

Led by Fellows in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the American College of Bankruptcy and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law jointly presented an educational forum exploring how bankruptcy law and practice will be changed by the pandemic. The November 4, 2021 program, with the hopeful title “After the Pandemic,” received a warm reception online and in person at Pitt Law.

The program kicked off with a Report from Capitol Hill by Judge Gregory L. Taddonio from the Western District of Pennsylvania, the co-chair of the legislative committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He was followed by a panel discussing commercial practice after the pandemic, featuring Judge Marvin P. Isgur from the Southern District of Texas, Chief Judge Frank J. Santoro from the Eastern District of Virginia, Heather Lennox from Jones Day in Cleveland, and Kurt L. Gwynne from Reed Smith in Wilmington. The second panel, discussing consumer practice after the pandemic, featured Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan from the District of New Jersey, Alane A. Becket from Malvern, Pennsylvania, and Ronda J. Winnecour from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The third panel, looking at the economic landscape after the pandemic, included Mohsin Meghji from M3 Partners in New York, Professor David J. Denis from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, and Eric A. Schaffer from the Stonecipher Law Firm in Pittsburgh.

Lively discussions continued at a reception hosted by Pitt Law, after which the Third Circuit Fellows adjourned to a nearby restaurant to welcome their newest colleagues.

The local organizing committee comprised Eric Schaffer, Judge Jeffrey A. Deller and Retired Judge Judith K. Fitzgerald, both from the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Ronda Winnecour. Pitt Law provided a wonderful venue and outstanding support, with students and faculty joining College members and others, and the University looks forward to hosting future College events.