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**The William J. Rochelle, Jr. Course—The Practice of Corporate  
Bankruptcy Reorganization Law**

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The Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court is pleased to announce that it is once again sponsoring its award-winning William J. Rochelle, Jr. Chapter 11 Practice Course this fall. The course is designed to introduce attorneys practicing commercial bankruptcy law to many of the legal and practical issues arising in Chapter 11 cases. The Course is open to all bankruptcy attorneys, but priority will be given to those with fewer than three years experience. Audit participants and members of the TMA may be included, subject to space limitations.

The course will be taught by the Honorable H.D. "Cooter" Hale, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas and Master of the Inn, and attorneys Steve Goodwin and Mike Anglin, Masters of the Inn. In addition to these outstanding instructors, the course provides participants the opportunity to interact with other members of the local bankruptcy bench as well as seasoned commercial bankruptcy practitioners.

The course consists of twelve 90 minute sessions of classroom instruction conducted once a week plus an additional session devoted to participation in a mock trial exercise. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, and will be conducted every Wednesday morning (with the exception of the last class which will be on Tuesday morning) through November 23, 2010. The course will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Offices of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal, LLP, 901 Main Street, Suite 5500, in downtown Dallas. Class size will be limited to no more than 30 participants so as to maximize the opportunities for significant interaction with the instructors and active classroom discussion. The course also includes three lunches with guest speakers drawn from the ranks of sitting judges or prominent lawyer practitioners; a graduation party; and continental breakfast each class day.

This is a comprehensive and challenging course covering all significant aspects of Chapter 11 practice including issues relating to the automatic stay, cash collateral, post-petition financing, executory contracts and leases, disclosure statements, plan drafting and confirmation, post-confirmation disputes and professional retention. Attendance at class sessions is mandatory. No more than two pre-excused absences will be allowed. More than two such absences, or any un-excused absence, may result in a student being dropped from the class. Extensive preparation and participation by each student is required. Students should anticipate spending approximately 2-3 hours preparing for each weekly class. In addition, each student will

spend approximately 6 hours working outside the classroom with a small group of fellow students on a practice problem. For example, this exercise may involve drafting and presenting a hypothetical party's position on an issue involving cash collateral and/or plan confirmation to a judge in a mock trial format. Finally, the course also includes an open book final examination requiring 3-6 hours to complete which will test the ability of students to work with the Bankruptcy Code and Rules.

A limited number of spaces in the class may be allocated to anyone seeking to audit the course. Those persons auditing the course are expected to attend all classroom sessions subject to the same limitations on excused absences applicable to regular students. Attorneys auditing the course will receive CLE credit for all classes and luncheons for which CLE accreditation is obtained. However, persons auditing the course will not participate in the practice problem exercise, will not take the final examination and will not receive a certificate of course completion from the Inn of Court.

The tuition cost for students including written materials and monthly luncheons is \$375. Attorneys employed by governmental agencies may enroll for a total tuition cost of \$250. The tuition cost for persons wishing to audit the course (including non-attorney TMA members enrolled through special agreement with the Inn) is \$250 plus a separate charge for any monthly luncheons which they may choose to attend. Enrollment is limited to no more than two attorneys from any single law firm or agency. Students that successfully complete the course will receive:

- ★ CLE credit;
- ★ A workbook containing extensive written materials;
- ★ Three luncheons with members of the Federal bench or seasoned practitioners;
- ★ Recognition at an awards banquet (including special awards for the top five students and the "Rookie of the Year" as chosen by the instructors); and
- ★ A certificate of course completion from the Inn of Court.

Demand for this course is expected to be heavy and past sessions have been sold out. As a result, those interested in enrolling should do so without delay. Anyone wishing to enroll must complete the registration form which accompanies this notice and send the form, a copy of their resume including a current email address, and their tuition check made payable to the "John C. Ford American Inn of Court" to:

John C. Ford American Inn of Court  
c/o Laura Worsham, Esq.  
Master of the Inn  
Jones Allen and Fuqua  
8828 Greenville Ave.,  
Dallas, Texas 75243-7143

**Registrations must be received by August 20, 2008 at 4 p.m.** Enrollment will be processed on a "first-come" basis, with priority given to attorneys with fewer than three years commercial bankruptcy experience. **No registration form will be processed if it is not accompanied by a check for the entire tuition amount and a copy of the applicant's resume.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Rosemary J. Zyne  
Master of the Inn

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**CHAPTER 11**  
**The William J. Rochelle, Jr. Course**  
**on**  
**The Practice of Corporate Bankruptcy Reorganization Law**

This award winning twelve (12) week course will be held at the Offices of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal, LLP, 901 Main Street, Suite 5500, Dallas, TX beginning Sept. 8, 2010, and running through November 23, 2010, with three lunches and a graduation party T/B/A.

The registration fee for this course is:

\$375 for attorneys engaged in private practice;  
\$250.00 (plus a luncheon charge) for attorneys and non attorneys (TMA) auditing the course  
\$250 for government attorneys

See accompanying letter for additional information

**All Registrants are to submit a resume with their registration form.**

Registration is limited to thirty (30) students on a "first-come" basis, with priority given to attorneys with fewer than three years commercial bankruptcy experience.

Registrants who cannot be accommodated will receive a full refund.

No registration form will be processed until the registration fee is paid.

**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 20, 2010.**

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**OUTLINE FOR  
2010 12-WEEK WILLIAM J. ROCHELLE, JR. CHAPTER 11 COURSE  
(Sponsored by John C. Ford American Inn of Court)**

**I. Class 1 (Sept. 8, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Part 1: Overview of Statutes and Rules that Govern Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure (Title 11 of U.S.C.; parts of Title 28; parts of Title 18 and Title 26; miscellaneous relevant state laws; FRCP; FRBP; FRE); Appropriate Use of Bankruptcy; Goals of Chapter 11 for Different Constituencies; Advantages and Disadvantages of Chapter 11 Versus Other Remedies.

Part 2: Bankruptcy Jurisdiction: Debtor eligibility for filing bankruptcy governed by 11 U.S.C. § 109; Grant of Subject Matter Jurisdiction to District Court over Cases and Over Proceedings "Arising Under" Title 11 and "Arising in" or "Related to" Cases; Referral of Cases and Proceedings to the Bankruptcy Courts and Withdrawal of Reference Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157; Core and Non-Core Proceedings; Abstention; Removal and Remand; Right to Jury Trial; Venue; Voluntary vs. Involuntary Bankruptcy Cases; Concept of 11 U.S.C. § 541 Property of the Estate.

**II. Class 2 (Sept. 15, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Exercising the Bankruptcy Remedy: Some Fundamental Protections and Concepts in Bankruptcy; Pervasive Jurisdiction and Special Powers and Authority over Debtor and Estate; Section 362 Automatic Stay; Additional Power/Protection Pursuant to Section 105; the Section 108 Tolling Statute; Section 363's Restrictions and Authorizations on Use and Sale of Property of the Estate; Section 549 Avoidance Statute; Adequate Protection; Section 554 Abandonment.

**III. Class 3 (Sept. 22, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am) Steve Goodwin will substitute for Judge Hale**

Use, Sale and Lease of Property: Adequate Protection; Sale; Abandonment; Operation of Business (ethics 30 minutes).

**IV. Class 4 and Class 5 (Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Financing a Business in Chapter 11:

Cash Collateral Usage (Sept.29)

"DIP" Postpetition Financing (Oct. 6)

**V. Class 6 (Oct. 13, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Control Over the Debtor: Creditors Committees; Control/Governance of Debtors in Possession; Alternatives to the DIP (Trustees; Examiners); the Creditors' Remedies of Conversion or Dismissal (**ethics 105 minutes**)

**VI. Class 7 (Oct. 20, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Representing the Bankruptcy Fiduciary: Requirements for Employment; Conflicts; Compensation (**ethics 105 minutes**)

**VII. Class 8 & 9 (Oct. 27 & Nov 3, 2010, 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Creditors and Claims: Types of Claims (Secured; Unsecured; Priority; Non-Recourse); Proofs of Claim; Claim Objections; Subordination; Mass Tort Claims; Classification of Creditors

**VIII. Class 10 & 11 (Nov. 10 & Nov. 17, 2010; 7:30 am-9:00 am) Mike Anglin will substitute for Judge Hale**

The Plan of Reorganization: Contents; Acceptance; Confirmation; Cramdown; Binding Effect  
The Disclosure Statement (**ethics 20 minutes**)

**IX. Class 12 (TUESDAY Nov. 23, 2010, 7:30 am-9:00 am)**

Special Bankruptcy Powers: Avoidance Actions (Preferences; Fraudulent Transfers; Postpetition Transfers); Strong Arm Power; Power to Assume/Reject Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

**Additional Components of Course:**

- \* One Practice Group Session (Practice Exercises in which Students are Divided into Teams and Role Play in Chapter 11 Hypothetical Scenarios)
- \* Three Lunches with Judges and/or prominent bankruptcy practitioners (During Which There are Some Teaching Moments as Well as Casual Interaction)
- \* One Written Final Exam
- \* Graduation Party