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STATE APPELLATE PRACTICE BOOT CAMP CONFERENCE

MODERATORS:

J. Timothy Eaton

(Chicago Seminar)
Partner, Shefsky & Froelich, Ltd

J. Timothy Eaton is a litigation partner at the law firm of Shefsky & Froelich, Ltd. in Chicago, concentrating in commercial and appellate litigation. He was a law clerk to Justice Joseph H. Goldenhersh of the Illinois Supreme Court and is a former president of the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association and founding Editor-in-Chief of the Appellate Law Review. Mr. Eaton is also a former Chair of the American Bar Association Appellate Advocacy Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section Council, and a past president of the Illinois State Bar Association. He serves currently on the Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers, Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association, and is General Chair of the Membership and Programs Committee of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

Gregory L. Slovacek

(Naperville Seminar)
Staff Attorney, State's Attorney Appellate
Prosecutor's office, 2nd District

Gregory L. Slovacek, JD, Ph.D., has served as a Staff Attorney in the Second District office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor since 1990, where his practice is primarily concentrated in prosecuting State Appeals and Fourth Amendment issues. Dr. Slovacek was one of the principal attorneys in both *People v. Luedemann* and *People v. Bailey*, as well as other significant cases before both the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Appellate Courts. Dr. Slovacek is frequently consulted by State's Attorneys throughout Illinois regarding various procedural issues regarding appellate practice as well as Fourth Amendment issues. Active in bar association activities, Dr. Slovacek currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Appellate Lawyers Association.

FACULTY:

Michele M. Jochner, Esq.

(Chicago Seminar)
Judicial Law Clerk, Illinois Supreme Court

Ms. Jochner currently serves as a judicial law clerk to Justice Charles E. Freeman of the Illinois Supreme Court. Ms. Jochner formerly served as a judicial law clerk to Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow of the Illinois Supreme Court from 1987 until Justice McMorrow's retirement in July, 2006. Ms. Jochner has served as an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School and at DePaul University College of Law. She has authored over 60 articles on a wide array of legal topics appearing in publications nationwide.

Michele Slupinski (Naperville Seminar)

Career Judicial Law Clerk
Illinois Court of Appeal, 2nd District

Michele Slupinski has been with the Second District Court of Appeal in Illinois for four years, clerking for the Honorable John J. Bowman. Ms. Slupinski received her law degree from the University of Iowa, College of Law.

Stacey M. Shonkwiler

(Chicago Seminar)
Career Law Clerk
Appellate Court of Illinois, Chicago

Stacey Shonkwiler has been a career law clerk for Justice Robert Cahill, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District, Chicago for five years. Prior to joining Justice Cahill, Ms. Shonkwiler served as a Research Staff Attorney for the same court. Prior to that, Ms. Shonkwiler served as a Research Staff Attorney for the Supreme Court of Illinois for two years. Ms. Shonkwiler has also taught an advanced course on appellate brief writing for the DePaul University College of Law.

Maria Pellegrino (Naperville Seminar)

Career Judicial Law Clerk
Illinois Court of Appeal, 2nd District

Maria Pellegrino is a career Judicial Clerk for

the Honorable John J. Bowman, Illinois Appellate Court Justice, in the 2nd District of Illinois. Ms. Pellegrino graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was on the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

Anjali A. Huff (Naperville Seminar)

Career Judicial Law Clerk
Illinois Court of Appeal, 2nd District

Anjali Huff has been with the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District for approximately five years, serving for a short time as a staff attorney and then joining the chambers of Justice John J. Bowman as a career Law Clerk. Ms. Huff has also served as a volunteer attorney for the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation. Ms. Huff is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law.

BANKRUPTCY BOOT CAMP

Please check our website for moderator to be announced soon.

Erica Tukel Wax (Chicago Seminar)

Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court,
Northern District of Illinois

Erica Tukel Wax has been a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable John D. Schwartz since September 2001. She has also served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Carol Doyle and to the Honorable Susan Pierson Sonderby during Judge Sonderby's tenure as Chief Judge. Prior to that, Ms. Wax practiced law in New York for seven years, first with Dreyer & Traub and then with Cuddy & Feder. She handled commercial litigations, appearing in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy court, and before arbitration tribunals.

Wendy Morris (Chicago Seminar)

Former Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court,
Northern District of Illinois

Wendy Morris was a Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Jacqueline P. Cox, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois. She has also served as a Law Clerk to the Chief

Judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois where she reported directly to then Chief Judge Eugene Wedoff and was also a Judicial Law Clerk to Chief Judge John T. Thomas, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Morris is now an associate with Freeborn & Peters where she focuses her practice in Bankruptcy,

PUBLIC SPEAKING/ COACHING

Faith Pincus, Esq.

President, Pincus Communications, Inc.

Faith Pincus is a dynamic, accomplished and experienced speaker who will boost your self-confidence and give you the tools you need to succeed at public speaking. Faith is an expert at public speaking who has trained elected and appointed officials, candidates, CEO's, attorneys and management at non-profit associations for almost two decades. As a licensed attorney, she is also uniquely positioned to understand the speaking skills required of attorneys.

Sandy Linville

Vice-President, Pincus Communications, Inc.

Sandy Linville is a funny, engaging and knowledgeable speaker who will knock your socks off, educate you, and entertain you all at once! Ms. Linville conducts large public speaking and communication skills seminars as well as in-house small group training sessions. She also provides one-on-one coaching.

As a former corporate training specialist for AT&T, Ms. Linville is a certified trainer in Customer Excellence and Leadership training, which includes conflict resolution and time management. Ms. Linville also focuses on train-the-trainer programs, conducting such courses as an Instructional Skills Workshop and the Corporate T3 program.

Appellate Practice Boot Camp Conference:

Judicial Law Clerks Teach the
Do's and Don'ts

A practical view of appellate practice in the Illinois Courts of Appeal, this course is a unique opportunity to learn appellate practice from the inside.

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June 13 | Chicago

Public Speaking Workshops — boost your confidence, receive valuable tips and techniques and test your public speaking skills in a manner that helps you improve on the spot.

■ Public Speaking Seminar

An interesting, fun, informative seminar that will boost your confidence and improve your public speaking skills in any setting.

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An In-Depth Guide to Practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

Taught by current and former law clerks to bankruptcy judges, you will learn what to expect, what the court wants, the most common pitfalls that bankruptcy practitioners fall into and how to avoid them.

July 17 | Chicago



What our attendees say:

"Exactly what I was looking for. There was no wasted time, I learned a lot, and I was inspired to take the recommended actions!"

— Marcia Augsburger, Esq.
(Public Speaking)

"A 3 1/2 hour bang for the buck!"

— Karen D. Hill, Esq.
(Public Speaking)

"Good, timely and pertinent information!!"

Delivered what was promised!"

— Charles R. Steinberg, Esq.
(State Appellate Practice)

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Appellate Practice Boot Camp Conference:

Judicial Law Clerks Teach the Do's and Don'ts

Naperville

June 11, 2008
1:00 - 4:15 pm
NIU Outreach Center
1120 East Diehl Road, Rm. #167

Chicago

June 13, 2008
1:00 - 4:15 pm
Chicago Bar Association
321 South Plymouth Court

Appellate law experts, including career Judicial Law Clerks from multiple Illinois Courts of Appeal, discuss Illinois appellate practice, with an emphasis on the practical aspects. Main topics include: drafting effective briefs; presenting oral argument; standards of review; how appeals are processed and resolved; rehearing petitions, and the top "do's" and "don'ts" for effective appellate attorneys. The program focuses on improving attorneys' practice, brief writing and oral argument, identifying common procedural mistakes and teaching attorneys what the court really wants.

After presenting this program for three years, we can proudly state that you will learn more in this program about practicing in the Courts of Appeal than any other program you have attended on the topic.

Topics include:

- Getting Familiar with the Rules
- Jurisdiction: Appealing the Right Order or Judgment
- Drafting An Effective Brief
 - Presenting the Facts
 - Standards of Review
 - Arguments--Headings & Roadmaps
 - Tips For Effective Arguments and Strategies
- Motion Practice
- Oral Arguments--What to Expect
- Decision Process--Summary Orders, Rule 23, Published Decisions
- Post-Judgment Practice: Petitions for Rehearing and Appealing To the IL Supreme Court

This seminar approved for:

- ✓ Approval pending in IL. Check our Website: www.PincusProEd.com
- ✓ 4.0 hours of Appellate Specialization Certification credit in California.
- ✓ 4.0 hours of MCLE credit, including .5 hours of ethics credit in California.

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**Audio CD & course
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Bankruptcy Boot Camp:

An In-Depth Guide to Practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts ■ Taught by Current and Former Law Clerks

Chicago

July 17, 2008
1:00 - 4:15 pm
Chicago Bar Association
321 South Plymouth Court

A bankruptcy case includes many more elements than your typical state or federal court case, creating many traps for the unwary. This informative seminar walks you through the steps of a bankruptcy case, from the commencement of the case through appeal, with an emphasis on process, procedural rules, what the court expects, and mistakes not to make. Taught by current and former law clerks to bankruptcy judges and bankruptcy appellate panel judges, you will learn the most common pitfalls that bankruptcy practitioners fall into and how to avoid them.

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**Audio CD & course
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Topics include:

- How to commence a bankruptcy case without receiving a deficiency notice from the Clerk's Office
- Crucial deadlines and how to extend them
- Passing the "means test"
- Satisfying the credit counseling requirement
- "Filing" payment advices
- What it takes to make a successful motion
- When service has been made properly
- How to deal with "urgent" matters
- The electronic filing requirements
- Tips for getting your proposed order signed by a judge on the first try
- What is an automatic stay and how do you make it go away (or reappear)
- Create effective reaffirmation agreements
- Do's & don'ts for chapter 11 plans and disclosure statements
- Differences between the "main case" and an "adversary proceeding"
- Drafting effective briefs
- How to prepare for status conferences and trial
- The procedure for obtaining reconsideration
- The steps for perfecting appeal
- Ethical traps to avoid in representing debtors and creditors
- Communicating with the Court

This seminar approved for:

- ✓ Approval pending in IL. Check our Website: www.PincusProEd.com
- ✓ 3.0 credit hours, including .5 hours of ethics credit in California and Washington

Public Speaking:

Public Speaking Seminar

Attend our 1/2 day seminar only or come back after lunch for an additional 6 hours over 1.5 days for individualized coaching in a small group setting.

Public speaking and oral argument are acquired skills. Unfortunately, they are not taught in law school. This workshop will teach you basic and advanced public speaking techniques that have been around for centuries. Learn how to use your voice, your words and your body to enhance your presentation style and get your message heard. Get tips on oral argument, opening statements, and organization. Learn how to give a better presentation before your clients, potential clients, a bar event or your team. This program will help you improve your oral presentation skills on a variety of levels. You are guaranteed to learn from this program and have fun.

Chicago
June 27, 2008
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Chicago Bar Association
321 South Plymouth Court

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**DVD or Audio CD &
course material package:
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Public Speaking One-on-One Coaching Program

Chicago

June 27, 2008
1:15 - 5:00 p.m.

June 28, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Chicago Bar Association
321 South Plymouth Court

Put the public speaking skills you learn at our Public Speaking for Attorneys seminar into practice! Get one-on-one public speaking coaching in a small group environment.

Enroll now, seating is very limited for the coaching program!!

Participants must come prepared to practice with a 5 minute presentation on any topic. Participants may call the speakers to discuss this presentation ahead of time

These programs approved for:

- ✓ The Morning 3.5 hour lecture/seminar and the afternoon/next day 6.0 hour coaching program is pending approval in Illinois.
- ✓ The Morning 3.5 hour lecture/seminar is approved for 3.0 CLE units in Washington and California.

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~~\$595~~ **\$570** per person

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State Appellate Practice Boot Camp Conference

Individual — \$270 (\$295 after May 21)

Group _____ attendees — \$245/person (2 or more)
(\$270 after May 21)

Government employee /Non-profit* rate — \$210 (\$235 after May 21)

Student (current only) — \$120 (\$145 after May 21)

I'D LIKE TO REGISTER FOR:

Naperville | June 11, 2008

Chicago | June 13, 2008

Home study course _____(Quantity) Audio CD & course material package.
\$270 each (\$295 after May 21), plus \$5.00 shipping.

Bankruptcy Boot Camp

Individual — \$250 (\$275 after June 26)

Group _____ attendees — \$225/person (2 or more)
(\$250 after June 26)

Government employee /Non-profit* rate — \$210 (\$235 after June 26)

Student (current only) — \$120 (\$145 after June 26)

I'D LIKE TO REGISTER FOR:

Chicago | June 13, 2008

Home study course _____(Quantity) Audio CD & course material package.
\$250 each (\$275 after June 26), plus \$5.00 shipping.

*Partial scholarships are available to a limited number of non-profit attorneys, based upon registration. Please call to discuss.

Four easy ways to register

1. Mail:

Pincus Communications, Inc.
5660 Skyway, Suite C
Paradise, CA 95969

Public Speaking Seminar

Individual — \$250 (\$275 after June 6)

Group _____ attendees — \$200/person (2 or more)
(\$225 after June 6)

Government employee /Non-profit* rate — \$170 (\$195 after June 6)

Student (current only) — \$70 (\$95 after June 6)

I'D LIKE TO REGISTER FOR:

Chicago | June 27, 2008

Home study course _____(Quantity) DVD or Audio CD & course material package. \$275 each, plus \$5.00 shipping.

Public Speaking One-on-One Coaching Program

Individual — \$570 (\$595 after June 6)

Group _____ attendees — \$570/person (2 or more)
(\$545 after June 6)

Government employee /Non-profit* rate — \$520 (\$545 after June 6)

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Chicago | June 27-28, 2008

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