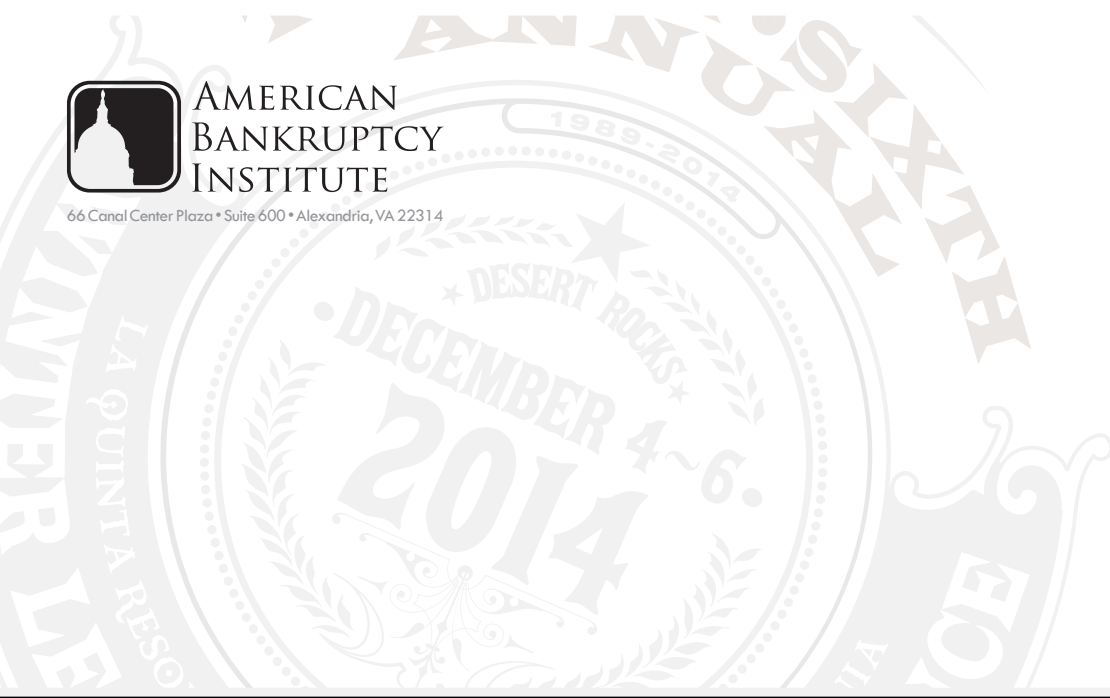
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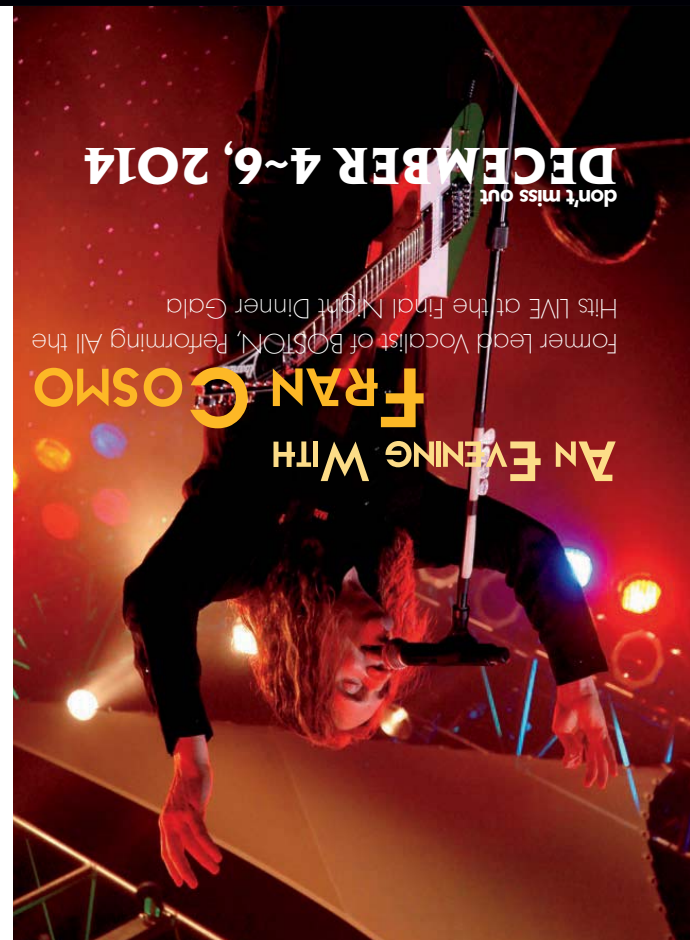


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