



### **This Month's featured Committee: Bankruptcy**

The Bankruptcy Committee is chaired by Shayna Steinfeld, and has one vice chair, Karl Topor. In its regular meetings the committee has focused on continuing education, state and federal legislation, state and federal administration of the bankruptcy rules, and the newest legislation, The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention & Consumer Protection Act of 2005.

The Bankruptcy Committee last met at the Austin, Texas CLE conference on April 16, 2005. The committee has discussed the relevant aspects (both pro and con) of the new legislation that has been one of the most significant changes in bankruptcy law and practice since the adoption of the Bankruptcy Code in 1978.

On July 12, 2005, the ABA Section of Family Law and the ABA Center for CLE will present a teleseminar titled "The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005: Its Affect on the Practice of Family Law and the Family Law Attorney. Bankruptcy Committee Chair Shayna Steinfeld and the Honorable Margaret Dee McGarity will speak on this program. For more information go to <http://www.abanet.org/family/events/bankruptcy.html>

At the Section's Fall 2005 CLE Conference in San Diego, the Bankruptcy Committee will present a panel of experts who will give an overview of the newest legislation, highlighting significant changes in substantive law as well as in practice and procedure and the effects on the family law attorney.

Shayna Steinfeld, Esq. and Karl W. Topor, Esq. will produce the program; Karl W. Topor will moderate. Additional featured speakers include: Radmila A. Fulton, Esq., and Dean T. Kirby, Jr., Esq.

The Bankruptcy Committee invites all to come learn about the revised rules during the upcoming July 12 Teleseminar and/or at the 2005 Section of Family Law Conference in San Diego. There will be a focus on domestic relations law issues, such as the discharge of domestic support obligations, the changes to the automatic stay on this front and how domestic relations lawyers should avoid being "debt relief agencies" and what that means. We will also give you the most up to date information so that you may advise your clients.

To join the Section of Family Law Bankruptcy Committee contact Sena Leach at [LeachSe@staff.abanet.org](mailto:LeachSe@staff.abanet.org).

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