

Cincinnati Bar Association
Bankruptcy Committee Minutes
May 21, 2019

Jeffrey Pfirman, president, called the meeting to order.

1. Business Meeting: General Announcements

Ray Pikna announced that Vicki Garry, General Counsel for the Ohio Attorney General's Office has retired. James Harding has been named as her replacement.

The next meeting is the Town Hall with Chief Judge Hopkins and Judge Buchanan on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 12:00pm.

2. Subcommittee Reports: Case briefs attached

A. Judge Buchanan by Mike Debbeler:

No report

B. Judge Hopkins by Brian Flick:

In re Johnson, No. 16-10798, 2019 WL 1752592 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio April 12, 2019) Judge Hopkins held that the order lifting the automatic stay to allow pending state court litigation to continue to disassociate Chapter 13 debtor from partnership had to be interpreted as permitting discovery into debtor's misconduct as both managing partner and president of closely related corporation. The bankruptcy court retains jurisdiction only over questions of dischargeability of any debt that might arise and that the stay remained in effect concerning attempts to execute or collect upon any judgment that state court might issue.

Debtor has filed a Notice of Appeal.

C. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel:

No report

D. Sixth Circuit by Paul J. Minnillo:

No report

E. Legislative Watch:

No report

F. Clerk's Office:

No report

G. Office of the U.S. Trustee:

No report

H. Chapter 13 Trustee:

Chapter 13 office will not hold meetings on cases lacking business, special circumstances, or other reporting, and will instead proceed to move to dismiss on cases missing such reporting within the first few weeks of June. Special docket dates for these motions will be held on July 31st for Judge Buchanan and August 14th for Judge Hopkins.

I. CARE

No report

3. New Business

Presentation: Steven Elmer, Esq. – 722 Redemption

Thank you to all presenters and all those of you who provide monthly updates for the benefit of our members. Thank you to our Chair who directs the meeting and provides speakers of various topics for our members.

Next meeting is: June 13, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Tammy E. Stickley
Secretary of the Committee