



**The SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

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**BANKRUPTCY CLE**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

Virtually via Cisco Webex

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| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  | <i>Family Law and Bankruptcy</i><br><b>Elizabeth “Lisa” M. McBride</b> of McBride Law   |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | <i>Student Loan Update/ Motion and Noticing procedures from the Bench</i><br><b>Judge Frederick P. Corbit</b> , Judge - United States Bankruptcy Court<br><b>Jolene Britton</b> , Deputy Clerk - United States Bankruptcy Court |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | <i>Chapter 13 Primer</i><br><b>Rebecca J. Sheppard</b> of Sheppard Law Office   |
| 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM  | Lunch (on your own)   |
| 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM   | <i>Construction Law and Bankruptcy</i><br><b>Benjamin J. McDonnell</b> of Piskel Yahne Kovarik, PLLC  |
| 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM   | <i>Trustee and State Law Receivership Issues</i><br><b>David P. Gardner</b> of Winston & Cashatt, P.S.  |

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**HONORABLE FREDERICK P. CORBIT** was sworn in on September 19, 2013 as a bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Washington. His courtroom is in Spokane. Prior to going on the bench, Judge Corbit practiced law in the Pacific Northwest. Most recently he practiced law in the Seattle Office of the Northwest Justice Project (“NJP”). NJP provides civil legal services to persons of limited financial means. Prior to joining NJP in 2007, he was a shareholder in the national law firm of Heller Ehrman LLP, and represented many companies and individuals in connection with issues related to the acquisitions and sales of businesses, creditor/debtor matters, and business litigation. He is a frequent lecturer on legal matters and has published numerous articles in legal journals. Judge Corbit received his undergraduate degree from University of Washington and his law degree from UCLA School of Law. He was a law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth S. Treadwell, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Washington and an extern to the Honorable Robert F. Utter, Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court. Judge Corbit was raised in Spokane and graduated from Ferris High School.

### **DAVID P. GARDNER**

Dave’s practice focuses on bankruptcy, creditor’s rights, insolvency law, and commercial litigation. Mr. Gardner provides representation for debtors, creditors, trustees, and receivers in all aspects of Chapter 7, 11, 12, and 13 bankruptcies and state court insolvency proceedings. Mr. Gardner litigates civil matters in state and federal courts in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Mr. Gardner also prosecutes and defends appeals in state and federal courts.

**ELIZABETH M. "LISA" MCBRIDE** graduated from Gonzaga University in 1982 and Gonzaga School of Law in 1985. Her practice focuses on Bankruptcy and Probate. Lisa is active in the Eastern Washington Bankruptcy Bar Association and has served on the Board and as President multiple times.

**BENJAMIN J. MCDONNELL** is a Principal attorney at Piskel Yahne Kovarik, PLLC. His practice focuses on bankruptcy litigation, construction litigation, and other commercial litigation. He regularly represents individuals and businesses in state and federal courts, including contested matters and adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court, and regularly advises clients concerning construction issues arising in the context of bankruptcy and receivership.

Originally from Helena, Montana, Ben earned a B.A. from Gonzaga University and a J.D. with honors from Gonzaga University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Washington and Oregon. He is a Board Member of the Eastern District of Washington Bankruptcy Bar Association. He has also been recognized in the state of Washington by Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” for the years 2019 through 2021.

**REBECCA J. SHEPPARD** is a graduate of Gonzaga University School of Law. In 2009, she founded Sheppard Law Office, PC with the goal of helping people find ways to deal with their overwhelming debt through bankruptcy. Ms. Sheppard practices exclusively in the area of bankruptcy law, focusing on consumer chapter 7 and 13 cases. During law school, she worked at the Spokane Office of the United States Trustee where she learned both substantive and procedural law from the US Trustee’s perspective. Ms. Sheppard currently serves on the Executive Committee of the WSBA Creditor-Debtor Rights Section, is a member of the Eastern District of Washington Bankruptcy Bar, has served on the Bankruptcy Court’s Standing Advisory Rules Committee, and is a regular speaker at CLEs throughout her district.