

# Howard D.R.E.A.M.S.

## Discovering Restructuring Expertise and Mentorship Symposium

November 6, 2024 | Howard University School of Law | Washington, D.C.

### Session I (Student Focus): An Open Discussion About Careers and Important Insolvency Topics for Law Students

#### A. Opportunities in Restructuring

12:00-1:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Panel: Hon. Elizabeth L. Gunn (Bankr. D. D.C.), Tara Twomey (Director, Executive Office for U.S. Trustees), Ryan E. Manns (Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP and Howard Law Alum), Narendra Ganti (Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Inc.) and Erik Goodman (Senior Staff Attorney, Tzedek DC)

Moderators: Emony M. Robertson (Associate, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Howard Law Alum) and Josiah Mercado-Lawson (Howard University School of Law)

#### B. Student Loans

1:00-1:40 p.m.

Panel: Hon. Klinette H. Kindred (Bankr. E.D. Va.) and Prof. Matthew A. Bruckner (Howard University School of Law)

Moderators: Abimbola Omalafe (Howard University School of Law) and Bronson Haynes (Howard University School of Law)

#### C. Clerkships and Internships: Set Sail in an Awesome Direction

3:35-4:15 p.m.

Panel: Hon. Erithe A. Smith (Bankr. C.D. Cal.), Melissa Wood (Senior Staff Counsel, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals), Prof. Tuneen Chisolm (Howard University School of Law), Michael St. Patrick Baxter (Senior Counsel, Covington & Burling LLP) and a Just the Beginning Representative

Moderators: Darwin Perry (Law Clerk (Bankr. D. Minn.) and Howard Law Alum) and Miles A. Taylor (Associate, Dechert, LLP and Howard Law Alum)

### Session II (Practitioners and Students Welcome): Engage and Empower for a More Equitable Insolvency Profession

#### A. Unjust Debts

4:20-5:00 p.m.

Discussion with Author and Professor Melissa Jacoby (Graham Kenan Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sullivan & Cromwell Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Fall 2024).

Facilitated by Elizabeth Gabaud (Tavener & Beran, PLC and Howard Law Alum) and Prof. Dalié Jiménez (Professor of Law, UC Irvine School of Law and Director of its Student Loan Law Initiative)

Introduction of Panel by Rachele Domond (Howard University School of Law)

#### B. Paying It Forward to Make a Difference

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Panel: Hon. Christopher M. Lopez (Bankr. S.D. Tex.), Travis Torrence (U.S. Head of Legal, Shell USA, Inc.), Charles A. Beckham, Jr. and Re'Necia Sherald (Partner and Associate, respectively, Haynes and Boone, LLP), Prof. Melissa Jacoby (Graham Kenan Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Sullivan & Cromwell Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Fall 2024)

Moderators: Hon. Michelle M. Harner (Bankr. D. Md.) and Kim Hooks (Howard University School of Law)

Introduction: Jaden Cody, SBA President (Howard University School of Law)

**Networking Reception: All Welcome 6:00-7:30 p.m.**



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