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2024 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

6:00 p.m. Optional Group Dinner

(additional charge per person, registration required, alcohol and transportation on your own)

Michael Homes' Purple Room • 1900 E. Palm Canyon Dr. • Palm Springs, CA 92264 • (760) 322-4422

The sophistication and glamour of the Rat pack era comes alive at Michael Homes' Purple Room, the desert's premier supper club. Tucked away in the Club Trinidad Resort, The Purple Room is where Frank, Sammy, Dean and their pals cavorted on and off the stage in the swinging '60s. Step in and you'll be transported back to the elegance of the era: an intimate and inviting room, classic cocktails with a modern twist, world-class cuisine and the best in live entertainment – seven nights a week! Hobnob with celebrities, locals, and visitors alike at the iconic Purple Room!



Thursday, September 26, 2024 The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa (Rancho Mirage Room, Lobby Level)

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:30 – 8:50 a.m. WELCOME AND WESTERN REGION MEETING

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. VICARIOUS LIABILITY IN THE BANKRUPTCY CONTACT (BARTENWERFER) SECTION 523(A) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND OTHER FUN AREAS OF THE LAW!

The panel will discuss issues concerning vicarious liability and the expanding body of law under the Section 523(a), the "Innocent Spouse" defense, the expanding body of law imputing liability to the debtor for the action of one director or officer. Bartenwerfer, Mallinckrodt, Drivetime . . . WE HAVE ALL THE HITS!!! **CLE CEU** (1 hr)

SPEAKERS:

Jack Rose, *Jack Rose Law*, Bronxville, NY; **David H. Leigh**, *Ray Quinney & Nebeker PC*, Salt Lake City, UT

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. AGENCY AND LAW FIRM EXPECTATIONS

Agencies and law firms make up two-thirds of the triadic system. How these two components interact can have a direct, material impact on client satisfaction and retention. This session will feature an agency representative and an attorney identifying and discussing critical points where the relationship can be best maximized to create efficient, effective returns for clients. What can agencies do before law firms get involved to set up lawyers for success in litigation? What can law firms do to give agencies what they need to communicate effectively with creditors? What common missteps can be avoided? **CLE CEU** (1 hr)

SPEAKERS:

Timothy Grimes, *Barr Credit Services, Inc.*, Tucson, AZ; **Benjamin E. Kelly**, *Law Office of Benjamin E. Kelly, PS*, Seattle, WA

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. WHEN COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER COLLECTIONS COLLIDE

Join us for a practical discussion between a panel of attorneys and forwarders as we talk about the intersection of commercial and consumer collections. We will be covering the difference in handling each type of debt, some practical tips, dos and don'ts, hot topics, and some case law in the area. Bring your questions and your own experiences for a lively discussion. **CLE CEU** (1 hr)

SPEAKERS:

Amy L. Pona, *Gurstel Law Firm, PC*, Golden Valley, MN; **John S. Pucin**, *Caine & Weiner Co., Inc.*, Schaumburg, IL; **David W. Lippman**, *Lippman Recupero*, Tucson, AZ

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. GROUP LUNCH (Registration required for accurate count)

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. EXPLORE PALM SPRINGS ON YOUR OWN

5:30 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT INDIAN WELLS RESORT (Cash Bar)

76-661 HWY 111 • Indian Wells, CA 92210 Transportation on your own.

Seize this moment to engage with your colleagues and deepen your professional network.

6:30 p.m. DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT AT INDIAN WELLS RESORT FEATURING KRISTI KING

Registration required for accurate count. Individual pays own. Step into a realm of timeless elegance amidst classic, old Hollywood decor and entertainment by Kristi King, who will serenade you with a repertoire that echoes the golden age of entertainment.

Attendees

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