



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, June 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 8AM–4PM • SAN DIEGO, CA • \$800

2026 Application

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the American Bankruptcy Institute are pleased to offer an intensive, full day Trial Skills Workshop in San Diego, California on October 7, 2026. As part of the Workshop, 15 sitting federal judges from throughout the country will provide a hands-on trial preparation experience, including videotaping and private feedback to participants. This interactive, learn-by-doing workshop is limited to 20 participants with 12 or fewer years in practice, with those with 5 years or fewer years given priority.

Return application/direct questions to: NCBJTrialSkills@gmail.com

Applicants will be notified by email of participation status by June 30, 2026. Applicants selected to participate should plan to arrive in San Diego on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, because the Trial Skills Workshop day will start at 8 a.m. the following day. Program participants must be registered for the NCBJ '26 conference no later than July 31, 2026.

Applicant:

Name: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Office Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Office Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

LinkedIn Account URL: _____





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Applicant Name

Applicant Details:

Firm size: _____ Number of years you have been practicing law (including clerkships): _____

Are you a first-time applicant?

Yes No

Have you been nominated in 2026 to participate in the NextGen program?

Yes No

I am a/an (check all applicable):

Past NCBJ Blackshear Fellow. Year participated in program: ____

NCBJ Next Generation Alumni. Year participated in program: ____

Past ABI "40 Under 40" Honoree.

Attorney primarily practicing in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California.

Please list all jurisdictions in which eligible to practice:

Is the applicant's practice at least 50% comprised of bankruptcy and insolvency matters?

Yes No

What is the concentration type of the applicant's bankruptcy practice?

Business/Commercial _____% Consumer _____%

Estimate the number of contested matters involving evidentiary hearings, trials in bankruptcy courts, and trials in other courts in which the applicant has participated: _____





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Describe the nature of applicant's courtroom experience:

Please list any other trial skills training courses you have completed (including law school):

Any other information relevant to trial experience:

Please share your reasons for wanting to participate in the trial skills workshop:

Please submit completed application to: NCBJTrialSkills@gmail.com

