

**AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

TO: The Honorable Cynthia Norton, President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (“NCBJ”) and the NCBJ Board of Governors

FROM: Judge Terrence L. Michael, Editor in Chief, The American Bankruptcy Law Journal (“ABLJ”)

DATE: July 22, 2024

CC: ABLJ Editorial Advisory Board, Ms. Kathy Van De Loo, Executive Director of the NCBJ

Advisory Board Members Departing in 2024

We have three members of the Advisory Board departing effective January 1, 2023. They are Nancy Rapoport of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Academic Member), Robert G. Drummond, Chapter 13 Trustee, Great Falls, Montana, and Kara Gendron, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (Practitioner Members). We thank those three outgoing members for their exceptional service. The process to select their replacements will commence shortly.

The Editor in Chief Completes His Service

Judge Terrence L. Michael (that’s me) will complete five years of service with the Journal on December 31, 2024, and head off into the sunset (literally, as he is also retiring). The Advisory Board has met and recommends to the Board of Governors that Judge Michelle Harner become the next Editor in Chief of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal.

Editors’ Prize

The Editors’ Prize for the outstanding article of 2023 has been awarded to Professor Nancy Rapoport and Joseph R. Tiano for their article, “Reimagining “Reasonableness” Under Section 330(a) in a World of Technology, Data, and Artificial Intelligence,” 97 AM. BANKR. L.J. 254 (2023). Professor Rapoport will be awarded the prize at the Annual Conference in Seattle.

Volume 98

As of the submission of this report, two of the three issues in Volume 98 are complete. We have published articles by a number of elite academics, including but not limited to Bruce Northwestern), Steven Schwarcz (Duke). Laura Bartell (Wayne State), and Jared Mayer (University of Chicago). Our final issue of the year is our Symposium Issue, featuring Professors Douglas Baird (University of Chicago), Pamela Foohey (University of Georgia), Nancy Rapoport (UNLV), Jonathan Seymour (Duke) and Judge Christopher Klein of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

Finances

As of the submission of this report, I do not have updated figures on royalty payments. The ABLJ, in conjunction with the NCBJ Finance Committee and Temple University, continues to explore ways to expand revenues and control costs.

Transition to Digital Publishing

The transition to digital publishing in partnership with Temple University School of Law is complete. While I am trying to obtain the most current statistics and hope to have them at the time of the Board of Governors Meeting, I have been informed by Temple that the ABLJ has had hits to date, from more than 10,000 separate users. The marketing/website folks at Temple tell me we are doing exceptionally well.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence L. Michael
Editor in Chief (for a little while longer)
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