

## REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

On the Quarterly Call of the Federal Bar Association, the Federal Judges Association, the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

In December, 2023, Judge Cynthia Norton, as president of the NCBJ, appointed me as the NCBJ representative to the quarterly(ish) call of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) and the three judge organizations—the Federal Judges Association (FJA), the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA) and the NCBJ.<sup>1</sup>

It is my understanding that the FBA began hosting this quarterly call approximately two years ago so that the organizations could share and understand their respective priorities on issues of mutual concern. The call is attended by leadership in the FBA (president, president elect, treasurer, president emeritus, chair of the FBA judiciary committee and the Executive Director and FBA's legal counsel), FJMA (president, Board of Director representative, co-chair of the Legislative Committee), FJA (president and board member) and NCBJ (president, immediate past president and liaison to NCBJ). My understanding is that there is no set agenda, and the calls present an open forum in which matters can be discussed.

I attended one quarterly call since the last report. On April 12, 2024, the FBA reported on the success of its virtual seminar on Congressional outreach. The February 8, 2024 seminar was hosted by Judge Beth Bloom, co-chair of the FJA Legislative Committee, and featured Judges Paul Black, Mimi Tsankov and Esther Salas. There were over 100 attendants. It was also reported that members of the FBA conducted 176 outreach meetings with Members of Congress. Discussions were also had on (i) educating Congress about the need for funding for state bills equivalent to the Daniel Anderl Act; (ii) support for increasing the number of Article III judges; and (iii) ongoing efforts on judicial pay increases. There was also discussion on vertical consolidation and venue issues. Finally, the attendees discussed programs that the various organizations had for fellows.

I am not aware of a date for the next quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Alan Trust serves as the FBA liaison for all other purposes.