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# WEDNESDAY

[AFTERNOON/EVENING ONLY]  
**MARCH 18, 2026**

**KEY:** ■ General Interest ■ Meals | Breaks | Receptions ■ Chapter 11 Sessions ■ Consumer Litigation Sessions

12:00-1:05 PM	<b>Registration Open</b>
1:05-1:15 PM	<b>Opening Announcements</b> John Isbell, <i>President</i>
1:15-2:15 PM	<b>Economic Overview</b> Prof. Roger Tutterow
2:15-3:15 PM	<b>New Law, Old Practices, and Some Insights on Best Practices</b> R. Scott Williams
3:15-3:30 PM	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Registrants only (included in registration fee)</i>
3:30-4:30 PM	<b>Update from the Emory Bankruptcy Development Journal</b> Prof. Lindsey Simon
4:30-6:00 PM	<b>Cocktail Reception</b> <i>Registrants &amp; Spouses</i>
6:00-9:00 PM	<b>The Painted Pin Bowling Reception</b> Come test your skills with a few games of tenpin against other SBLI attendees. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card and bragging rights for a year. Included with conference registration, but space is limited. <b>Prior registration is required!</b>



Wednesday evening following  
the cocktail reception

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Atlanta's Upscale Boutique Bar, Bowling, &  
Entertainment Venue

The event is open to all registered SBLI attendees,  
but you must **RSVP by March 4<sup>th</sup>** if you plan  
to attend.

# THURSDAY

# MARCH 19, 2026

**KEY:** ■ General Interest ■ Meals | Breaks | Receptions ■ Chapter 11 Sessions ■ Consumer Litigation Sessions

8:00-9:00 AM

## Registration & Continental Breakfast

*Registrants only (included in registration fee)*

9:00-10:00 AM

## Appellate/Supreme Court Update

G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.

10:00-11:00 AM

## New Developments in the World of Subchapter V Cases

Hon. Paul W. Bonapfel & Hon. Benjamin A. Kahn

11:00-11:15 AM

## Refreshment Break

*Registrants only (included in registration fee)*

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:15 AM-12:35 PM

### Releases and Exculpations in Chapter 11: Where are We Now?

Hon. Paul M. Baisier, Sander L. Esserman &  
G. Eric Brunstad, Jr.

### Case Law Update/11th Circuit Decision – PART I

Ronald R. Peterson & Sabrina L. McKinney

12:35-1:40 PM

## Lunch

*Registrants only (included in registration fee)*

## ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

1:40-3:00 PM

### Administratively Insolvent Debtors in Chapter 11: Navigating the End Game

James H. Burbage, Allen Burke &  
Joseph M. Mulvihill

### Case Law Update/11th Circuit Decision – PART II

Ronald R. Peterson & Sabrina L. McKinney

1:40-2:20 PM

2:20-3:00 PM

### The Ultimate Client Control Clinic

To Be Announced

3:00-3:15 PM

## Refreshment Break

*Registrants only (included in registration fee)*

3:15-4:35 PM

### Plowing Through Distress: Restructuring Options for Farms and Agribusinesses

Christopher A. Ward, Sean M. Harding &  
Michael R. Stewart

### Behind the Curtain: What Trustees Really Think

Deb Miller, Robert C. Furr, Sabrina L. McKinney &  
Beverly M. Burden

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# FRIDAY

# MARCH 20, 2026

**KEY:** ■ General Interest ■ Meals | Breaks | Receptions ■ Chapter 11 Sessions ■ Consumer Litigation Sessions

8:00-9:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Registrants only (included in registration fee)</i>
9:00-10:00 AM	<b>Views from the Bench: Adjusting to the “New Normal” in the Courtroom</b> Hon. Jonathan W. Jordan, Hon. Edward J. Coleman, III & Hon. Austin E. Carter
10:00-11:00 AM	<b>Hallucinations, Candor, and Competence: Ethics in the Age of Generative AI</b> Charles Lyons & Jennifer M. Romig
11:00-11:15 AM	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Registrants only (included in registration fee)</i>

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:15 AM-12:35 PM	<b>Critical Condition: Challenges in Rural Healthcare</b> T. Mills Fleming, Quentin Whitwell & Jennifer Meyerowitz	<b>Plan Confirmations &amp; Coffee: How to Get the Yes</b> Beverly M. Burden & Brian Flick
12:35-1:40 PM	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Registrants only (included in registration fee)</i>	

## ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

1:40-3:00 PM	<b>Nuts &amp; Bolts: Best Practices for Buying or Selling a Company Out of Bankruptcy</b> James H. Burbage, Joseph M. Mulvihill & Raoul Nowitz	<b>An Unholy Union: Family Law Meets Bankruptcy Law</b> Hon. Edward J. Coleman, III & Barbara J. May
1:40-2:20 PM		
2:20-3:00 PM		<b>Means Test Mayhem: Winning the Numbers Game</b> Robert C. Furr & Deb Miller
3:00-3:15 PM	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Registrants only (included in registration fee)</i>	
3:15-4:35 PM	<b>Space Available: Lease Strategies for Landlords and Tenants in Chapter 11</b> Jennifer McClain McLemore, Christopher A. Ward & R. Scott Williams	<b>Bankruptcy Wellness: Financial Rehab for Debtors</b> Barbara J. May
3:15-3:55 PM		
3:55-4:35 PM		<b>Mortgages: Keeping the House of Cards Standing in Bankruptcy</b> Jackson E. Duncan, III & Brian Flick

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