

Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 4:03 PM – 4:40 PM MST

Members Present: Matt Christensen (MTC), Tecla Druffel, Rhett Miller, J.B. Evans, Hon. Brent R. Wilson, Jeff Andrews

Members Excused: Heidi Buck Morrison

Non-Members Present: Teresa Baker (Idaho State Bar)

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM MST.
2. Approval of Prior Minutes. Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes made by J.B. Evans; seconded by Jeff Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.
3. 2026 Seminar Update (Presented by J.B. Evans)
 - J.B. circulated a draft agenda for the 2026 Seminar. Some presentation slots remain open.
 - A “Save the Date” announcement will soon be distributed via the listserv.
 - The non-appropriated fund request has been submitted by J.B. but may be delayed due to the current federal government shutdown.
 - The program lineup is coming together well.

Discussion points:

- Teresa Baker indicated that breakout sessions may not be feasible due to cost constraints.
- A potential workaround may include doing breakouts at locations near the Grove Hotel, such as Dorsey Whitney’s conference room.
- Additional discussion about other potential presentations, such as:
 - A panel of Subchapter V and Chapter 12 trustees.
 - MTC noted that the District of Montana held a similar panel last summer that was very well received.
 - Judge Gunn (District of Columbia), who hosts the *Bad Boys of Bankruptcy* podcast.
 - Jeopardy
 - An ethics presentation by Joe Pirtle, Idaho State Bar Counsel.
 - Rhett Miller may present jointly with Robert Squires, General Counsel at D.L. Evans Bank.

4. Brown Bag Series (Presented by Hon. Brent R. Wilson)

- Bob Faucher has agreed to present at an upcoming Brown Bag event.
- Scheduling has been challenging due to conflicts with court calendars and bar events.
- Brent will continue working with Teresa Baker to finalize a date and time.

5. Legal History Project (Presented by J.B. Evans)

- J.B. met with David Swartley to discuss participation in the Legal History Project.
- Dave will be invited to attend the December CLBS section meeting.

6. Additional Discussion Items

a. Board Member Recruitment

- Discussion held regarding succession and rotation of board members.
- The Section will need to replace Jeff Andrews (North Region) and Hon. Brent Wilson (Boise area).
- Tecla Druffel will plan the 2027 Seminar. Future conference locations were briefly discussed. Teresa Baker will call venues in Coeur d'Alene, Moscow and Lewiston to explore options.
- Rhett Miller will take over responsibility for the Brown Bag Series.

b. Professionalism Award

- Members agreed the recipient should be identified by the December meeting.

7. Next Meeting

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM MST

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM MST.