



**National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
Academic Recognition Committee
Annual Meeting Report 2024**

TO: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Board of Governors
FROM: Peter Cary, Chair of the NCBJ Academic Recognition Committee
DATE: July 23, 2024
RE: Report for the NCBJ Annual Meeting

The Academic Recognition Committee (the “Committee”) of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges reports the following to the NCBJ Board of Governors for consideration at the NCBJ Annual Meeting:

1. This is the second year of the Committee.
2. Its members are:

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Peter G. Cary (Chair)	(207) 274-5993	JudgePeter_Cary@meb.uscourts.gov	2025	1st
Michelle M. Harner	(410) 962-2820	Judge_Harner@mdb.uscourts.gov	2026	4th
John E. Hoffman, Jr.	(614) 469-2233	John_Hoffman@ohsb.uscourts.gov	2024	6th
Wayne E. Johnson	(951) 774-1031	wayne_johnson@cacb.uscourts.gov	2027	9th
Selene D. Maddox	(662) 369-8147	selene_maddox@msnb.uscourts.gov	2026	5th
Terrence L. Michael	(918) 699-4060	Terrence_Michael@oknb.uscourts.gov	2025	10th

3. The Committee’s mission statement is:

The mission of the Academic Recognition Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges is to provide grants and awards to academics, jurists, and

empirical researchers to promote the development of a just, fair, exemplary, and impartial bankruptcy system in the United States.

4. In keeping with the Committee’s mission statement, the Committee sought nominations for the NCBJ Academic Recognition Committee – Excellence in Education Award from the members of the NCBJ on March 1, 2024. After receipt of several excellent nominations, the Committee chose Judge William J. Lafferty of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Northern California as the 2024 recipient of award. His nominators highlighted his “truly exemplary contributions to bankruptcy education over many years.” His dedication to education and mentorship is evident through his extensive service which includes service on the Federal Judicial Center’s Bankruptcy Education Advisory Committee and the NCBJ’s Education Committee. Presentation of the award to Judge Lafferty will take place at the Annual Meeting.