



ONE-DAY LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

MAY 19, 2026 | NEW YORK, NY

AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast/Registration
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Current Trends in Consumer Bankruptcy: Is it a Bonanza or a Bust? Speakers: Judge Shireen Barday & Al Hochheiser Description: How will the increase in consumer bankruptcy filings affect your portfolios? Learn about the latest trends and issues in consumer bankruptcy rulings from Bankruptcy Judge Barday.
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Morning Beverage Break
9:45 am – 11:45 am	NYC Debt Collection Rule: How is this going to work? Speakers: Scott Morris, Susan Namm, Tamar Yudenfreund & DCWP Staff [invited]. Moderated by Don Maurice. Description: After reading the New York City Department of Consumer & Worker Protection (DCWP) revised debt collection rule, did you ask yourself “how is this going to work?” This panel will have a robust discussion related to the challenges of the rule and gain some insights on how to protect your business.
11:45 pm – 12:45 pm	Networking Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Best Practices from the Consumer Bar’s Perspective Speakers: Lester Bird (Pew Charitable Trusts), Gina Calabrese (St. John’s University School of Law, Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic) & Former NY Senator Kevin Thomas. Moderated by David Reid. Description: Have you ever wondered what will make the consumer bar satisfied that you have done your due diligence? Come and hear it from them firsthand.

1:50 pm – 2:50 pm	<p>The Risks & Challenges of Legal Debt Collections in New York State</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Kyle Cohen & Scott Morris</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Whether it is the State Legislature, Attorney General, or a myriad of regulatory agencies, New York State is not for the faint of heart with its ever-changing public policies. This panel will discuss recent developments in debt collection in the Empire State, including coerced debt, identity theft, issues with court filings and process serving, AG initiatives, and other challenges.</p>
2:50 pm – 3:15 pm	<p>Afternoon Beverage Break</p>
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	<p>Professional Responsibility for Modern Lawyers: Risks, Rules, and Reality</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Don Maurice & Brent Yarborough</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Today’s litigators face ethics challenges that are more complex—and more consequential—than ever before. This fast-paced panel delivers a timely deep dive into the ethical issues that arise at the intersection of litigation, consumer law, supervision, and rapidly evolving technology. Through real world examples and recent disciplinary and court decisions, attendees will gain concrete guidance on navigating ethical risk while maintaining effective, compliant advocacy.</p>
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>Networking Cocktail Reception</p>

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